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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 ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

OLD BUSINESS

JUDGE CROW GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE FUEL SYSTEM AT THE ROAD DEPARTMENT AND THE RADIO SYSTEM.

HAZARD MITIGATION UPDATE: JUDGE CROW ASKED CLERK BISHOP TO READ THE FULTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION AND THIS RESOLUTION IS NOT ADOPTING A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. WHAT IT DOES IS OUTLINES THE PARAMETERS AND ALLOWS THE JUDGE TO SEEK HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION. AFTER DISCUSSION, ROLL CALL VOTE FOR 4 AGAINST 5. VOTING FOR WERE JUSTICES PHILLIPS, ELLIOTT, ROGERS, AND ANDREWS. VOTING AGAINST WERE JUSTICES MATTHEW, MARLER, NEWBERRY, KINDER, AND ROORK. MOTION FAILED.

NEW BUSINESS

AR DOT'S LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM PROVIDES FEDERAL AID FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS OR REPLACEMENTS OF BRIDGES LOCATED ON ROADS OFF THE FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY SYSTEM. THE COUNTY HAS 7 BRIDGES, AND THE JUDGE HAS SUBMITTED 2 BRIDGES FOR REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT. THEY ARE COLD ACCESS IN MAMMOTH SPRING AND SMITH FORD IN HEART. IF APPROVED, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO PUT UP \$5,000 FOR EACH BRIDGE.

JUDGE CROW REQUESTED IN THE ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION THAT IS CURRENTLY 20 HOURS A WEEK TO 32 HOURS A WEEK. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO APPROVE THE ROAD DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FROM 20 HOURS WEEKLY TO 32 HOURS WEEKLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

JUDGE STATED AN APPROPRIATION WAS NEEDED FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. CLERK BISHOP EXPLAINED IT WAS FROM THE APPROVAL LAST MONTH FOR THE PART TIME SECRETARY TO 32 HOURS A WEEK THE DIFFERENCE BEING \$5,298.14. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY JIMMY MARLER TO APPROPRIATE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT SALES TAX \$5,298.14 SALARY

\$1639.34/SS MATCH \$125.41/RETIREMENT MATCH \$1,083.43/ HEALTH INS \$2,396.96/ LIFE INS \$32/UNEMPLOYMENT \$21. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

JUDGE INFORMED THE JUSTICES HE HAD RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH FOR BAYOU ACCESS, AND \$112,902.85 WOULD NEED TO BE APPROPRIATED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIMMY MARLER AND SECONDED BY GARY PHILLIPS TO APPROPRIATE **\$112,902.85** COUNTY ROAD AGF/BAYOU ACCESS. AFTER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

JUDGE STATED HE HAD RECEIVED A GRANT FOR RECYCLING VEHICLE REPLACEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,000. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS KINDER AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY TO APPROPRIATE **\$28,000** COUNTY GENERAL GRANTS-IN-AID-GENERAL VEHICLES/RECYCLE GRANT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

CLERK BISHOP STATED THEY NEED TO DO SOME CLEAN UP FROM LAST MONTH'S APPROPRIATIONS. JUSTICES APPROVED \$140,000, BUT IT WAS NOT PLACED ON AN ORDINANCE. SO, THIS TOTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE WILL INCLUDE SEPTEMBER APPROPRIATIONS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY ALBERT ROORK TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS PLUS LAST MONTH'S ON ORDINANCE 2023-15. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2023-15)(APPROPRIATIONS \$140,000 SEPT + \$146,200.99 OCT TOTAL \$286,200.99)

CLERK BISHOP INFORMED THE JUSTICES THE CLERK'S OFFICE HAD BEEN AWARDED A GRANT FROM THE RECORDS SYSTEMS FUND GRANT. ALSO, SHE GAVE THE UPCOMING FILING DATES TO RUN FOR OFFICE.

JUDGE ASKED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. JERRY BARNES ADDRESSED THE COURT STATING THIS WAS OLD BUSINESS BACK FROM MARCH WHERE THIS MATTER WAS TABLED. HE WAS ASKING FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR HIS 2021 TAXES BASED ON A DAV ELIGIBILITY LETTER THAT THE TAX COLLECTOR REFUSED BASED ON A POLICY LETTER BASED ON A DEADLINE. MR. BARNES STATED THE LAW STATES THERE IS NO DEADLINE. COUNTY ATTORNEY PLUMLEE STATED COUNTY COURT AND QUORUM COURT ARE TWO DIFFERENT ENTITIES AND THIS IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE BODY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO RESOLVE THE MATTER FOR A TAX REFUND FOR MR BARNES. THE MOTION FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE FOR A TAX REFUND 9 NAYS. (NO REFUND)

ED PRESIDENT OF THE GEPP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT GAVE AN UPDATE OF THE DEPARTMENT. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MONEY AND RADIO STATUS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO ADJOURN AT 6:48 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK