

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 DENNIS KINDER TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 3, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 2, 2023 MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023 CLERK'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

OLD BUSINESS

JUDGE CROW GAVE UPDATES ON THE COURTROOM ANNEX, HAILSTORM DAMAGE, AND THE RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2023-03 WAS READ BY CLERK BISHOP AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY JIMMY MARLER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-03. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2023-03)

ORDINANCE 2023-03 WAS READ BY CLERK BISHOP AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE TO BE COLLECTED FOR INSUFFICIENT CHECKS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIMMY MARLER AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2023-03 ON 1ST READING. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

JUDGE STATED THE COURTHOUSE ROOF HAS BEEN LEAKING FOR SOME TIME, AND THE COURTHOUSE IS IN BAD STATE OF REPAIR. HE HAS SUBMITTED FOR SEAL BIDS TO REROOF THE COURTHOUSE. HE HAS ACCEPTED A BID FROM PROVENCE THE SAME COMPANY THAT IS BUILDING THE NEW COURTROOM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,595 INCLUDING GUTTERS, SOME PITCH, SOME OVERHANG, AND 20 YEAR WARRANTY. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION, AND JUDGE STATED AFTER WE GET IN THE DRY, WE WILL START ON RENOVATION OF THE COURTROOM. SO, WE NEED TO WATCH OUR DOLLAR SPENDING.

ROAD GRADER STATUS IS ONE WAS DELIVERD FRIDAY, AND ALREADY ON THE ROADS. THE OTHER TWO SHOULD BE HERE BY THE MIDDLE OF MARCH.

ARDOT REPRESENTATIVE IS SCHEDULED TO COME UP TO SEE WHAT ROADS WE WANT RESURFACED. WIRTH ROAD IS NUMBER ONE ON THE LIST.

WE HAD SOME LAST-MINUTE ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA. THE AGENDA IS PUT TOGETHER THE FIRST WEEK OF THE MONTH. THIS MEETING IS THE LAST MEETING WE ARE GOING TO ENTERTAIN LAST MINUTE THINGS GOING ON THE AGENDA. IT IS NOT GIVING THE JP'S ENOUGH TIME TO CONSIDER THE MATTERS BEFORE THEM. SO, ANYTHING AFTER THE FIRST WEEK OF THE MONTH WILL BE TABLED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONTH.

CAROLYN LEWIS MADE A REQUEST FOR FULTON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION APPROPRIATION FOR CONTRACT LABOR. THEY ARE ASKING FOR AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY FOR CONTRACT LABOR FOR JANITORIAL, OFFICE, AND MAINTENANCE WORK FOR FEB-DEC 2023 AND FOR MOWING AND WEED-EATING THE FAIRGROUNDS FROM APR-SEPT. THE CITY OF SALEM HAS APPROPRIATED ONE-HALF OF THIS COST, AND THEY ARE HOPING FULTON COUNTY CAN PICK UP THE REMAINDER WHICH WOULD BE \$5,425. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS KINDER AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOT FOR THE COUNTY TO PAY THE ONE-HALF. AFTER MORE DISCUSSION, AND CONCERN FOR THE COST OF THE COURTHOUSE REMODELING, A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY GARY PHILLIPS TO TABLE THE REQUEST UNTIL NEXT MONTH. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS WITH JUSTICE KINDER VOTING NO.

TREASURER ABNEY ADDRESSED THE COURT THAT HE WAS NOTIFIED BY WRPD THAT THERE WERE THREE DIFFERENT GRANTS THAT HAD BEEN APPROVED, AND HE WAS REQUESTING FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY JIMMY MARLER TO APPROPRIATE **\$186,370.45** ADDED BUILDING MATERIALS & SUPPLIES \$729.30/MANAGEMENT CONSULTING \$11,000/EQUIPMENT GRANT SENIOR CITIZEN \$174,641.15/**\$146,980** AEDC EQUIPMENT GENERATOR GRANT HOSPITAL/**\$1,113,942.41** ANRC FULTON COUNTY WATER GRANT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

JUDGE THANKED TRI COUNTY MEDICAL SUPPLY FOR THE DONATION AND INSTALLATION OF TWO HANDICAP TOILETS AT THE SENIOR CENTER.

JUSTICE PHILLIPS ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING ORDINANCE 2023-02 AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH POLICIES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR FIRE DISTRICTS ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO THE QUORUM COURT OF FULTON COUNTY. JUSTICE PHILLIPS WAS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO TABLE THE MATTER UNTIL NEXT MONTH. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

PUBLIC COMMENT BILL LOWMAN WITH THE CAMP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND JOHN EMERY, RANDALL TYLER, AND COLT EMERY WITH THE STURKIE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS WITH ORDINANCE 2023-02. THE COST OF THE AUDIT WAS ONE CONCERN, BUT BOTH FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAD NO PROBLEM WITH ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY. JOHN FELT LIKE THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BEFORE PASSAGE INSTEAD OF FINDING OUT BY THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.

ALSO, ROBERT STONE WITH THE GEPP FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNS REGARDING THE GEPP FIRE DEPARTMENT NOT BE ACTIVE, NOT HAVING ACCESS TO THE BUILDING, AND TRANSPARENCY.

JERRY BARNES A VETERAN SPOKE TO THE COURT REGARDING THE STATUS OF HIS DAV TAX EXEMPT LETTER. COLLECTOR WATKINS DENIED HIS LETTER DUE TO BEING FILED TOO LATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021. HE WAS ASKING THE COURT TO ACCEPT IT. COLLECTOR WATKINS ADDRESSED THE COURT STATING SHE HAS A POLICY ADOPTED BY THE ARKANSAS TAX COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION. SHE GAVE EACH JUSTICE A COPY OF THE POLICY. MR. BARNES HAS SINCE PAID THE TAXES BUT IS ASKING THE MONEY BE REFUNDED. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JUSTICE ANDREWS STATED SHE NEEDED MORE INFORMATION, SO THE MATTER WAS TABLED UNTIL NEXT MONTH.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIMMY MARLER AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS ON ORDINANCE 2023-04. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2023-04) (TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$1,447,292.86)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ADJOURN AT 7:37 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK