



Miller County Government

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Board of Commissioners



REGULAR SESSION MEETING

07/10/2023, 6:00 P.M., County Government Complex

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Worsley, Vice Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Cox
Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Douglas Cofty, Sheriff Jimmy Holt, Austin Lambert, Judge Josh Suggs, Jerry Calhoun, Andy Moore

Chairman Worsley calls the meeting to order. Regular session 07/10/2023. A word of prayer by Commissioner Cox and Pledge of Allegiance followed.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Approval of Agenda- 3 Items added, Hwy 91 traffic map, Financing of Ford trucks and ACCG property and Liability renewal. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Nixon seconded by Commissioner Edwards, All in favor. Motion carried

Approval of minutes - Commissioner Edwards made motion to approve, Commissioner Cox seconded, All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Approval of Financial Reports - Commissioner Edwards made motion to approve, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried

APPEARANCES

Keith Bowen - Elections Update

Mr. Bowen gave an update on the Elections in Georgia. Informing the board of a study that was done showing how easy it was to hack a Dominion voting machine and requested the board to vote to go back to paper ballots. Several members of the audience spoke out about the use of paper ballots. Jerry Calhoun and Judge Suggs advised the board we have to follow state law and currently state law is the use of the voting machines. The discussion of absentee ballots was brought up and encouraged for the citizens to be informed to use an absentee ballot when voting. The board informed Mr. Bowen and the group that it would seek guidance from the County Attorney and would report back at next month's meeting. The board requested Mr. Cofty to contact County Attorney Wes Baldwin and get his legal advice. Tabled until next month meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Fueling Center Report

Mr. Cofty gave the board an update on the fuel center operations. No problems noted and the fueling center operating as planned. Mr. Cofty stated the Board of Education would be voting to come on board and use the fueling station. He also advised the amount of fuel purchased has increased to about 1 1/2 semi loads a month. No action needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Spending Resolution

It was stated that with the property evaluations still going out the current budget was in the planning stage and a Spending Resolution was needed to continue to operate on the previous years budget until the new budget could be finalized and approved. Chairman Worsley read the Spending Resolution and motion made by Vice Chairman Calhoun to adopt. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Road Paving Bids

The board was informed that there was only one bid received from Oxford Construction. Motion made to accept and sign bid by Commissioner Edwards, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Intergovernmental Agreement to collect city taxes

The board was informed that the request to renew the intergovernmental agreement with the City for the Tax Commissioner to collect city taxes. Motion made to approve signing by Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ASPIRE board reappointment

Reappointment of Darlene Cox to the ASPIRE board. Motion made to reappoint by Commissioner Nixon. Second by Vice Chairman Calhoun. All in favor. Motion carried.

Health Department Lease Agreement

Signature needed for lease agreement between Miller County and the Health Department. Commissioner Edwards made motion to sign. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Beer and Wine License - Quik's Place

Approval from Board needed to grant Quik's Place Beer and Wine license. Commissioner Nixon made motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTS

Road Department Office Air Conditioner

3 bids received for the replacement of an AC at the Road department. Bids received from Bruce Henry, Colquitt Conditioned Air and Seminole Electric. Seminole Electric was lowest bid. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated SGA just put in an AC unit that was cheaper. He requested to get a quote from Cooper Heating and Air out of Bainbridge. The board agreed. Mr. Cofty stated he would follow up with Cooper and let the board know by text group. No action taken.

Andy Moore updated the board on an issue with a driveway on Enterprise Rd. The land owners installed too small of a driveway pipe and it is getting clogged and overwhelmed with water. The county or the land owner will need to replace the pipe with a larger one. The board stated to try to find out who owns the tower and let them know the problem with the driveway. Mr. Cofty stated he would look into it.

Hwy 91 Detour map

Mr. Cofty provided the board with a copy of the DOT detour map that would go into effect on July 11. Detour is from Newton on Hwy 200 to Damascus to Hwy 45 into Colquitt. All county dirt roads would have a detour sign for local traffic only. No action needed.

Ford Truck Financing

Mr. Cofty advised the board that the 3 trucks that were ordered a few months back are coming in and we needed to seek financing. The board gave approval to start the RFP process. Mr. Cofty stated he would update the board on the bids received.

ACCG Property and Liability Renewal

Mr. Cofty advised the board that the renewal was due and that it had increased 90,000 from last renewal due to the numerous lawsuits from the previous Sheriff. The board agreed to pay the invoice and renew the coverage.

No other business. Motion made by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn. Seconded by Vice Chairman Calhoun. All in favor. Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned

* Condensed version of minutes

SIGNATURE PAGE:

Cristene Edwards, Commissioner – District 1

Jeff Cox, Commissioner – District 2

Allen Worsley, Chairman – District 3

Niki Nixon, Commissioner – District 4

Ladon Calhoun, Vice Chairman – District 5

Douglas Cofty, County Manager