



Miller County Government
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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

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

Housekeeping

Approval of Agenda

All right, let's call the regular October meeting of the county commissioners of Miller County to order, we need to approve the agenda and we need to have 2 add-ons. The hospital board reappointment and the county phone system. I need a motion to approve the agenda with the two add-ons. Vice Chairman Cox made motion to approve. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Calhoun stated all right. I need to get an approval of the minutes. If everybody thinks they're in order. I need a motion to approve. Commissioner Nixon made motion to approve. Vice Chairman Cox second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports

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

Appearances

None

Old Business

EDF Solar Ordinance

Mr. Cofty stated the EDF solar has been rescheduled. Buzz, EDF and I have basically rescheduled this meeting. So, it's going to be October 23rd, 6 PM. The County attorney is going to be present. Anything else on their end, do you know? Mr. Grimsley stated senior vice president for development is going to be there. One of developmental engineers is going to be there. I did talk to them today, they asked did you all want one wanted their lawyers to come. They didn't they didn't feel the need for it, but you know they want to do whatever you all would like for them to do. Mr. Cofty stated probably not because I know our attorney looked it over and looked over the ordinance. The MOU is pretty much what you all really got to hash out to decide that. Then you can talk about the ordinance there as well. So, I think it's probably just them. Now, we'll it'll be here on the 23rd at 6 p.m. Mr. Grimsley stated did you get a confirmation from them? Mr. Cofty stated I did, He had asked me about was the county attorney going to be there. Mr. Grimsley stated I think they're wanting to kind of check all the boxes and not get in a tremendous hurry but have taken up enough of you all's time through the blank number of years. This has been ongoing that it's kind of getting to the point been able to wrap it all up. Chairman Calhoun stated that sounds good to me. We just meet on the 23rd. All right, that's all you got. All right

NEW BUSINESS

Motor grader Lease Bid

Chairman Calhoun stated the motor grader lease bids. Mr. Cofty stated so we ended up with three bids and I will read them out and cut them and give them to you. First Perry Brothers and they've got Sany. I guess that's a brand. Next we got Yancy and we have John Deere. We've got two of the representatives here tonight. I go everybody look at him first. You calm down. You writing all this down. I got Which one you want? Sandy right there. Chairman Calhoun stated do you know what our payment is now a month? Just guess. Ms. Whittaker stated the last one we got comes out. That was Well, it'll be but that's the newest one we got. Chairman Calhoun stated do you want to read them out now? All right. The Perry brothers did not break theirs out. They gave a total price. They didn't break out the payment. And it was \$246,928 for a Sandy. John Deere was 283,500 and their payment was 3930.00 and Caterpillar was 316,400 and their payment was 3973.00. So pretty close.? What are we getting rid of? Caterpillar. What's your pleasure vice chairman? You equip the man. You looked at them. Finance lady. You need to look at whatever you need to look at. Ms. Whittaker stated that's the same. But you don't have we need a monthly payment. They're just straight by turning the lease and they from they from way off the other two. Mr. Cofty stated so the John Deere lease payment is 3930.00 60 - 75,000 7500 hour lease I'm assuming. Yes. So the extended on the Yancy is 6075 and it's

3973.04. Chairman Calhoun stated you got it figured out, Mr. Keith? Commissioner Bowen stated well, with the information we got, I sort of got a pretty good idea. When is the lease up on the current one? Chairman Calhoun stated November, I think. November. Interest rate lower on one. Mr. Cofty stated Kevin, do you know what you all's interest rate was? Mr. Hester stated I think it's 5.85, they got the purchase options on there. I also at the end of November yes sir. Chairman Calhoun stated whoever gets the bid will that work for. Mr. Hester stated I won't be able to deliver but I provide machine no charge it's on I'm about 75 80 85 days out. Mr. West stated after the date of order I provide a machine to be in sometime both. Chairman Calhoun stated both of them have the scarifier. Did I say it right? Mr. Hester stated we when we had pre bid meeting I think both spec the same. Chairman Calhoun stated exactly the same. Everything Everything's the same. Mr. Hester stated to save a little time. I think both of them are going to meet that spec. Vice Chairman Cox stated and what you say the time frame on you all would be. Mr. Hester stated mid-December. Chairman Calhoun stated so this payment is comparable to what we've been paying. Ms. Whittaker stated yeah the newest one we got was 4100. Mr. Cofty so pretty close 3973 which is better than the last one. And then 3930 close. Chairman Calhoun stated do we have a motion. Commissioner Bowen stated I would say get the John Deere one it looks the cheapest. I don't I don't think that's Sandy. I don't I don't think I want to get involved with that. Chairman Calhoun stated I don't know where you be getting service from on that. Vice Chairman Cox stated they both equipped the same, right? What you trying to figure out the interest rate? Ms. Whittaker stated I trying to figure the monthly payment.

Mr. Cofty stated Kevin, what's this optional second down here that you've got that's actually got a check? Mr. Hester stated that's an option on the payment. The payment I quoted the 3930 is the payment in a rears. In other words, when you sign the contract, you would have payment due in 30 days. There's an option to pay it up front. It saves you a little bit of money because the first payments made up front so it save interest. So it's if you if you were to take that option it'd save you another \$25. So it's if you do the payment in advance which is basically signing your first lease payment paper it's \$39. It just say \$25 a month because you're paying you're prepay. Ms. Whittaker stated is there like a payment due at the end or something? If I'm taking these numbers times 60, I'm not getting the numbers. Mr. Hester stated you would take 39. It's \$3,930 time 60 would be your payout. If you pay the machine to the 60th month, then you could either buy you could buy it for the 139,000 or you can turn it in and lease a new one. Ms. Whittaker stated so I'm not going to get the bottom line. Mr. Hester stated so I mean your ownership for 5 years would be the 30 time 60 like you're doing now. Chairman Calhoun stated do you want a day or two to crunch some numbers and we make a decision? Vice Chairman Cox stated yeah, let's do that. Ms. Whittaker stated It's coming out of TSPLOST. Chairman Calhoun stated let's we'll talk to Christine and make sure everybody's good and then we'll let y'all know. How about that? Is that good? Good with everybody. All right. All right. We appreciate you all coming and very seamless. You all did a great job. I mean, you all almost too easy to work with. That's right. Yes. Yeah. So, all right.

Board of Elections reappointments

Chairman Calhoun stated move on to the board election appointments. So, we need two people put on the elections board. Mr. Cofty stated yes he said when we did the original all of them was kind of put together. He did have actually two names. He just gave me all five names. Chairman Calhoun stated do we need to say names or probably. Mr. Cofty stated just put the two spot two open spots is what I would do and then let him go back and reappoint. Chairman Calhoun stated so do I need to say let the top two names or something? Mr. Cofty stated no just let him say the two open positions. Chairman Calhoun stated so out of these out of this just let him. Do I need a motion to do that? Mr. Cofty stated you need a motion to go ahead and reappoint the two that's coming that's expired. Now, I don't know which two names because he has to he didn't know. Chairman Calhoun stated So, we need a motion for him to reapprove two board members that are coming off. Vice Chairman Cox made motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

County Phone System

Chairman Calhoun stated all right. County phone system. You want to talk about that? Mr. Lambert stated Real quickly, we just got an aging phone system. Ours actually it's an off brand and it goes out of kind of out of service whatever in 2028. So I'm trying to go ahead and get a jump this year, upgrade everything, get it out of the way. I've got I had three quotes. I ended up uh going with Broad voice. They were the they seem to be the best, you know, as far as the cost and the service we get. The upfront cost for this phone system. would replace every phone in the county, sheriff's department. It would they'd handle the 911 non-emergency service. They would handle board of commissioners, elections, all that stuff. Bottom line will be \$4,27 upfront. That would include install. That would include all of our phones, everything and then it'll be \$1,622 per month, I believe, is going to be our total monthly cost. Chairman Calhoun stated that's comparable what we've been paying. Ms. Whittaker stated I think it's cheaper. Mr. Lambert stated well, we're all we're doing we're it's cloud-based, so we're just leasing the equipment. Instead of having a server that we manage, we just lease the equipment and it's all internet based. But our phone systems aging, it's already given me a lot of problems and this is definitely something we need because it has it's failed us quite a few times. Ms. Whittaker stated can you add new lines to this? Mr. Lambert stated it can it's easy. We need to add or take away lines. It's fairly straightforward. No, we're going to get um with our people and get all that. They said they can for line, whatever. They I had looked into the company. I was I went through like a contracting company. They like have a bunch of vendors and he actually looked into selling our old system and they said it was too old so that they couldn't do anything with it. So, yeah. No, we're not we're we make and sell it privately, but there's nothing nobody's going to just take it. They said they we could pay them and they'd recycle it for us, but they said it was pretty much out of date. They weren't going to buy. Chairman Calhoun stated so, we need a motion to let Austin purchase a new phone agreement. Is that what it is? Okay. Need a motion for that. Ms. Whittaker stated will we be down for any amount of time? Mr. Lambert stated No, it'll be it'll be they're going to have their phones sit beside each other. No, they told me. So, we're going and we're going to iron all this out. Ms. Whittaker stated does this go down when the

internet goes down just like. Mr. Lambert stated yeah. I mean, you're not going to back you up. You're not going to have a phone. Well, I mean, unless you go back to hard line, Commissioner Bowen stated So, with this phone system here, you will not actually own your phones. You're just going to be leasing. We lease the equipment. Mr. Lambert stated yes. So we we're leasing their equipment. You eventually own it, right? We eventually own the we lease payments on either. Mr. Lambert stated yeah, either we own it or they just update them as they come out. Commissioner Bowen stated I was asking if one of the phone tears up, are they responsible for replacing them and all that? Mr. Lambert stated Yeah. they'd be responsible. Commissioner Bowen stated so we won't have any upkeep theoretically on the phone system. Mr. Lambert stated they they'd handle all the technical stuff. They handle all that. You know, I do like, you know, answering services and stuff like that, but as far as like a phone breaks or something like that, they're responsible for that. Commissioner Bowen stated so, this is less than what we're paying now Ms. Faye, is that what you said? Ms. Whittaker stated well, we finally paid the lease off, but we still have the monthly fee is still. Vice Chairman Cox stated but this monthly fee will be cheaper than previously. Ms. Whittaker stated that yeah when we were paying the lease on that other one was a lot more than that, wasn't it? Mr. Cofty stated we were actually buying the equipment. Mr. Lambert stated, we own the server. We own all the phones. I mean, it was the whole thing. Ms. Whittaker stated because it was outrageous for this one doesn't use they had that phone system a little while before I started here and I've been here seven years. Mr. Lambert stated these phones they don't I mean they technically use a server but we don't manage it it's in the cloud so they just all we have are the phones we don't have any server on prem we're not responsible for that so it's a lot less uh cost to maintain and this is the way pretty much everybody's gone I mean that's you know I don't know a whole lot of people who still do on you know actual phone servers Most people just use cloud based now. Now I can check and see if we can use building SPLOST. I'm not sure the 4,000 its capital equipment. So you the monthly fee will have to divide between the department and pay but I think probably the 4,000 out of so it doesn't touch the general. Chairman Calhoun stated all right. So, I need a motion to approve the county phone system. Can I get a motion? Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hospital Board Reappointment

Chairman Calhoun stated the Hospital Authority of Miller County would like to reelect Caroline King and Roy Dr. for Roy Reardon to the board. I need a motion to reelect those two Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Special Service District Resolution - Fire

Chairman Calhoun stated the special service district. Mr. Cofty stated yes. This is where you and the city, you guys and the city agreed to go ahead and move the fire department out of the general fund to its own line item. So, this is a resolution creating that special service district for fire services. You need to read that full resolution. Chairman Calhoun stated Aren't you ready? This is a resolution to create a special service district for the fire department. This is to create a line item on the tax digest. It is not

imposing a new tax. It is moving monies from city and county general funds. The resolution needs to be read and voted on. A resolution creating a special district for the provision of emergency services in unincorporated Miller County and in the city of Colquitt providing for the levy and collection of taxes within said districts and for other lawful purposes. Article section 2 paragraph six of the 1983 Georgia Constitution provides that special districts may be created for the provision of local government services within such districts. and fees assessment and taxes may be levied and collected within such districts to pay wholly or partially the cost of providing such services therein and to construct and maintain facilities. Therefore, and whereas the above provision of the Georgia Constitution further provides that such special districts may be created by county ordinance and resolution. And whereas the board of commissioners has determined that the public interest will be served by the creation of a special district for the provision and funding of emergency services for the citizens of the owner and incorporated Miller County and the city of Colquitt. Now therefore be it resolved that the board of commissioners is hereby resolved by the authority of the same as follows. The board of commissioners in Miller County hereby create an emergency services special district. The district being comprised of all unincorporated properties lying within the Miller County and all properties lying within the municipal limits of the city of Coffman. Such district is shown on the emergency services special tax district map which is maintained by Miller County and attached here to and incorporated herein as exhibit A. The board of commissioners on an annual basis shall establish tax millage rates within such district that shall be sufficient to fund services within the district according to such annual budgets as may be approved by the board of commissioners in its discretion. Any tax levy shall apply to and be assessed against properties within the district in the manner provided by law, including any applicable state and local tax exemption. The tax commissioners of Miller County shall be charged with the collection of all taxes levied in the district which shall be collected and enforced in the same manner as provided by law for state and county taxes. Is that it? Mr. Cofty stated you don't have to read. That's just that. You just need a motion to Chairman Calhoun stated so, we need a motion to approve this resolution. Need a motion to approve this resolution. Commissioner Bown made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Departments

Chairman Calhoun stated got any department reports. You want to say anything? You good? All right. What about the fueling station? You got anything on that? Mr. Cofty stated we're running a little above normal. If you look at the numbers, we've almost 18,000 gallons. pretty much instead of increasing capacity. At some point in time, you don't want to hear this, but at some point in time, we're going to need to put up some additional pumps in because the lines are getting backed up. I know this school buses and I guess when Andy and school bus, they're all kind of. Chairman Calhoun stated you want to give us some prices on that so we can look at that. Vice Chairman Cox stated How many more pumps? Mr. Cofty stated I think we need to put, Chairman Calhoun stated we got two now. Mr. Cofty stated we've got one off-road diesel, one on road diesel. I think on the side that we've got the off-road diesel, we need to put it on road diesel. So I think we may get by. I think the regular is fine. It's just when somebody's filling because they when they initially built it, it's they've got the regular and the diesel on

the same side. So when an ambulance is there, it takes up the whole. I mean, you can't get it. So if we do that, it kind of would let the ambulance go to the other side and fuel up on diesel and let regular, you know, vehicles gas fill up. So I think we can probably get by with one pump to start with and see how that does. And then down below that, you see the total individual departments and the amount they're spending. Any other questions? Any questions? So no other business I need a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Cox made motion to adjourn, Commissioner Nixon seconded. 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