

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.

JUSTICE DEFOE ASKED IF THE MINUTES COULD BE MAILED OUT IN THE PACKET. CLERK BISHOP STATED IF THEY WERE TYPED, THEY WOULD BE IN THE PACKET. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS WITH JUSTICE PHILLIP'S ABSTAINING.

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

TREASURER ABNEY GAVE THE TREASURER REPORT. 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 SOME UPDATES UNDER OLD BUSINESS. THE SPRING RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT IS STILL MOVING ALONG. COURTROOM ANNEX BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON JANUARY 27TH AT 2 P.M. THE AIR TREATMENT UPGRADES FOR THE COUNTY BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN ORDERED. JUDGE EXPLAINED THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FUNDING. A FINAL RULE ISSUED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY STATES THERE'S A PROVISION IN THOSE NEW RULES THAT BASICALLY STATES UP TO \$10 MILLION OF YOUR ALLOCATION CAN BE ASSUMED TO BE FINANCIAL LOSS DURING THE COVID-19 PERIOD, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO JUSTIFY THAT LOSS. THAT WILL FREE THE MONEY UP TO BE SPENT AS NEEDED, WHICH WE COULDN'T HAVE PRIOR TO THAT. JUDGE STATED AN ORDINANCE WOULD NEED TO BE PASSED TO SET UP A COUNTY GENERAL SUB-FUND TO BE CALLED THE ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND. JUDGE EXPLAINED THE WAY HE IS PLANNING ON DOING THIS IS OPERATING OUT OF THE CARE'S ACT FUNDING UNTIL IT IS EXHAUSTED AND THERE IS OVER \$300,000 IN THAT ACCOUNT. THEN AT THAT TIME, WE WILL START USING THE ARPA FUNDS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LORI BENEDICT TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2022-01 ON 1ST READING AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY GENERAL SUB-FUND TO BE CALLED THE ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. THE TRANSFER OF REVENUE LOSS DOLLARS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TO THE ARPA REPLACEMENT REVENUE FUND FOR GENERAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT SERVICES IS IMMINENT MAKING IT NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PROPERLY TRACK THE REVENUE, APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND/OR APPROPRIATED TRANSFERS. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ORDINANCE 2022-01 ON 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ORDINANCE 2022-01 ON 3RD AND FINAL READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2022-01)

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES HE WOULD LIKE TO LEASE THE NEW CAT ROAD GRADERS THROUGH BANCORPSOUTH DUE TO THEIR INTEREST RATE OF 2.15% WHICH IS ALMOST HALF WHAT CAT'S IS. CAT IS GOING TO PLACE THE ORDER NOW, BUT DELIVERY WILL NOT BE UNTIL JULY AND NOVEMBER. A NEW LEASE CAN NOT START UNTIL THE OLD LEASE EXPIRES. JUDGE GAVE COMPARISON NEW LEASE FOR FOUR GRADERS IS \$9,940 A MONTH AND OLD LEASE IS \$6,327. AFTER DISCUSSION ON THE ROADS, FINANCES, AND IF FOUR GRADERS WERE NEEDED OR THREE, A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING/RATIFYING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY. AN AMENDED MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING/RATIFYING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY (4 ROAD GRADERS). THE AMENDED MOTION PASSED ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2022-01)

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES THE ORIGINAL SENIOR CENTER DELIVERY TRUCK GRANT APPLICATION WAS FOR A CHEVROLET COLORADO WHICH IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE. THE TRUCK NOW WILL BE A FULL SIZE RAM.

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES THE FEBRUARY QUORUM COURT WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 22ND DUE TO THE HOLIDAY OF PRESIDENT'S DAY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY GARY PHILLIPS TO APPOINT JOANN DEFOE AS THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT DELEGATE. THE MOTION PASSED BY 9 YEAS.

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDIT HAD BEEN COMPLETED, AND EVERYTHING WAS IN GOOD SHAPE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-02 A RESOLUTION WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE INTERIM FILLING OF VACANCIES FOR THE OFFICE OF FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2022-02)

JUDGE ASK IF THERE WERE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS OR PUBLIC COMMENT. JUSTICE PRIVETT STATED HE IS CONCERNED WITH THE CONDITION OF THE MAMMOTH SPRING LIBRARY BUILDING. JUDGE CLAYTON REFERRED HIM TO THE LIBRARY BOARD. THERE WAS A QUESTION WHY SOMEONE WAS LIVING AT THE MORRISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT. JUDGE SAID HE WAS TOLD THE FIRE CHIEF'S HOUSE BURNED IT WOULD BEFORE THEIR BOARD, AND HE WAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO SET UP A TRAILER WHILE HIS HOUSE WAS BEING BUILT.

CLERK BISHOP REMINDED THE JUSTICES THAT THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS WERE DUE ON JANUARY 31, 2022.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ADJOURN AT 7 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK