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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Present: Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Vice Chairman Jeff Cox, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Bowen Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Douglas Cofty, Andy Moore, , Austin Lambert, Whitney Butler

6:00 P.M. – Welcome & Call to Order. Prayer and pledge of allegiance

Housekeeping

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Calhoun stated so, on the agenda, if there are no additions I need a motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Calhoun all right. Minutes. The minutes look in order. I need a motion to approve the minutes. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports

Chairman Calhoun stated Financial reports. Everything looks all right. I need a motion to approve. Commissioner Bowen motion to approve. Vice Chairman Cox made seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appearances

NONE

Old Business

Mayhaw Shooting Range Update

Mr. Cofty advised the board that he spoke with Brian Vickery of DNR Friday and that they were still working on a solution. He stated that they were tasked with finding enough land to make it all work because he didn't want to break it up if we were going to be manning it. Mr. Cofty stated he told them again the county is 100% committed to moving the dirt road and that we would provide all equipment and man power that is needed. No action taken.

New Business

IT Services Contract

Mr. Cofty advised the board that we needed to formal vote to enter the agreement with the City of Colquitt for IT services. The board voted earlier in the month to go with the City of Colquitt. Mr. Cofty stated he and Cody Hamilton had finalized the agreement and it only needed a formal vote. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Edwards seconded. Commissioner Bowen abstained. Motion carried.

Mobile Command Generator/HVAC

Mr. Cofty advised the board that EMA Director Debbie Henry had asked about the addition of a split unit and generator for the mobile command unit. Chairman Calhoun asked where the funds would come from. Ms. Whittaker stated it would come out of each department that uses the command unit. Vice Chairman Cox made motion to approve, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Beer and Wine License

Mr. Cofty advised that we had one new beer and wine applicant, Emerald Lake RV park and that they would be opening a convenience store on the property. He stated that the Sheriff had approved it and he has signed off as well. The board needed to vote to allow the chairman to sign the license.

Board of Education Bond Resolution

Chairman Calhoun stated the school board bond resolution. Mr. Cofty stated the school board is taking out a 11 million dollar bond for renovations at the school and the Board of Commissioners are the ones who have to pass the resolution. Mr. Cofty advised the board that the school board's bond attorney had been in contact with our attorney and that he drafted up the resolution to be signed. The

board had questions as to what renovations would be taking place as well as if they had already voted to take out the bond. Mr. Cofty advised they had vote to approve it. Mr. Cofty advised the board that they would be paying the bond back with ESPLOST. The board asked how long was the bond. Mr. Cofty stated 20 years. The board discusses the need for it, Chairman Calhoun asked the board if they wanted to have a meeting with the school board before they approve it. Jayme Smith stated that the reason for the bond was they finished paying off a 20 year bond and got this one to replace the HVAC then build an auditorium. Chairman Calhoun called for a vote. Vice Chairman Cox made the motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded, Commissioner Edwards abstained. Commissioner Bowen abstained. Chairman Calhoun voted in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Calhoun stated he would like it on record he wished for someone from the school board to have been here to answer questions.

Public Defenders service agreement

Mr. Cofty stated he was contacted by the public defenders office, said the State of Georgia did an audit and found that they needed service agreements with each county so we need to sign an agreement with them. Nothing is changing just because they have been lacking an agreement. Chairman Calhoun called for a motion to approve. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor . Motion carried.

County Business Licenses

Mr. Cofty stated that he was asked by a few commissioners to research the implanting of county business licenses. He gave them an ordinance to review detailing the requirements of a county business licenses. No action to be taken. Documentation only.

Hospital Board appointment

Chairman Calhoun stated hospital board appointment. Mr. Cofty stated he received a letter requesting the reappointment of Chairman Calhoun. Chairman Calhoun stated he needed a motion to reappoint. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Mr. Cofty stated the fueling station was running normal. He stated that he is waiting on a quote to increase the amount of fuel pumps.

Sheriff Clenney discussed the repairs needed at the jail. Commissioner Bowen stated that he would receive the quotes later this week from one contractor. Sheriff Clenney stated he was waiting on Metro power's quote as well.

No report from e911. Mr. Cofty then introduced Nitch Bolley to the board as the new parks and recreation director. Mr. Bolley advised to board that he had been making repairs to the lights at the concessions. He provided the board with a request for renovations to the bathrooms that would come out of SPLOST. He requested \$13,000.00 and stated he and his staff would be doing a lot of the work. He stated that \$13,000.00 included new softball equipment, rubbers, homeplaces, base sets, cages and field equipment. He informed the board that he had a lot of stuff donated from the community to update the park. He informed the board of a turf tank that would paint the lines on the fields and football field. He mentioned possible sponsorship of the equipment. He advised that would not be part of the \$13,000.00. He advised they would work on the bathroom renovations. He updated the board on the number of signups and teams. Chairman Calhoun called for motion to pay out of SPLOST. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon second, all in favor. Motion carried.

Development Authority Chairman Kevin Calhoun addressed the board and stated that their attorney has been in contact with a solar attorney and they would soon be ready to schedule a meeting with EDF.

Chairman Calhoun stated we needed to go into executive session for personnel.

Executive Session

Personnel

Returned from executive session with no action taken. School superintendent Kweon and board chairman Cleveland briefly gave an explanation on the school bond. They advised the HVAC was being renovated. They gave an update on to plan to use the bond for upgrades and renovations.

Vice Chairman Cox made motion to adjourn, Commissioner Edwards seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting is adjourned.

SIGNATURES

Cristene Edwards, Commissioner – District 1

Jeff Cox, Vice Chairman – District 2

Keith Bowen, Commissioner – District 3

Niki Nixon, Commissioner – District 4

Ladon Calhoun, Chairman – District 5

Douglas Cofty, County Manager