

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

CLERK BISHOP WAS ABSENT DUE TO COVID AND DEPUTY CLERK TOMLINSON WAS PRESENT. ROLL CALL WITH 8 JUSTICES PRESENT. JUSTICE KINDER WAS ABSENT.

THERE WAS NO OCTOBER MINTUES TO PRESENT. THEY WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

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

TREASURER ABNEY GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARGE ROGERS AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

JUDGE GAVE UPDATE ON BOGGY POINT ROAD PROJECT THAT IT SHOULD BE FINISHED TODAY.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON CREATING THE POSITION OF THE FULTON COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT. A RESOLUTION WAS READ WHEREAS, THE QUORUM COURT OF FULTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, DESIRES TO CREATE THE POSITION OF FULTON COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO PASS RESOLUTION 2021-10. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 7 YEAS WITH JUSTICE ANDREWS VOTING NO. (RESOLUTION 2021-10)

JUSTICE DEFOE HAD A QUESTION REGARDING THE FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN MANDATED TO BE VACCINATED FOR COVID OR BE TERMINATED. SHE ASKED IF THAT WAS GOING TO BE TRUE FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES. JUDGE STATED THE FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DIDN'T ISSUE THAT MANDATE IT WAS PART OF THE FEDERAL MANDATE FOR ALL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES. THIS ONLY CONCERNS THE HOSPITAL.

JUDGE GAVE UPDATE ON THE COURTROOM ANNEX PROJECT. HE TOLD THE JUSTICES BEFORE THEY LEAVE HE HAD A COMPLETE SET OF PLANS AND SPEC BOOK IF THEY WANTED TO LOOK AT IT. HE STATED WE HAD TALKED ABOUT PIECEMEALING THESE CONTRACTS OUT. WE DID ADV ON THAT, BUT WE DID NOT RECEIVE ANY BIDS. THERE WERE 3 OR 4 CONTRACTORS THAT WERE INTERESTED IN BIDDING BUT NOT A PIECEMEAL SITUATION. THEY WILL PROBABLY BID IF IT IS A TURNKEY PROJECT. JUDGE MET WITH ARCHITECT AND BASED ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS THEY ARE RECOMMENDING TO ADV A COMPLETE PROJECT (TURNKEY). A BID OPENING IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY DECEMBER.

UPDATE ON THE IONIZATION TREATMENT SYSTEM IS ONE BID WAS SUBMITTED IN A TIMELY FASHION. JUDGE WAS ASKING FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO DO THIS PROJECT. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WAS HARRISON ENERGY PARTNERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,155. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOANNA DEFOE AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM HARRISON ENERGY PARTNERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,155. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS.

JUDGE GAVE A HANDOUT OF THE REVISED 2022 BUDGET. A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2021-13 ON 1ST READING.

"AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022". THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. THERE WERE QUESTIONS REGARDING CARRYOVER AND PROJECTED REVENUE. TREASURER ABNEY EXPLAINED HOW THAT WORKS. ALSO, QUESTIONS REGARDING THE LIBRARY. AFTER DISCUSSIONS, A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2021-13 ON 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY 8 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2021-13 ON 3RD AND FINAL READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PASSAGE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2021-13)

JUDGE GAVE AN UPDATE ON AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FUNDING TRYING TO MATCH UP OUR PROGRAMS REGARDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS. U.S. SENATE HAS PASSED SENATE BILL 3011 WHICH WILL CHANGE SOME REQUIREMENTS. THE BILL HAS BEEN SENT TO THE HOUSE, AND WAITING ON ACTION. IF PASSED, WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT ON THE FINDINGS AND NEW RULES. IT APPEARS THE TIGHT RESTRICTIONS ARE GOING TO BE RELEASED, AND THAT WILL ENABLE US TO DO SOME THINGS WE WANTED TO DO SUCH AS FUNDING ON THE NEW COURTROOM.

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES THAT THE CITY OF MAMMOTH SPRING IS BEHIND ON THEIR DISTRICT COURT PAYMENTS. THE LAW WAS HANDED OUT TO EACH JUSTICE REGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF DISTRICTS COURTS. JUDGE, TREASURER, AND COUNTY ATTORNEY ALL STATED THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS MADE TO COLLECT THE MONEY. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOANNA DEFOE AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-11 FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TAKE APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION TO COLLECT UNREMITTED FUNDS AND COMPEL THE CITY OF MAMMOTH SPRING TO FULFILL ITS STATUTORY DUTY TO SHARE NECESSARY AND CUSTOMARY EXPENSES OF THE FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2021-11)

JUDGE STATED AN ORDINANCE FOR A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE COUNTY LIBRARY NEEDED TO BE ESTABLISHED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY GARY PHILLIPS TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2021-14 ON 1ST READING. AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO BE NAMED THE COUNTY LIBRARY ARP FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY GARY PHILLIPS TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2021-14 ON 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2021-14 ON 3RD AND FINAL READING BY TITLE ONLY AND PASSAGE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2021-14)

ASSESSOR GOODSON INFORMED THE JUSTICES THAT TASC WAS AWARDED THE REAPPRAISAL CONTRACT AGAIN. THERE WILL BE NO COST TO THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY PAYS UP FRONT AND THEN THE COUNTY IS REIMBURSED BY THE STATE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE QUORUM COURT OF FULTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR FULLTIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2012-12)

CHIEF DEPUTY BOSHEARS GAVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION REGARDING THE COMMISSARY SERVICES AGREEMENT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-13 WHEREAS, THE QUORUM COURT HEREBY AUTHORIZES AN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CTC COMMISSARY, LLC TO SELL, PROVIDE, AND MARKET COMMISSARY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO THE INMATES OF THE FULTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2012-13)

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES THAT HE HAS MET WITH CAT MAN REGARDING GRADER LEASES. WE HAVE 4 CAT GRADERS LEASED FOR 5 YEARS. TWO WILL EXPIRE IN JULY 2022 AND TWO IN NOVEMBER 2022, SO SOME DECISIONS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE MADE. WE ARE LOOKING AT FIVE TO SIX MONTHS TO GET A NEW GRADER. THE PRICE HAS INCREASED FROM WHAT WE ARE PAYING NOW ON 4 LEASED GRADERS IS \$6,327. THE PRICE FOR FOUR NEW ONES AT THE PRESENT TIME IS \$10,422. THE NEW GRADERS WOULD BE SERIES 140 MACHINES. JUDGE ASKED THEM TO GIVE THIS SOME THOUGHT, AND THEY WOULD TAKE IT UP AT THE NEXT MEETING.

JUDGE STATED STARTING IN JANUARY THERE WILL BE A ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT EACH MONTH. F AUTEN GAVE A ROAD REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. THERE WAS DISCUSSION HOW THE ROADS MIGHT BE IMPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT BILL LOWMAN FIRE CHIEF AT CAMP WAS THERE WITH CONCERNS ON THE PROPOSAL THAT HAD BEEN GOING AROUND AND OPPOSING THE POSSIBILITY OF TALKS ABOUT REDISTRIBUTING SOME FUNDS REGARDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THERE WAS DISCUSSION THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WERE THE ONES NEEDING TO HAVE THE DISCUSSION. JUDGE CLAYTON STATED HE WAS NOT PLEASED HOW THIS PROPOSAL WAS HANDLED, BUT HE IS OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSAL. COUNTY ATTORNEY BRAY ADVISED THE COURT THEY CAN NOT OVERRIDE THE VOTERS REGARDING THE SALES TAX ELECTION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THEY CAN RESUBMIT THE ISSUE TO THE VOTERS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO ADJOURN AT 7:48 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOCIE VOTE 8 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK