

THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT MET IN REGULAR SESSION WITH A RESCHEDULED DATE OF JANUARY 23, 2024 DUE TO BAD WEATHER ON JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> AT THE FULTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX. THE MEETING OPENED WITH PLEDGE AND PRAYER.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK BISHOP WITH 8 JUSTICES PRESENT. JUSTICE MATTHEW WAS ABSENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY JIMMY MARLER TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

ANTHONY REED WITH BAXTER HEALTH WHO FOR THE LAST FIVE MONTHS HAS BEEN THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL GAVE HANDOUTS AND PRESENTATION TO THE COURT OUTLINING THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE, SOME FINDINGS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS MOVING FORWARD. THE TIMELINE PROPOSING TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT, EXECUTE A LONG TERM LEASE BY FEBRUARY 29, 2024, AND WOULD BE TARGETING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2025. HE STATED HE THINKS THE NEW ORGANIZATION WOULD BE CALLED BAXTER HEALTH FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL. THE NEW ORGANIZATION LEASE WOULD BE HOSPITAL BUILDING, LAND, EQUIPMENT, AND CMS PROVIDER NUMBER FOR 25 YEARS AT \$25 A YEAR, AND THE NEW ORGANIZATION WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO RENEW THE TERM OF THE LEASE FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE 25 YEAR TERMS. IF FULTON COUNTY HOSPITAL WERE EVER TO LEAVE THE BAXTER HEALTH SYSTEM, ALL THE ABOVE WOULD BE RETURNED. BAXTER HEALTH WOULD RETURN A FULLY OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONAL HOSPITAL BACK TO FULTON COUNTY. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE CURRENT SALES TAX, FORMING THE NEW HOSPITAL BOARD, AND KEEPING AMBULANCE SERVICE IN MAMMOTH SPRING.

OLD BUSINESS

JUDGE CROW GAVE UPDATES ON THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION, RADIO PROJECT, AND ROAD DEPARTMENT FUEL TANKS.

NEW BUSINESS

SHERIFF SMITH ADDRESSED THE COURT ASKING FOR A NEW POSITION. HE STATED HE WAS REQUESTING THE PART-TIME DEPUTY POSITION NOW HELD BY S HANSEN TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES LIAISON (CSSL). THE DUTIES WOULD BE SUBSTANCE ADDICTION, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, MENTAL HEALTH, COURT-ORDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR, AND SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION OFFICER. SHE WOULD BE PART-TIME LESS THAN 32 HOURS A WEEK AT \$14.33 AN HOUR. SHE WOULD BE COVERED UNDER APERS DUE TO THE FACT SHE HAS BEEN A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE BUT WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR HEALTH INSURANCE. SHERIFF STATED THERE WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE ANY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIMMY MARLER AND SECONDED BY

DENNIS KINDER TO APPROVE THE NEW POSITION AT \$14.33 PER HOUR. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

CLERK BISHOP READ AN ORDINANCE FOR FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT SALARY AND COMPENSATION. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO PLACE THE ORDINANCE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING. AFTER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIMMY MARLER AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE THE ORDINANCE ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE THE ORDINANCE ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AND FINAL READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS KINDER AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ACCEPT THE ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2024-01)

SHERIFF SMITH REQUESTED \$50,000 GRANT APPROPRIATION. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT BODY CAMERA BUNDLE \$4,091/BALLISTIC VESTS-PLATES \$3,794.40/NON-LETHAL TASERS \$13,713.25/ NECESSARY EQUIPMENT \$28,401.35. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

SHERIFF SMITH REQUESTED A TRANSFER. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO TRANSFER \$14,000 LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND FROM SMALL EQUIPMENT TO VEHICLES. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

JUDGE CROW REQUESTED AN APPROPRIATION OUT OF THE ADDITIONAL MOTOR FUEL TAX. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS KINDER AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO APPROPRIATE \$40,847.34 PUMPS \$13,123.57/TANKS \$20,369.39/SALT SPREADER \$7,354.38. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

THE JUSTICES WERE INFORMED ON THE BUDGET ORDINANCE THERE WERE A COUPLE OF APPROPRIATIONS THAT WERE LEFT OFF. THE REVENUE WAS LISTED AND THE APPROPRIATIONS WERE IN THE BUDGET REQUESTS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO APPROPRIATE \$400,000 ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND COURTHOUSE \$342,349.53/ RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE \$57,650.47. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO APPROPRIATE \$263,170.58 FOR RETROACTIVE 2023 CLEAN UP AND TRANSFER THE COAP GRANTS-IN-AID FROM COUNTY GENERAL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT SALES TAX FUND.



**RETROACTIVE 2023 CLEAN UP**

\$43,977 COUNTY GENERAL CLERK SALARY \$633/TREASURER SALARY \$346/COLLECTOR SALARY \$9/QUORUM COURT SALARY \$65/ELECTION SALARY \$412/COUNTY BLDG MACHINERY EQUIPMENT \$10,000/COURTROOM ANNEX MAINT SUPPLIES \$8,799/SHERIFF SALARY \$2,713/SHERIFF FUEL, OIL, & LUBRICANTS \$21,000  
\$60,000 ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND ARPA CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS  
\$89,558 COUNTY ROAD BANK OF SALEM (3) CAT GRADERS  
\$633 COUNTY CLERK COST FUND SALARY  
\$28,754 JAIL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION GENERAL SUPPLIES \$2,975/MEDICINE & DRUGS \$9,250/FOOD \$2,700/CLOTHING & UNIFORMS \$3,350/MAINTENANCE & SERVICE CONTRACT \$4,977/UTILITIES-ELECTRICITY \$4,750/UTILITIES-WATER \$752  
\$8,861 911 SALARY  
\$11,185.19 COAP GRANTS-IN-AID-LAW ENFORCEMENT SALARY \$7,500/SS MATCH \$600.56/ NONCONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT \$1,202.62/HEALTH INSURANCE MATCH \$1,797.72/ LIFE INSURANCE \$24/CELL PHONES AND PAGERS \$60.29  
\$20,045.93 FIRE PROTECTION SALES TAX ORD 2002-14 OTHER MISC (SALES TAX)  
\$156.46 LLEBG CLOTHING & UNIFORMS \$131.85/TIRES AND TUBES \$24.61

THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS

A RETROACTIVE MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO TRANSFER FROM COUNTY GENERAL THE COAP GRANTS-IN-AID GENERAL FUND TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY TO APPOINT MARJORIE ROGERS FOR THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT DELEGATE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 8 YEAS.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM SARA HUETT WITH THE GEPP FIRE DEPARTMENT. SHE GAVE AN UPDATE, AND STATED THE COURT HEARING REGARDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ALL WAS AWARDED TO THE CURRENT BOARD. SHE THANKED JUDGE CROW AND THE TWO JUSTICES THAT WERE THERE ALONG THE WAY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS ON ORDINANCE 2024-02. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 8 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2024-02) (TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$754,017.92)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS KINDER AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ADJOURN AT 7:27 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 8 YEAS.

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