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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 CLERK WITH ALL 9 JUSTICES PRESENT.

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

JUSTICE DEFOE ASKED IF THERE WAS A WAY TO VIDEO THE MEETING. TREASURER ABNEY STATED THEY CAN VIEW THE MEETING ON FACEBOOK, AND THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN.

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 9 YEAS.

TREASURER ABNEY GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

JUDGE CLAYTON GAVE UPDATES ON BOGGY POINT ROAD PROJECT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED YET AND THE STATE AID ROAD PROJECT (EAST END OF HEART ROAD/NORTH END OF STURKIE ROAD) BOTH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. HE STATED THERE WAS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT ON THE STORM DAMAGE.

JUSTICE PHILLIPS EXPLAINED THERE WOULD BE TWO PERSONNEL POLICY ORDINANCES. 1<sup>ST</sup> REVISING OF THE OLD POLICY WITHOUT SALARY ISSUES, AND 2<sup>ND</sup> THE SALARY COMPENSATION ORDINANCE. JUDGE CLAYTON ASKED THE SALARY COMPENSATION BE PUT OFF UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY JOANN DEFOE TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2021-12 ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING THAT THE CURRENT COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY BE REPLACED BY THE 2021 REVISION CREATED BY PERSONNEL POLICY REVISION COMMITTEE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ORDINANCE 2021-12 ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOANNA DEFOE AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2021-12 ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AND FINAL READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PASSAGE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2021-12)

COURT ANNEX WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THE SITE ROLLING FOR COMPACTION TEST. NEXT PHASE, WILL BE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE BUILDING ITSELF. THE APPROX WAIT TIME IS 30 WEEKS.

UPDATE ON THE AIR TREATMENT IS IT HAS BEEN ADVERTISED. THREE DIFFERENT COMPAINES HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WHICH TWO OF THEM ARE LOCAL. THIS IS JUST ATTACHMENTS ADDING TO OUR EXISTING SYSTEM. THE COURT ANNEX WILL BE DONE SEPARATELY WHEN WE DO THE HVAC. THIS WILL BE AN IONIZATION TREATMENT SYSTEM.

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES THE WHITE RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY HAS SUBMITTED A GRANT APPLICATION FOR A NEW ROOF AND HVAC SYSTEM FOR THE SALEM LIBRARY. THE FULTON COUNTY

HOSPITAL HAS RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,000 FOR AN UPGRADE ON THE PHONE SYSTEM AND PARKING LOT. THE 2020 STATE AUDIT HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS NOTED. A COPY IS AVAILABLE IN THE JUDGE'S OFFICE AND IT WILL BE PUT ON THE WEBSITE. ALSO, THE EMPG GRANT HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR PHYSICAL 2021 WHICH COVERS APPROX ONE HALF THE COST OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE OPERATIONS. THIS IS A GRANT WE RECEIVE EACH YEAR. THE FULTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS HAD SUBMITTED A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,300 TO DO IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUILDING AND FINANCE THE MEALS ON WHEELS OPERATIONS. THE FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL HAD ALSO SUBMITTED ANOTHER GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,271 FOR THE NEGATIVE PRESSURE ROOM EQUIPMENT, AND BOTH OF THESE GRANTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED. SOMETIME BACK, THE QUORUM COURT SIGNED ON TO THE STATE OPIOID GRANT LITIGATION. THE LAWSUIT HAS BEEN SETTLED, AND THE STATE OF ARKANSAS WILL BE RECEIVING APPROX 200 MILLION DOLLARS. THE MONEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH OUT THE STATE TO THE AGENCIES THAT WAS A PARTY TO THE SUIT. THE MONEY WILL HAVE TO BE USED TOWARD OPIOID ABATEMENT PROGRAMS.

SHERIFF ROORK ADDRESSED THE COURT IN REGARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CRIMINAL DETENTION FACILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEES REPORT. THE JAIL IS INSPECTED EVERY YEAR, BUT DUE TO COVID, IT HAS BEEN TWO YEARS. THE JAIL WAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PERSONNEL. THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT THE COUNTY FORM A STAFF PLAN WITH RESPECT TO JAIL AND DISPATCH DUTIES. AT TIMES, THE SITE WILL STRUGGLE IN TERMS OF EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT, EMPLOYEE RETENTION, STAFFING, EMPLOYEE GOALS, AND THE LIKE. THE REVIEW COMMITTEE REQUESTS A PLAN THAT WILL PROVIDE AN EMPLOYEE FRAMEWORK IN TERMS OF STAFFING. CHIEF DEPUTY JOE BROSHEARS REQUESTED TWO NEW FULL TIME DEPUTIES AND TWO FULL TIME JAILERS WITH THE JAILERS STARTING PAY AT \$13 PER HOUR. SIX EMPLOYEES WILL BE AFFECTED WITH THE SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL PAY. ALSO, JAIL ADMINISTRATOR \$10,000 A YEAR RAISE AND WILL BE SALARY. THE ASSIST JAIL ADMIN WILL ALSO BE SALARY. JUDGE INFORMED THEM THE 2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET REQUEST DOES NOT CONTAIN THE NEW REQUEST FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT. ALSO, THERE IS A REVISED BUDGET FROM THE JUVENILE COURT AROUND \$800. THERE IS ALSO AN ADJUSTMENT ON BOTH THE PROPERTY INSURANCE AND HEALTH INSURANCE. THE HEALTH INSURANCE WILL INCREASE APPROX A LITTLE OVER 6%. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO APPROVE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUEST AND RESUBMIT THE 2022 BUDGET WITH THE NECESSARY REVISIONS. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

JUDGE THEN HANDED OUT THE 2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET REQUEST, PROJECTIONS, AND CARRYOVER. HE STATED WE WILL BE REVISING THE BUDGET WITH THE NEW ADDITIONS AND HAVE A FINAL COPY AT THE NEXT MEETING.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER KEN CROW GAVE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE JUSTICES.

JUSTICE NEWBERRY REQUESTED THE JUSTICE'S SALARY BE LEFT THE SAME. THE BUDGET HAS A 5% RAISE THE SAME AS ALL EMPLOYEES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY GARY PHILLIPS TO LEAVE THE SALARY THE SAME WITH NO INCREASE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. JUDGE STATED THE ADJUSTMENT WOULD ALSO BE MADE ON FINAL BUDGET.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

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OEM MIKE HARLOW ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING SOME DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE. HE INTRODUCED TWO VOLUNTEER DEPUTIES FOR THE OEM OFFICE. ANGELA KINDER WILL BE LOOKING TO HELP WITH GRANTS AND UPDATING THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN. MS KINDER GAVE A HANDOUT (ARKANSAS SECTION ARES EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP)). SHE SPOKE TO THE COURT REGARDING WHAT SHE WOULD BE WORKING ON AND WOULD LIKE FOR A COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED SO, THEY COULD GET THE PLAN GOING. JEFF TATUM ALSO GAVE A HANDOUT AND STATED HIS GOAL IS TO DEVELOP A HIGHLY TRAINED, PROFICIENT, VOLUNTEER SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM THAT WORKS UNDER THE OEM DIRECTOR. JUSTICE DEFOE ASKED ABOUT FEMA GRANTS. OEM STATED YOU CAN'T DO A FEMA GRANT WITHOUT A MITIGATION PLAN WHICH FULTON COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT MITIGATION PLAN AND (EOP). AN AUDIENCE MEMBER EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT A MITIGATION PLAN THAT IT WAS NOT A GOOD THING, AND SHE COULD PROVIDE COPIES TO THE COURT REGARDING THIS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ADJOURN AT 7:26 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop  
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK