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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 ALL 9 JUSTICES PRESENT.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

TREASURER ABNEY GAVE TREASURER'S REPORT STATING THE SALES TAX WAS DOWN 7% FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH COMPARED TO MARCH 2020 WHICH IS JANUARY COLLECTION. 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 A STATUS REPORT ON THE SPRING RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT STATING CLEARING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER WHERE THE APPROACHES OF THE NEW BRIDGE WILL BE BUILT ARE PRETTY WELL DONE. JUDGE STATED EVERYTHING WAS MOVING ALONG OK. JUSTICE DEFOE ASKED ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING TO BE DONE WITH THE OLD BRIDGE. SHE ASKED IF IT COULD BE KEPT OR MOVED. JUDGE STATED IT WAS 400 FEET OF CONTINUOUS CONCRETE AND COULD NOT BE MOVED. THE PLAN IS THE CONTRACTOR WILL REMOVE IT AS PART OF THE CONTRACT.

JUDGE GAVE UPDATE ON BOGGY POINT ROAD PROJECT STATING IT HAS BEEN ADVERTISED AND BID OPENING WOULD BE NEXT TUESDAY.

STATE AID ROAD PROJECTS SHOULD BE ADVERTISED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

JUDGE GAVE A STATUS OF THE COURTROOM PROJECT STATING THERE HAS BEEN A PROBLEM. JUDGE, JUSTICE MATTHEW, AND JUSTICE PRIVETT VISITED WITH THE CONTRACTOR LAST WEEK THAT BUILDS THE TYPE OF STRUCTURES WE WERE LOOKING AT, AND THEY HAVE DECIDED TO DECLINE TO BUILD IT BECAUSE OF THE WIDTH USING THEIR PROCESSES. THEY HAVE RECOMMENDED WE GO WITH A RED IRON STRUCTURE. WE ARE GOING TO LOOK INTO TO THAT TO SEE WHAT KIND OF COST DEFERENTIAL IS INVOLVED BETWEEN WOOD FRAME CONSTRUCTION AND STEEL. JUDGE STATED THE REASON THE BUILDING HASN'T BEEN TORN DOWN IS HE HAS BEEN MADE AWARE THAT THE STATE REQUIRES A DEMOLITION PERMIT TO TEAR DOWN ANY OLD BUILDING. JUDGE STATED HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING THE PAPERWORK TO OBTAIN THAT PERMIT.

COLLECTOR WATKINS ADDRESSED THE COURT REQUESTING MONEY FOR 3 NEW COMPUTERS AND 3 DESKS FROM HER AUTOMATION FUND. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY TO APPROPRIATE \$13,200 COLLECTOR'S AUTOMATION FUND SMALL EQUIPMENT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

THE JUSTICES RECEIVED IN THEIR PACKETS THE RETROACTIVE 2020 TRANSFER CLEANUP. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER KINDER AND SECONDED BY GARY PHILLIPS TO ACCEPT AND TRANSFER THE

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RETROACTIVE 2020 TRANSFER CLEANUP (COMPLETE LIST ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE). THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO APPROPRIATE \$129,030.11 RETROACTIVE 2020 REAPPRAISAL COST FUND CONTRACT LABOR \$.04/FIRE PROTECTION SALES TAX ORD 2002-14 OTHER MISC (SALES TAX) \$64,484.72/HOSPITAL SALES TAX OTHER MISC (SALES TAX) \$64,545.35. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

SANDRA RUSSELL WITH THE FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD SPOKE TO THE JUSTICES REGARDING SOME PROJECTS THEY ARE WANTING TO DO. SHE STATED THE PROJECTS HAVE NOT BEEN BUDGETED, BUT THEY DO HAVE THE FUNDS IN THE LIBRARY FUND TO FUND THE PROJECTS. THE BOARD WOULD LIKE FOR EACH LIBRARY IN THE COUNTY TO HAVE ACCESS TO A PROGRAM CALLED OVERDRIVE. THE STATE SPONSORS THIS PROGRAM, AND EACH LIBRARY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO OVER 85,000 BOOKS ONLINE. ALSO, THE SCHOOLS CAN PIGGYBACK OFF OF THIS MEANING THE SCHOOLS WILL PAY FOR THE BOOKS THEY BUY BUT WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY THE ANNUAL FEE. IT IS A BIG EXPENSE BUT A GREAT RESOURCE. SHE STATED HOPEFULLY THEY WON'T HAVE TO SHUT DOWN, BUT IF THEY DO, THEY WILL HAVE ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AVAILABLE. SHE STATED THEY MAY HAVE TO HIRE A TECH PERSON TO COME TO THE LIBRARIES MONTHLY TO STAY UPDATED AND CURRENT ON THE TECHNOLOGY. MS. RUSSELL STATED SHE IS SURPRISED HOW MANY PEOPLE USE THE LIBRARY COMPUTERS EACH MONTH. SHE STATED THEY WERE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY. JUSTICE PHILLIPS ASKED IF THEY COULD ACCESS THIS PROGRAM WITHOUT COMING TO THE LIBRARY. MS. RUSSELL

REPLIED THEY CAN AS LONG AS THEY HAVE INTERNET ACCESS AND HAVE SET UP AN ACCOUNT AT THE LIBRARY. JUSTICE PHILLIPS SUGGESTED MAYBE IF THE COUNTY GETS A WEB PAGE THE LIBRARY COULD HAVE A LINK ON THE COUNTY PAGE. MS. RUSSELL THOUGHT THE COST WOULD BE APPROX \$3,300 PER YEAR PER LIBRARY.

JUSTICE PHILLIPS GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE. HE STATED HE HAS TAKEN THE TEMPLATE FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS COUNTIES AND THE COUNTY'S CURRENT POLICY AND HAS A DRAFT DOCUMENT. HE STATED THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE MEETING TOMORROW.

SHERIFF ROORK ADDRESSED THE COURT REQUESTING THREE NEW VEHICLES ON A LEASE PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT WITH A BANK IN NEW YORK THAT SPECIALIZES IN MUNICIPAL AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PURCHASE VEHICLES. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON MILEAGE OR WEAR AND TEAR. THEY DO NOT COME AND INSPECT THE VEHICLES. IF APPROVED IT WOULD BE ONE YEAR BEFORE YOU MAKE A PAYMENT. THERE WILL BE 4 ANNUAL PAYMENTS. THE THREE VEHICLES COSTS ARE \$96,455 AT 3.889%. \$26,503 PER YEAR PAYMENT STARTING NEXT YEAR. AFTER THE FINAL PAYMENT IS MADE, THE TITLES WILL BE SENT TO THE COUNTY. HE STATED HE HAD MONEY IN THE BUDGET TO PURCHASE A CAR BUT WOULD ASK THAT BE KEPT IN RESERVE. HE STATED HE WOULD PROBABLY STILL HAVE TO BUY A NEW CAR NEXT YEAR IN ADDITION TO THESE. AFTER DISCUSSION, CLERK BISHOP ASKED IF A RESOLUTION WOULD NEED TO BE PASSED AUTHORIZING TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE. COUNTY ATTORNEY BRAY RECOMMENDED A MOTION TO SECURE THE PURCHASE AND THE RESOLUTION NEXT MONTH. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO SECURE THE PURCHASE AND SUBMIT THE RESOLUTION NEXT MONTH. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

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JUDGE ASKED FOR ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS. JUSTICE DEFOE ASKED IF ANY OF THE QUOURM COURT MEMBERS WENT TO THE FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD MEETINGS. JUDGE STATED THEY ARE AN OPEN MEETING, AND ANYONE CAN GO THAT WANTS TO.

TREASURER ABNEY GAVE AN UPDATE ON GETTING A WEBSITE FOR THE COUNTY. ONCE SET UP, EACH OFFICIAL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OFFICE'S PAGE. THE VENDOR IS BROOKS-JEFFREY MARKETING, INC. THE COST IS WEB DESIGN \$4,995 ONE TIME FEE, WEB HOSTING PACKAGES \$1,995 YEARLY, DOMAIN \$500 YEARLY. THE COUNTY WILL OWN THE DOMAIN. THEY WILL ALSO KEEP IT UPDATED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO APPROPRIATE \$7,490 COUNTY GENERAL SPECIAL PROJECTS WEB PAGE. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION IF THE LIBRARY NEEDED TO BE INCLUDED NOW WHILE THEY ARE BUILDING IT TO SAVE THEM SOME MONEY FROM BE ADDED LATER. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

FOR TRANSPARENCY REASON, SHERIFF ROORK ADDRESSED THE COURT HE HAS A LARGE PILE OF DIRT IN HIS YARD THAT NEEDS TO BE MOVED. HE HAS PURCHASED A CULVERT THAT IS GOING TO BE PUT IN THE COUNTY ROAD. HE IS HIRING A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR TO USE THE DIRT TO INSTALL THE CULVERT IN THE ROAD. THIS WILL ALL BE PAID BY SHERIFF ROORK WITH HIS OWN PERSONAL FUNDS.

SALEM VFW COMMANDER BILL LOWMAN ADDRESSED THE JUSTICES STATING THE VFW IS GETTING ACTIVE AGAIN AFTER COVID.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER KINDER AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS ON ORDINANCE 2021-06. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2021-06) (TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$149,720.11)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO ADJOURN AT 6:55 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop  
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK