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THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE FULTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS CIVIC CENTER. THE MEETING OPENED WITH PLEDGE AND PRAYER.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK BISHOP 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 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 TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

JUDGE CLAYTON GAVE UPDATES ON THE COURTROOM ANNEX AND HAILSTORM REPAIRS.

ON THE RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE, THE TOWER ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED, AND WE WILL BE MOVING TO THE SALEM KNOB USING A 100 FT TOWER ALREADY THERE, AND THE USE OF THE TOWER WILL NOT COST US. THE FCC LICENSE HAS BEEN FILED FOR BY THE RADIO COMPANY AND EQUIPMENT ORDERED. THE SYSTEM WAS APPROVED EARLIER, BUT WE NOW NEED AN APPROPRIATION. JUDGE STATED THE ACTUAL BID WAS \$110,000 BUT SOME COMPONENTS HAVE INCREASED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY LORI BENEDICT TO APPROPRIATE \$115,000 ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (DOUBLE APPROPRIATED \$110,007.70 WAS APPROPRIATED IN JULY ORDINANCE 2022-07 DIFFERENCE + \$4,992.30)

JAIL EXPANSION PROPERTY HAS BEEN CLOSED ON. THE COUNTY IS NOW THE OWNER. CLEANUP WILL BEGIN, AND THE PIPE, GATES, ETC WILL BE PUT UP FOR BID.

NEXT PHASE OF THE RURAL WATER PROJECT LOW BID WAS FROM A COMPANY IN ROSE BUD, ARKANSAS NLS CONSTRUCTION. THE BID WAS \$4.176 MILLION; HOWEVER, THAT LOW BID IS MORE MONEY THAN THE ASSOCIATION HAS. THE COUNTY GAVE THEM \$200,000 ARPA MONEY EARLIER, AND THEY USED IT AS A MATCH AND MADE APPLICATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR ANOTHER \$200,000 THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED. THAT PUTS ENOUGH LOCAL SKIN IN THE GAME TO ENABLE THEM TO GET THE REMAINDER OF THE FUNDS THEY NEED FROM THE USDA.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

JUDGE STATED WE HAD BEEN APPROVED \$100,000 CALLED THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND WHICH IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ARPA MONEY. THIS WILL COME IN TWO \$50,000 DEPOSITS IN WHICH THE FIRST ONE WE HAVE RECEIVED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2022-09 ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING. THE MOTION PASSED BY 9 YEAS. THE ORDINANCE WAS READ BY JUSTICE PHILLIPS AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY GENERAL SUB-FUND TO BE CALLED THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND (LATC); AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ORDINANCE 2022-09 ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY LORI BENEDICT TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ORDINANCE 2022-09 ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AND FINAL READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. ORDINANCE ADOPTED (ORDINANCE 2022-09)

UPCOMING AR DOT PROJECTS IN THE VIOLA AREA SHIPMAN AND BIG CREEK BRIDGES AT \$4.1 MILLION IN 2023, HWY 395 PINEY HILL CREEK BRIDGE \$2.1 MILLION IN 2024, AND SALEM TO MOUNTAIN HOME FULTON/BAXTER ADDITIONAL PASSING LANES ON HWY 62 COMPLETION IN JUNE 2025 \$7.8 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT. AR DOT HAS BEEN SPOT RESURFACING HWY 87 AND BYRON HWY 395.

SPRING RIVER BRIDGE/HUMPHREY'S FORD BRIDGE TO BE COMPLETED MID 2023.

A GENTLEMAN FROM THE AUDIENCE ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING THE BOGGY POINT CAMPING AREA BEING CLOSED FOR CAMPING. HE ASKED IF THIS HAD ALREADY BEEN DECIDED? JUDGE REPLIED BASICALLY IT HAS BEEN TURNED BACK TO THE CORP FOR THEM TO DO THE CONTRACTS. SO, THE GENTLEMAN ASKED WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO KEEP IT OPEN? JUDGE STATED WHERE WE ARE AT IS THE CORP REQUESTED A MEETING ON SITE AND TOLD HIM WHAT THEY COULD DO, SO WE ARE PROCEEDING ON THAT BASIS. THEIR PROPOSAL IS TAKE OUT THE PICNIC TABLES AND PUT BARRIERS OUT, SO THE SPOTS CAN'T BE USED. THE BOAT RAMP WILL REMAIN OPEN. THE DISCUSSISON CONTINUED, WITH JUDGE CLAYTON STATING THE COUNTY HAD A CONTRACT WITH THE CORP FOR 25 YEARS. THEY ARE CANCELLING THAT CONTRACT AND ISSUING A NEW CONTRACT TO OPERATE THE BOAT RAMP FOR 5 YEARS. THIERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL ACTION TAKEN ON THIS MATTER.

CHIEF DEPUTY SMITH ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING THE HARD WATER ISSUE AT THE JAIL. AT SOME POINT THEY WILL BE REQUESTING FOR A WATER SOFTENER, BUT WAS REQUESTING TONIGHT \$9,100 FOR A NEW WATER HEATER. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO APPROPRIATE **\$9,100** HOT WATER

HEATER FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT SALES TAX MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (NO VEHICLES). THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

JUDGE ASKED FOR ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY JACKIE PRIVETT TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS ON ORDINANCE 2022-10. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2022-10) (TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$124,100)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY JOANNA DEFOE TO ADJOURN AT 6:58 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK