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

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

OLD BUSINESS

JUDGE CLAYTON GAVE UPDATES ON THE SPRING RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT, COURTROOM ANNEX, AIR TREATMENT UPGRADES, AND THE MAMMOTH SPRING DISTRICT COURT ACTION.

NEW BUSINESS

SHERIFF BOSHEARS ADDRESSED THE COURT AND A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY LORI BENEDICT TO APPROPRIATE **\$4,000** DRUG CONTROL FUND ORD 2000-6 MISC LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

SOME OF THE JUSTICES HAVE BEEN WANTING A ROAD COMMITTEE, SO JUDGE CLAYTON ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOANNA DEFOE AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO FORM THE COMMITTEE AND APPOINT JUSTICES LORI BENEDICT, JACKIE PRIVETT, RAY MATTHEW, AND JOANNA DEFOE TO SERVE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

CLERK BISHOP READ A RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE PROCESS SET FORTH BY FULTON COUNTY JUDGE GARY CLAYTON TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING. THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT PLEDGES ITS SUPPORT FOR FULTON COUNTY JUDGE TO INITIATE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROCESS OF UTILIZING THE ARP FUNDS; AND ALL RECOMMENDED PROPOSALS, ALONG WITH AN APPLICATION SETTING FORTH THE PLANNED USAGE OF THE FUNDS, AS WELL AS ALL REQUIRED RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS, WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE QUORUM COURT FOR FINAL APPROVAL BEFORE ANY FUNDING WILL BE RELEASED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-04. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2022-04)

FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL REQUESTED AN ALLOCATION FOR AN AIR COOL CONDENSING UNIT REPLACEMENT TO REPLACE SOME OUTDATED EQUIPMENT. CLERK BISHOP READ A RESOLUTION IN FURTHERANCE OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AND IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY. WHEREAS, DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS,

NAMELY THE FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL HAS SERVED A VITAL ROLE IN FULTON COUNTY, HAS RESPONDED TO INCREASE IN DEMANDS FOR THEIR SERVICES, AND HAS BEEN RESTRICTED IN THEIR FUNDING CAPABILITIES, AND HAS MADE WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE RELIEF FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY AND THE AFOREMENTIONED ENTITY FOR THE SUM OF \$168,950.04. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO SUPPORT THE SUBJECT REQUEST ON RESOLUTION 2022-05. AFTER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2022-05)

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS THEIR EVIDENCE LOCKER BLOCKED OFF IN PART OF THE OLD NURSING HOME BUILDING. THIS WILL HAVE TO BE MOVED TO BE ABLE TO TEAR DOWN THE BUILDING. JUDGE IS PROPOSING A 30X40 METAL BUILDING BEHIND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THIS CAN BE PAID OUT OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE FUND. JUDGE ESTIMATED THE COST TO BE APPROX \$30,000 TURNKEY. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO PROCEED WITH THE BUILDING. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

CLERK BISHOP INFORMED THE JUSTICES THE COAP PROJECT (COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID ABUSE PROJECT) FAILED TO SUBMIT A BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2022. THE COUNTY PAYS THE COST UP FRONT AND THEN REIMBURSED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO APPROPRIATE **\$45,182** COAP GRANTS-IN-AID LAW ENFORCEMENT SALARIES \$30,000/SS MATCH \$2,295/RET MATCH \$4,596/HEALTH INS MATCH \$7,000/WORKMAN'S COMP \$426/UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION \$49/ LIFE INSURANCE \$96/ CELL PHONES AND PAGERS \$720. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

JUSTICE PRIVETT ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING A BUILDING FOR THE LIBRARY IN MAMMOTH SPRING. HE STATED HE WAS MEETING WITH THE LIBRARY BOARD ON MARCH 14TH AT 4:30 PM AT THE MAMMOTH SPRING LIBRARY. JUSTICE PRIVETT STATED HE HAD FOUND A BUILDING AT A COST OF \$52,000 AND WOULD BE REQUESTING THEM TO PURCHASE THAT WITH LIBRARY FUNDS. JUDGE ASKED FOR A REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES THE MAMMOTH SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS GOT A GRANT TO BUILD A NEW CENTER, BUT THE BIDS WERE WAY MORE THAN THE GRANT, SO WRPD SAYS THEY ARE GOING TO REBID THE PROJECT. THEY ARE REQUESTING SOME HELP FROM THE COUNTY OUT OF THE ARP FUNDS. AFTER DISCUSSION, THE JUDGE SAID IF NO ONE OBJECTED HE WOULD PUT IN A REQUEST FOR THE PROJECT FROM THE 2ND ALLOCATION OF MONEY THE COUNTY WILL BE RECEIVING.

SAFE NIGHT MINISTRIES A NON-PROFIT THAT HARBORS BATTERED WOMEN IN SHARP, FULTON, AND IZARD COUNTY ADDRESSED THE COURT REQUESTING \$75,000 FROM FULTON COUNTY. THEY ARE WANTING TO BUILD OR RENOVATE A SHELTER TO SERVE THE THREE COUNTIES, BUT THE BUILDING WOULD BE LOCATED IN SHARP COUNTY. THEY ARE REQUESTING FUNDS FROM THE OTHER TWO COUNTIES AS WELL. AFTER DISCUSSION, JUDGE ASKED THEM TO COME BACK AFTER THEY FIND OUT WHAT THE OTHER COUNTIES WERE GOING TO DO, AND GIVE THE COURT SOME TIME TO

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THINK ABOUT THEIR REQUEST.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THERE WERE CONCERNS ABOUT THE WIFI AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S. WOULD LIKE TO SEE SECURITY MEASURES IN PLACE, SO ILLEGAL ACTIVITY DOESN'T HAPPEN. AFTER DISCUSSION, JUDGE CLAYTON STATED THAT WOULD BE AN ISSUE FOR THE LIBRARY BOARD.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY LORI BENEDICT TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS ON ORDINANCE 2022-02. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2022-02) (TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$49,182)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO ADJOURN AT 7:10 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK