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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 PHILLIPS WAS ABSENT.

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

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

TREASURER ABNEY REPORTED THE TURNBACK FOR COUNTY GENERAL AND ROAD WAS UP. THE LOCAL SALES TAX WAS DOWN 2% FROM LAST MONTH, BUT COMPARED TO JULY 2020 THE SALES TAX WAS UP 17%. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

JUDGE CLAYTON GAVE UPDATES ON VARIOUS PROJECTS. ON THE BOGGY POINT ROAD PROJECT, THE CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN ON SITE AND HAS STARTED SOME BASE REPAIR WORK.

ON THE STATE AID ROAD PROJECTS, THE CONTRACTOR IS ON SITE ON THE HEART ROAD, AND THEY HAVE SIGNS UP ON THE STURKIE ROAD. ONCE THE HEART ROAD IS DONE, THEY WILL MOVE TO THE STURKIE ROAD.

ON THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR STORM DAMAGES, STILL NO MORE INFORMATION OTHER THEN THE FEDERAL DESIGNATION MAYBE BACK IN PLAY.

ON THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FUNDS, WE HAVE NOT SPENT ANY OF THAT MONEY. WE ARE STILL LOOKING AT APPLICATIONS AT VARIOUS ENTITIES. THE RULES ARE SO NEBULOUS. THE COUNTIES AROUND US ARE RUNNING INTO THE SAME PROBLEM. ANYTHING WE SPEND THESE FUNDS ON HAS TO BE AROUND THE COVID PROBLEM, BUT THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT SUCH AS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOME OF THOSE TYPE OF THINGS. JUDGE STATED HE DID SUBMIT A REQUEST TO OUR CONSULTANT WITH THE AAC, ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF USING SOME OF THAT MONEY ON THE NEW BUILDING. SHE TELLS HIM SHE DOESN'T THINK THAT WILL WORK BECAUSE IT IS PRIMARILY INFRASTRUCTURE, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE ALLEVIATING THE PROBLEM WE HAVE HAD FOR SOME PERIOD OF TIME AS A RESULT OF COVID AND NOT BEING ABLE TO HAVE REGULAR COURT SO PEOPLE CAN SOCIAL DISTANCE AND THE HVAC THAT TREATS THE AIR. JUDGE SAID IT WAS STILL HANGING IN LIMBO. JUSTICE DEFOE ASKED WHERE THE FUNDS FOR THE NEW BUILDING WOULD BE ALLOCATED FROM. JUDGE TOLD HER IT WOULD BE FROM THE ORIGINAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND WE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE. HE HAS ALREADY GOT APPROVAL TO USE THIS MONEY FOR THAT PURPOSE. THERE IS NOT MANY RESTRICTIONS ON THIS MONEY. THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT IS SOMETHING ELSE. THIS MONEY WAS DISPATCHED DIRECTLY TO COUNTIES FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, WHICH IS UNUSUAL IN ITSELF. WE HAD TO CREATE A SPECIAL ACCOUNT AND HAVE CERTIFICATIONS DONE. IF WE DON'T USE IT, GOES BACK TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE 1.2 MILLION, AND WE HAVE ANOTHER 1.2 MILLION COMING NEXT MAY. THIS MONEY IS ON INTEREST AND THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE INTEREST. HE IS GUN SHY BECAUSE OF THE TYPE OF RULES.

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AFTER THE FEDERAL AUDIT IS DONE, HE DOESN'T WANT THE COUNTY TO HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING BACK. THE RULES ARE JUST NOT CLEAR. WE ARE NOT UNDER ANY TIME CONSTRAINTS RIGHT NOW. THE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2024. IF THERE IS A PROJECT UNDERWAY, YOU WILL HAVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2026.

PERSONNEL POLICY WAS TABLED UNTIL NEXT MONTH DUE TO JUSTICE PHILLIPS BEING ABSENT. HE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

SHERIFF ROORK INFORMED THE JUSTICES HE WOULD BE LEAVING THE OFFICE AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND WOULD ASK THAT THEY APPOINT CHIEF DEPUTY JOE BOSHEARS TO FILL THE TERM. ALSO, INVESTIGATOR DALE WEAVER WILL BE LEAVING AT THE END OF THE YEAR. CHIEF BOSHEARS HAS EXPRESSED CONCERNS THIS IS GOING TO LEAVE A PRETTY BIG HOLE. THERE IS A 20 YEAR VETERAN FROM ANOTHER COUNTY THAT WOULD LIKE TO COME WORK HERE. THERE IS A CURRENT JAILER THAT THEY ARE WANTING TO HIRE AS A DEPUTY, BUT HE WON'T BE 21 UNTIL NEXT YEAR AND YOU CAN'T GO TO THE ACADEMY UNTIL THEN. SO, IT WILL BE AROUND MID YEAR UNTIL HE CAN BE USED AS DEPUTY. SHERIFF IS RECOMMENDING TO HIRE THE CERTIFIED 20 YEAR VETERAN STARTING WORK ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 ANNUAL SALRY \$30,000 A YEAR. SHERIFF REQUESTED THEY APPROVE THE HIRE AND MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO FINISH OUT THE YEAR WITH TOTAL BENEFITS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,540.12. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO APPROPRIATE **\$14,540.12** LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND SALARIES \$10,000/SS MATCH \$765/RETIREMENT MATCH \$1532/HEALTH INSURANCE \$2059.12/WORKMAN COMP \$130/ UNEMPLOYMENT \$20/LIFE INSURANCE \$34. THE MOTION PASSED ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS ON ORDINANCE 2021-10. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2021-10) (TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$14,540.12)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY ROGER KINDER TO ADJOURN AT 6:22 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 8 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK