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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.

THE OCTOBER MINUTES WERE NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO THE COMPUTER ISSUES AT THE COURTHOUSE WITH APPRENTICE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY 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 LORI BENEDICT 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, HAILSTORM REPAIRS, BOGGY CAMPGROUND, AND THE RADIO SYSTEM. ALSO, THE STEEL PIPE REMOVAL FROM THE ARENA DID NOT RECEIVE A BID, SO WILL BE RUN AN AD AGAIN.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 STATE ROAD FUNDING PROJECTED REVENUE WILL BE \$306,000. THE COUNTY IS OBLIGATED TO PAY 10%. JUDGE STATED HE HAS GONE OVER THE PROCESS WITH NEWLY ELECTED JUDGE.

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES THE OEM DIRECTOR HAS HAD A SERIOUS STROKE AND ALL PROBABILITY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME BACK TO WORK. HE HAS A GUY THAT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH HIM ON SEARCH AND RESCUE, AND HE WILL BE STANDING IN FOR HIM UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

JUDGE GAVE UPDATE REGARDING AN EARLIER MEMO HE HAD SENT OUT REGARDING THE COMPUTER ISSUES WITH APPRENTICE. THE CLERK, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, AND ASSESSOR WERE ALL AFFECTED. THE TECH WAS ON SITE TODAY AND HOPEFULLY EVERYONE WILL BE UP AND RUNNING BY TOMORROW.

JUDGE UPDATED THE NEW GRADERS. WE ORDERED 4 NEW GRADERS IN JANUARY. ONE OF THEM HAS BEEN DELIVERED. CATERPILLAR IS LETTING US KEEP THE ONE GRADER UNTIL THE OTHER ONE IS DELIVERED THE TWO GRADERS LEASED THROUGH ARVEST WILL GO BACK THIS WEEK, SO WE ARE DOWN TWO GRADERS. ONE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON JAN 15TH, AND THE OTHER TWO ARE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 5TH.

JUDGE ESTIMATED THE PAYMENTS FOR 2023 DUE TO THE INTEREST RATE.

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES REGARDING THE MEDICAL PROVIDER AT THE FULTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER WHO PROVIDES MEDICAL CARE TO THE INMATES. UP TO THIS POINT, HIS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY HAS BEEN COVERED BY THE COUNTY'S GENERAL LIABILITY POLICY, WE HOLD WITH AAC. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST, THEY WILL NO LONGER COVER THAT. SO, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PROVIDE A POLICY. JUDGE SAID HE HAS THREE COMPANIES WORKING ON A QUOTE. JUDGE STATED THIS HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET.

JUSTICE PHILLIPS ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY INFORMATION OR BIDS ON FIXING OF THE COURTHOUSE. JUDGE CLAYTON REPLIED THERE HAD NOT BEEN DUE TO THE FACT WE ARE GETTING CLOSE TO THE END OF THE YEAR HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST FOR THE NEW JUDGE TO START OUT WITH THAT.

JUSTICE DEFOE ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING THE SENIOR CITIZENS. SHE IS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS. SHE GAVE SOME FACTS THAT THE CENTER GETS PAID FOR 24 PEOPLE AND SERVE 50 ON THE MEALS AND WHEELS PROGRAM. SHE STATED THE FORMULA IS OUTDATED AND THEY ARE WORKING WITH LEGISLATURES TO GET THIS CHANGED. SHE STATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MORE MONEY TO THE CENTERS IF POSSIBLE. JUDGE STATED WE WILL CARRY THAT OVER NEXT MONTH.

JUDGE HANDED OUT THE 2023 BUDGET REQUESTS. PROJECTION, AND CARRYOVER. HE STATED THERE WAS A 5% RAISE INCLUDED FOR ALL EMPLOYEES. JUDGE MENTIONED SOME UNKNOWNNS IN GRADER INTEREST, INSURANCE FOR MEDICAL PROVIDER, AND FUEL SUPPLY AND COST. HE STATED WILL MAKE CHANGES IF NEEDED AND PASS THE BUDGET AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.

JUSTICE BENEDICT HAD A QUESTION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE. SHE ASKED IF ANYONE WAS GOING TO ATTEND THE MEETING. THE PROCESS WAS EXPLAINED TO HER. SHE WAS REFERRING TO THE FINDING OF THE JUDGE, CLERK, AND TREASURER WHICH WAS EXPLAINED. THE FINDING HAD BEEN ANSWERED IN WRITING.

PUBLIC COMMENT A MEMBER FROM THE AUDIENCE STATED THIS WAS IN REGARD TO THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION SCENIC BY WAY. SHE READ A LETTER FROM A RESIDENT TO HER. JUDGE STATED THAT THIS IS NOT PART OF THE SCENIC BY WAY THIS IS THE HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION ACT. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF THE LOCATION, JUDGE STATED IT IS ON HIGHWAY 9 SOUTH A PRIVATE JUNKYARD WITH OLD CARS RIGHT UP AGAINST THE HIGHWAY. SHE STATED IT WAS FOR BILLBOARDS.

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY JACKIE PRIVETT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ADJOURN AT 6:40 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK