

THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 6 P.M. AT THE FULTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MILLER-HICKINBOTHAM BUILDING FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT ON NEW COURTROOM ANNEX.

JUDGE CLAYTON STATED TWO BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE NEW COURTROOM ANNEX. PROVENCE CONSTRUCTION FROM CAVE CITY'S BID WAS \$1,340,000, AND FARCO FROM BATESVILLE/ NEWPORT'S BID WAS \$1,399,412. JUDGE STATED HE THINKS WE HAVE GOTTEN A GOOD BID AND IT'S APPROXIMATELY \$157 PER SQUARE FOOT. JUDGE STATED THE REASON FOR THE MEETING IS THE LOW BIDDER'S SUBCONTRACTORS WERE ONLY GOING TO HOLD THEIR BIDS FOR 10 TO 15 DAYS, SO THE CONTRACTOR WANTS THE CONTRACT SIGNED. JUDGE STATED HE THOUGHT THE CONTRACT STATED THEY HAD 150 DAYS TO COMPLETE FROM THE TIME THE STEEL ARRIVES. THEY WILL BE WORKING GETTING THINGS READY PRIOR TO THE STEEL ARRIVING. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE IMPACT ON THE BUDGET, AND JUDGE REPLIED THIS WOULD BE FUNDED 100% GRANT FUNDS. JUDGE STATED WE STILL HAVE \$378,000 CARES ACT FUND, AND WE HAVE ALL THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT \$1,200,000. JUDGE PROPOSES WE START THE PROJECT USING THE CARES ACT AND THEN PICK UP THE REST WITH AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT MONEY. A QUESTION WAS ASKED ABOUT FURNISHING THE BUILDING. JUDGE STATED HE HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ANOTHER ORGANIZATION THAT WILL BE PAYING FOR THE FURNISHINGS. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT TEARING DOWN THE REST OF THE OLD BUILDING, AND JUDGE STATED HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

CLERK BISHOP DID ROLL CALL WITH 8 JUSTICES PRESENT. JUSTICE ROGERS WAS ABSENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOANNA DEFOE AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO PASS RESOLUTION 2022-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING/RATIFYING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE FULTON COUNTY COURTROOM ANNEX WITH PROVENCE CONSTRUCTION FOR \$1,340,000 WITH THE OPTION TO ADD A STANDING SEAM ROOF FOR THE ADDITIONAL SUM OR \$46,870. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2022-03)

JUSTICE BENEDICT ASKED IF SHE COULD GET A QUESTION IN UNDER NEW BUSINESS. SHE STATED SOME HAD BEEN TALKING AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW OTHER COUNTIES DO THEIR BUDGETS, AND IF THEY HAVE MANUALS OF PROCEDURES. SHE ASKED IF THEY NEEDED PERMISSION TO FORM A COMMITTEE. JUDGE STATED LET'S PUT THAT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING WHICH HE REMINDED THEM THE MEETING WOULD BE ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> DUE TO THE HOLIDAY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY GARY PHILLIPS TO ADJOURN AT 7:15 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 8 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop  
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK