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THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE FULTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX. 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 RAY MATTHEW TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS KINDER AND SECONDED BY JIMMY MARLER TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

OLD BUSINESS

JUDGE CROW GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE RADIO SYSTEM, COURTHOUSE/COURTROOM RENOVATIONS, AND FLAGPOLE AT THE ANNEX.

NEW BUSINESS

CAROL LANGSTON SPOKE ABOUT FORMING KEEP FULTON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIMMY MARLER AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO TABLE THE MATTER. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

JUDGE CROW STATED THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WAS NEXT ON THE AGENDA BUT WOULD BE TABLED UNTIL NEXT MONTH. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY JIMMY MARLER.

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JUDGE CROW INFORMED THE JUSTICES A COMMITTEE WOULD BE FORMED FOR AR CONNECT. AR CONNECT IS HIGH SPEED INTERNET. THE STATE HAS RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDS TO ENABLE EVERY CITIZEN TO HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH-SPEED INTERNET. JUDGE SAID HE WOULD BE SOLICITING THE PUBLIC IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE. HE WOULD LIKE 12 TO 14 MEMBERS.

JUDGE SAID THE PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE NEW MEMBERS WILL BE JOSH SMITHEE ROAD DEPARTMENT, WILLIAM FAWCETT SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND JEREMY LANGSTON OEM. JUDGE SAID HE FELT THE COMMITTEE NEEDED TO REVISIT THE POLICY YEARLY TO SEE IF ANY CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE.

CLERK BISHOP STATED SHE WAS APPLYING FOR A GRANT FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS COUNTIES AND WAS ASKING FOR A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY GARY PHILLIPS TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF FULTON COUNTY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE FULTON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS. (RESOLUTION 2023-06)

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY ALBERT ROORK TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2023-11 ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING. CLERK BISHOP READ AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT TO BE HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY ALBERT ROORK TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ORDINANCE 2023-11 ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIMMY MARLER AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ORDINANCE 2023-11 ON 3<sup>RD</sup> BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL VOTE 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED RAY MATTHEW TO PASS ORDINANCE 2023-11. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2023-11)

JUDGE CROW ASKED FOR AN ORDINANCE FOR CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING EXTERNAL NOISE ATTENUATION OF DATA CENTERS. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2023-12 ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING. CLERK BISHOP AND JUDGE CROW READ AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTING CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING EXTERNAL NOISE ATTENUATION OF DATA CENTERS AND TO PREVENT NOISE DISTURBANCE IN FULTON COUNTY AND WITHIN ITS UNINCORPORATED LIMITS. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIMMY MARLER AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIMMY MARLER AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ON 3<sup>RD</sup> READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO PASS ORDINANCE 2023-11. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2023-12)

TREASURER ABNEY ASKED FOR AN APPROPRIATION TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL JAIL PAYMENT TOWARD THE PRINCIPAL. A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY JIMMY MARLER TO APPROPRIATE **\$150,000** JAIL SALES & USE TAX BOND FUND 2011 ADDITIONAL BOND PAYMENT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY JIMMY MARLER TO APPROPRIATE **\$404,821.95** ADDITIONAL MOTOR FUEL TAX COUNTY ROAD MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT (OTHER THAN VEHICLES). THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

JUDGE CROW REVISITED THE AR CONNECT AND APPOINTED MARY RIVERA, GARY PHILLIPS, AND ROBERT ELLIOTT TO THE COMMITTEE.

ED CLIFFORD THE NEW PRESIDENT OF GEPP FIRE DEPARTMENT GAVE UPDATES ON THE GEPP FIRE DEPARTMENT. ALSO, THANKED JUDGE CROW, JUSTICE NEWBERRY, AND JUSTICE KINDER FOR THEIR HELP IN THE VOTE COUNTING PROCESS OF THE GEPP FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION.

AUDIENCE MEMBER SPOKE REGARDING LAST MONTH'S PRESENTATION REGARDING THE PAPER BALLOTS.

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ASSESSOR LONG INFORMED THE JUSTICES THE GIS GRANT GOT APPROVED, AND THEY ARE MOVING FORWARD ON THAT.

SHERIFF SMITH ADDRESSED THE COURT REQUESTING AN EXCEPTION TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY. SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATOR IS NOW THE CHIEF DEPUTY. SHERIFF HAS A RETIRED EXPERIENCED OFFICER WHO IS WILLING TO WORK PART TIME. SHERIFF IS ASKING TO START HIM OUT AT \$18 PER HOUR. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO PAY THE \$18 PER HOUR. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY ALBERT ROORK TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS ON ORDINANCE 2023-13. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2023-13) (TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$554,821.95)

JUDGE CROW GAVE BRIEF ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT AND HUMPHREY'S FORD BRIDGE REPORT.

JUSTICE PHILLIPS GAVE A WEBSITE FOR VOTER INTEGRITY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ADJOURN AT 7:40 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop  
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK