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THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE FULTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MILLER-HICKINBOTHAM BUILDING. THE MEETING OPENED WITH PLEDGE AND PRAYER.

ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK WITH ALL 9 JUSTICES PRESENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOANNA DEFOE AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

JUSTICE DEFOE HAD A QUESTION REGARDING THE CLERK'S REPORT ON THE LIBRARY EXPENSE. SHE REQUESTED A BUDGET DETAIL REPORT FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

TREASURER ABNEY REPORTED SALES TAX WAS DOWN ONE PERCENT, AND COMPARED TO LAST YEAR SALES TAX WAS UP FIVE PERCENT. JUSTICE PHILLIP ASKED ABOUT THE SALES TAX FROM THE DISPENSARY. TREASURER ABNEY STATED YOU WOULD HAVE TO KNOW HOW MANY POUNDS SOLD, WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR PRICES, AND THE COUNTY SALES TAX. JUDGE CLAYTON EXPLAINED YOU GET THE TAX IN ONE LUMP SUM, AND IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO REPORT INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

JUDGE GAVE UPDATE ON BOGGY POINT PROJECT AND THE TWO STATE AID PROJECTS (PT OF HEART AND STURKIE ROADS) AND THEY ARE ALL UNDERWAY.

THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION STORM DAMAGE, JUDGE STATED THE STATE WILL BE TAKING CARE OF THAT, AND THE COUNTY SHOULD BE GETTING APPROX \$30,000.

MARSH DAVIS AND WIFE, GAVE A PRESENTATION TO THE JUSTICES ABOUT AN AIR FILTRATION SYSTEM WHICH COULD BE INSTALLED IN ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS THAT FILTERS THE AIR TO KILL CORONAVIRUS AND FLU VIRUS. THIS IS AN ITEM THAT IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT. MR. DAVIS SAID THE SUBJECT IS CALLED NEEDLEPOINT BIPOLAR IONIZATION. IT GOES IN THE HVAC UNIT OF ANY BUILDING OR HOUSE, ANYTHING WITH HEATING AND AIR. THIS DEVICE CREATES AN ELECTRICAL CHARGE, WHEN THE AIR FLOWS ACROSS IT, THIS KILLS COVID, FLU, SARS, VIRUSES, BACTERIA, MOLD, IT PURIFIES THE AIR. JUDGE STATED HE THINKS IT IS A GOOD THING AND WOULD LIKE TO DO ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS AND FAIRGROUNDS. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, MORE EXPLANATION, AND COST A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE AUTHORIZING THEM TO SUBMIT A BID WITHOUT OBLIGATION. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS JUSTICE KINDER VOTING NO.

CORONER STEVE BARKER ADDRESSED THE COURT FOR AN APPROPRIATION REGARDING TWO ITEMS LOST IN THE RECENT FIRE IN REGARD TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE. A MORTUARY COT AND A FREEZER. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY GARY PHILLIPS TO APPROPRIATE \$1,145 (MORTUARY COT). THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY TO APPROPRIATE \$6,000 (FREEZER). THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$7,145 COUNTY GENERAL CORONER IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS.

A CLEAN UP MATTER IN THE LLEBG GRANT FUND. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOT TO TRANSFER \$635.49 TO LLEBG TIRES & TUBES FROM COUNTY GENERAL SHERIFF TIRES & TUBES. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

JUDGE RECEIVED AN EMAIL ABOUT THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FROM THE CONSULTANT FROM THE AAC THAT STATES THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS IN THE PROCESS REVIEWING PUBLIC COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERIM FINAL RULE WHICH IS RULES AND REGULATIONS HOW WE UTILIZE THESE FUNDS. THE FINAL RULES WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED UNTIL THIS FALL OR SOMETIME THEREAFTER. THEIR RECOMMENDATION, UNLESS IT IS CLEAR CUT ITEM, TO HOLD OFF UNTIL THEY GET THIS CONFIRMED.

JUDGE CLAYTON GAVE A HANDOUT OF PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FULTON COUNTY COURT ANNEX BUILDING. THE PROPOSAL PRESENTED IN VIEW OF ECONOMIC AND SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES THAT MAY AFFECT THIS PROJECT, THUS MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO PROJECT COSTS OVER THE LONG TERM. 1) PROCEED WITH PLANNING PROCESS 2) ORDER THE BUILDING 3) BID CONCRETE WORK AND PLUMBING 4) BID BUILDING ASSEMBLY 5) HIRE HOURLY LABOR TO CONSTRUCT THE INTERIOR 6) BID ELECTRICAL AND HVAC 7) BID INSULATION 8) FINAL INTERIOR COMPLETION. WE WILL DO THE CONSTRUCTION IN PHASES WHILE MAINTAINING AWARENESS OF OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION. THE CLOSEST DELIVERY TIME ON THE BUILDING THE JUDGE HAS BEEN ABLE TO FIND IS 30 WEEKS. THE FINAL COST WILL MORE THAN LIKELY BE MORE THAN ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED. THE CARES ACT WILL PROBABLY NOT COVER IT ALL, BUT JUDGE HAS A COUPLE OF OTHER SOURCES IN MIND FOR SOME FUNDING TO GET US THROUGH.

JUSTICE PHILLIPS CHAIR OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE STATED WE HAVE A REPLACEMENT FOR THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND IT WILL NEED TO BE DONE BY ORDINANCE. ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF AAC, THE SALARY ORDINANCE WILL NEED TO HAVE IT'S ON ORDINANCE. BOTH OF THESE DRAFT ORDINANCES WERE HANDED OUT AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JUDGE CLAYTON SUGGESTED TO GET THE ORDINANCES READY FOR THE NEXT MEETING. JUDGE STATED HE WANTS TO GET SETTLED TONIGHT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY IS IN AGREEMENT TO WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IN THE ROAD DEPARTMENT AS FAR AS SALARIES AND INCREASES. ALSO, HE WANTS TO MAKE A PROPOSAL TO GIVE A RAISE TO ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES. HE NEEDS TO KNOW BECAUSE WE ARE IN PROCESS OF PUTTING THE BUDGET TOGETHER. HE PLANS TO HANDOUT THE REQUEST IN OCTOBER FOR PASSAGE IN NOVEMBER. JUSTICE PHILLIP'S EXPLAINED THE SALARY ORDINANCE, AND THERE WAS MORE DISCUSSION. JUDGE CLAYTON GAVE HANDOUT OF PROJECTED CARRYOVER AND REVENUE FOR 2022 FOR GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS, AND PROJECTED RAISES AT 3% AND 5%. AFTER MORE DISCUSSION, JUDGE ASKED IF THEY WERE IN AGREEMENT ON THE RAISES, AND IF SO WHAT %. THIS WOULD INCLUDE ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ROAD DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL BE \$2.00 AN HOUR RAISE. JUDGE ASK FOR A STRAW VOTE WITH 7 JUSTICES VOTING 5% AND JUSTICE DEFOE AND KINDER VOTING 3%.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFER ON ORDINANCE 2021-11. THE MOTION PASSEDS BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2021-11) (TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$7,145)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO ADJOURN AT 7:28 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK