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THE FULTON COUNTY REGULAR QUORUM COURT MEETING WAS HELD AT THE FULTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MILLER-HICKINBOTHAM BUILDING. THE MEETING OPENED WITH PLEDGE AND PRAYER.

ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK WITH 7 JUSTICES PRESENT. JUSTICE PHILLIPS AND JUSTICE ROGERS WERE ABSENT. (JUSTICE PHILLIPS WAS ABSENT FOR ROLL CALL BUT LATER WAS IN ATTENDANCE)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER KINDER AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY 7 YEAS.

TREASURER ABNEY REPORTED THE TURNBACK WAS STEADY AND SALES TAX WAS UP. HE ALSO HAD A NEW REPORT HAND OUT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES REGARDING COUNTY GENERAL, ROAD, LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALES TAX) FUNDS FOR 2021 AND 2020 FOR COMPARISON. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY 7 YEAS.

RENEE ADAMS WITH BROOKS JEFFREY PRESENTED A DEMO OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE. SHE STATED THE TEST SITE IS READY. THIS WEBSITE GIVES EACH COUNTY OFFICES THE FLEXIBILITY TO UPDATE THEIR ON PAGES AND ADD PAGES TO IT. THE DOMAIN OF THE WEBSITE IS fultoncountyar.gov, AND IS A RESPONSIVE WEBSITE MEANING IT WILL ADJUST TO ANY DEVICE YOU ARE USING. JUSTICE DEFOE STATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO BE THE ONE TO TRAIN AND UPDATE THE QUORUM COURT PAGE. JUSTICE PHILLIPS ARRIVED DURING THE DEMO PRESENTATION.

JUDGE CLAYTON STATED NOT MUCH TO REPORT ON THE SPRING RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT OTHER THAN IT IS PROCEEDING.

BOGGY POINT ROAD PROJECT HAD TWO BIDS ONE ATLAS ASPHALT AT \$369,000 AND CHANGE, AND THE OTHER ONE WAS MARION COUNTY PAVING \$378,000. JUDGE IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE ENGINEER TO TRY TO GET SOME OF THAT CUT. THE LOW BID IS A LITTLE OVER THE BUDGET, BUT HE THINKS WE CAN GET IT CUT DOWN TO BUDGET.

THE STATE AID ROAD PROJECT FOR THE EAST END OF HEART ROAD AND THE NORTH END OF STURKIE ROAD HAVE BEEN BID AND BID OPENING IS FOR THIS WEDNESDAY.

JUDGE REPORTED HAVEN'T MADE MUCH PROGRESS ON THE COURTROOM PROJECT. WE ARE STILL WAITING ON THE ISSUANCE OF THE DEMOLITION PERMIT. THEY HAVE RECEIVED IT AND IT IS UNDER REVIEW.

JUSTICE PHILLIPS GAVE AN UPDATE THAT THE PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE HAS TWO ISSUES THEY WERE STILL WORKING ON PAY AND PROMOTIONS, BUT THEY ARE GETTING CLOSE AND HOPE TO HAVE SOMETHING SOON.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER KINDER AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY TO PASS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING/RATIFYING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY AUTHORIZING THE

FULTON COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL NECESSARY SCHEDULES AND EXHIBITS WITH RESPECT TO THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THROUGH SANTANDER BANK NA. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2021-07)

SHERIFF ROORK ADDRESSED THE COURT STATING WE ARE RUNNING THE JAIL IN VIOLATION OF THE STATE LAW DUE TO BEING UNDERSTAFFED. HE STATED HE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE ANOTHER EMPLOYEE. HE HAD A PART TIME EMPLOYEE THAT WAS GOING TO QUIT. SHERIFF SAID HE DID SOMETHING WITHOUT THE COURT'S PERMISSION HOPING THEY WOULD GRANT IT. SHERIFF OFFERED THE PART TIME EMPLOYEE FULL TIME POSITION. SHERIFF BELIEVES HE HAS THE MONEY ALREADY BUDGETED THAT WILL COVER THE ADDITIONAL COST SUCH AS INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT, SO NO NEW MONEY WOULD NEED TO BE APPROPRIATED. CLERK STATED HE HAS THREE PART TIME POSITIONS AND WILL BE MAKING ONE FULL TIME. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO APPROVE THE PART TIME EMPLOYEE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO FULL TIME PER SHERIFF'S REQUEST. THE MOTION PASSED BY 8 YEAS.

SHERIFF REQUESTED TO BE ABLE TO SELL THREE OLD CARS. THEY WOULD BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE UNDER SEALED BIDS. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO PROCEED WITH THE SELL OF THE CARS. THE MOTION PASSED BY 8 YEAS.

JUSTICE DEOE ASKED SHERIFF ROORK FOR A COPY OF THE SHERIFF'S POLICY AND PROCEDURE, SO, THE PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE A COPY WHILE WORKING ON THE POLICY. SHERIFF ROORK STATED HE WOULD GET THEM A COPY.

CLERK BISHOP READ A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE JUSTICES FROM THE OREGON COUNTY SHERIFF. SHERIFF KING EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THE TRAGIC EVENTS IN KOSHKONONG ON APRIL 10, 2021.

JUDGE CLAYTON STATED THERE WERE TWO PART TIME POSITIONS IN THE ROAD DEPARTMENT, AND HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT INTO ONE FULL TIME POSITION. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER KINDER AND SECONDED ROBERT ELLIOTT TO MAKE THE TWO PART TIME POSITIONS TO ONE FULL TIME POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED BY 8 YEAS.

HAZEL WHITED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS EXTENSION SERVICE GAVE A PRESENTATION. SHE WORKS THROUGH A GRANT WITH WAL MART CALLED CREATE BRIDGES. THIS PROGRAM IDENTIFIES FOUR SECTORS OF RURAL COMMUNITY'S RETAIL, ACCOMODATION, TOURISM, AND ENTERTAINMENT. THE GOAL HAS BEEN ALWAYS TO MAKE SURE OUR BUSINESSES NEEDS FOR INDUSTRY HAVE THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO SURVIVE.

JUDGE GAVE AN UPDATE OF THE ROAD AFTER THE 8 TO 10 INCHES OF RAINFALL. JUDGE STATED THE COUNTY HAS 760 NAMED ROADS. THEIR FIRST EFFORTS ARE TO GET THE ROAD FIXED THAT ARE IMPASSABLE. FROM THERE, THEY HAVE STARTED ROUGHLY GRADING EVERYTHING FAIRLY QUICKLY. AFTER THAT, THEY WILL COME BACK AND START ON THE REGUALR ROUTES. JUDGE SAID WE HAVE LIMITED CREWS AND EQUIPMENT AND A LOT OF TERRITORY. JUDGE HAS DONE AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE EXTRA EXPENSES DUE TO THE FLOODING.

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THE PURPOSE OF THE DECLARATION IS IN HOPES THE GOVERNOR WILL DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY.. FULTON COUNTY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR \$47,500.

JUDGE INFORMED THE COURT THAT THE SPECIAL AUDIT FOR FEDERAL FUNDS IS UNDERWAY. THE AUDIT IS REQUIRED IF YOU RECEIVE MORE THAN \$750,000 IN WHICH THE COUNTY DID LAST YEAR.

JUDGE HAS COMPLETED THE PRESIDENT'S RECOVERY ACT PAPERWORK. THE FEDERAL LAW PASSED THE RECOVERY ACT WHICH REQUIRES THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BE MADE WITHIN 60 DAYS WITH THE PASSING OF THE LEGISLATION. JUDGE STATED WE WILL PROBABLY GET THE FIRST AMOUNT VERY SOON. THE SECOND HALF WILL BE RECEIVED ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE WE RECEIVE THE FIRST PAYMENT. WE STILL DO NOT KNOW HOW THE MONEY CAN BE SPENT. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON A SET OF GUIDELINES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2021-07 ON FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO BE CALLED THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ORDINANCE 2021-02 ON 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ORDINANCE 2021-07 ON 3RD AND FINAL READING. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER KINDER AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY TO PASS ORDINANCE 2021-07. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2021-07)

JUDGE ASKED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT VFW COMMANDER GAVE EVENTS THAT WERE COMING UP.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO ADJOURN AT 7: 17 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 8 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK