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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 8 JUSTICES PRESENT. JUSTICE PRIVETT WAS ABSENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

TREASURER ABNEY PRESENTED THE JUSTICES WITH A LETTER AND BOOKLET OF THE FEDERAL AUDIT. A FEDERAL AUDIT IS REQUIRED IF FEDERAL MONEY IS RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF \$750,000. THE AUDIT WAS GOOD AND THE COUNTY IS IN GOOD STANDING. THE JUSTICES WERE INFORMED THE STATE IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING THE ANNUAL AUDIT AS WELL. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER KINDER AND SECONDED BY GARY PHILLIPS TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES THE BOGGY POINT PROJECT HAS NOT STARTED DUE TO THE CONTRACTORS BEING OUT WITH COVID. JUDGE HAS SIGNED A CHANGE ORDER MOVING THE DATE UP TO MID AUGUST. STATE AID ROAD PROJECTS, WE ARE WAITING ON THE CONTRACTORS.

JUDGE STATED THE COURTROOM PROJECT HAS RUN INTO SOME HITCHES. THE SUPPLIERS ARE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING THE ORDERS. THE CLOSEST DATE THEY HAVE GIVEN IS 30 WEEKS OUT, SO FOR NOW WE ARE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO SIT TIGHT AND WAIT. ALSO, WE STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE DEMOLITION PERMIT. AS SOON AS WE GET THAT, WE WILL GET IT TORN DOWN AND THE LOT READY. THE ARCHITECT IS IN THE 2ND PHASE OF HIS WORK WHICH IS THE ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, AND HVAC.

JUSTICE PHILLIPS HANDED OUT THE NEW PERSONNEL POLICY FINAL DRAFT, SALARY ORDINANCE, AND AN ORDINANCE FOR COVID-19 POLICY. THE AAC RECOMMENDED TO DO A SEPARATE SALARY ORDINANCE. THE STATE AUDITOR RECOMMENDED TO SIMPLIFY THE PERSONNEL POLICY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THE COVID-19 POLICY THAT PASSED IN FEBRUARY WAS BEFORE THE VACCINE WAS AVAILABLE. THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ON HOW EMPLOYEES WOULD BE PAID IF TESTED POSITIVE OR QUARANTINEED BY ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE, SICK, OR VACATION PAY. AFTER DISCUSSION, JUSTICE PHILLIPS SUGGESTED THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN UNTIL NEXT MONTH, SO THEY HAVE TIME TO REVIEW POLICY AND ORDINANCES.

JUDGE STATED THERE WAS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT ON THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION. THEY ARE STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE IF IT WILL BE FEDERAL OR STATE FUNDS.

JUDGE STATED THERE WAS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT ON THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FUNDING. WE HAVE NOT GOT ANY NEW GUIDELINES. JUDGE STATED HE WOULD PROVIDE THE JUSTICES WITH A COPY OF THOSE GUIDELINES WHEN AVAILABLE. HE STATED THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS NEEDED WE COULD SPEND THE MONEY ON, BUT THERE ARE ONLY CERTAIN THINGS THAT WILL BE ELIGIBLE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER KINDER AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO APPROPRIATE \$40,100 TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES \$1,000/SMALL EQUIPMENT \$3,000/MEDICINE & DRUGS \$2,000/FOOD \$3,800/CLOTHING & UNIFORMS \$3,800/FUEL, OIL, & LUBRICANTS \$16,900/TIRES & TUBES \$1,600/PARTS & REPAIRS \$5,000/MAINTENANCE & SERVICE CONTRACTS \$3,000. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

JUDGE CLAYTON REQUESTED AN APPROPRIATION FOR PHASE 1 OF ARCHITECT FEES FOR THE NEW COURTROOM. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOANNA DEFOE AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO APPROPRIATE \$20,000 CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURAL. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

JUDGE CLAYTON REQUESTED AN APPROPRIATION FOR MOVING ALL THE ELECTRIC SERVICE AT THE BRIDGE SITE ON SPRING RIVER. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER KINDER AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO APPROPRIATE \$30,099.68 COUNTY ROAD HUMPHREY'S FORD BRIDGE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES THERE HAD BEEN SEVERAL LARGE EXPENSES OUT OF THE ROAD FUND SO FAR THIS YEAR, BUT HE THINKS WE WILL BE OK BUDGET WISE AND SHOULD NOT HAVE TO USE ANY OF THE CARRYOVER.

JUDGE CLAYTON INFORMED THE JUSTICE IT WAS TIME TO APPOINT A HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBER. JUDGE RECOMMENDED THE COURT REAPPOINT THE CURRENT MEMBER JACKIE ESTES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO APPOINT JACKIE ESTES TO THE FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

PUBLIC COMMENT BILL LOWMAN WITH THE VFW STATED THE VFW NOW HAS BURN OUT KITS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER KINDER AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS ON ORDINANCE 2021-09. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2021-09) (TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$90,199.68)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ADJOURN AT 6:39 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 8 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK