

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING OF THE
COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, November 15, 2022
5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Denver Braswell. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various county issues and conduct any other county business deemed necessary. The meeting was duly called and advertised.

PRESENT: Those present were Commissioners Barbara Jelks, Chris Hunnicutt, Marc DeMott, Mike Boyd, Paul Nagy, Johnny Hardin and Chairman Denver Braswell. Also present were County Clerk Melissa Lawson, County Attorney Lester Castellow and County Administrator Chas Cannon.

ALSO PRESENT: CRMC Chief Executive Officer Jim Matney and Moultrie Observer Reporter Kevin Hall.

CRMC 2022 COMMUNITY UPDATE: At this time, Jim Matney, CEO of Colquitt Regional Medical Center, granted the Board a community update regarding the hospital.

Mr. Matney presented statistical year in review information, noting that the overall employee base had increased due to the acquisition of Cobblestone.

Mr. Matney reviewed hospital challenges and successes as well as the addition of medical services consisting of pediatric hospital medicine, plastic and reconstructive surgery, senior care and rehabilitation, an inpatient geropsychiatry behavioral health unit, and senior wellness.

The Family Medicine and Psychiatry Residency programs were discussed as was the addition of the Ameris Graduate Medical Education Building.

Mr. Matney thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them.

BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Cannon presented a review of all major county financial funds, citing no major issues or concerns.

Statistical sales tax and excise tax data was also reviewed.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING PREVIEW: At this time, Mr. Cannon previewed the following agenda items for the December Board meeting:

- Approval of Invoice – Carr, Riggs, & Ingram – Mr. Cannon presented an invoice, in the amount of \$15,000.00, submitted by CRI regarding a progress billing on the FY 21 – 22 audit. Mr. Cannon noted that funding would be derived from the FY 22 – 23 General Fund budget.
- Approval of Bid – 2x2 Square Posts with Anchors – Mr. Cannon presented the low and recommended bid, in the amount of \$11,884.00, submitted by Vulcan Steel

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regarding the provision of 200 posts to be utilized by the Roads & Bridges Department. Mr. Cannon noted that funding would be derived from the FY 22 – 23 General Fund.

- Approval of Contract – Public Defender – Mr. Cannon presented a renewal of the contractual agreement with the Public Defender for calendar year 2023. Mr. Cannon cited no changes to the contract in terms of language but noted a slight increase to the overall budget.
- Approval of Appointments – Mr. Cannon stated that advertisement was currently underway for the following appointments:
 - Economic Development Authority – 2 openings consisting of a two year term;
 - Humane Society – 1 opening consisting of a three year term;
 - Regional Commission – 1 opening consisting of a one year term;
 - Board of Assessors – 1 opening consisting of a three year term

Discussion thoroughly ensued regarding each respective appointment.

- Annual Bids – Mr. Cannon reviewed annual bid results concerning the provision of filters, batteries, fluids, concrete pipe, corrugated pipe, aggregates, and bag cement for calendar year 2023.
- Approval of Purchase – Solid Waste Request – Mr. Cannon presented the low and recommended bid, in the amount of \$385,748.00 each, submitted by Sansom Equipment regarding the provision of two side loading garbage trucks to be utilized by the Solid Waste Department. Due to extended construction and delivery timelines, Mr. Cannon noted that the approval was for the generation of a purchase order only, with funding to be derived from the FY 22 – 23 Solid Waste budget.
- Approval of Bid for Mass Notification System – EMA – Mr. Cannon presented the low and recommended bid, in the amount of \$7,200.00, submitted by OnSolve – Code Red regarding a mass emergency notification system.

(Justin H. Cox, EMA Director, joined the meeting via telephone at 5:52 p.m.)

Mr. Cox stated that the system would be beneficial in the case of emergency, severe weather events, traffic accidents, or natural disaster. Mr. Cox further noted that the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) would reimburse the county for these costs.

- Public Hearings – Mr. Cannon called upon Justin H. Cox, Chief Compliance Officer, to present two zoning applications would require public hearings during the December board meeting:

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- **Rezoning Request** – Mr. Cox presented a request to rezone a four acre tract located on Old Norman Park Road from AG to R-1/R-1MH in order to add four new dwellings. Mr. Cox noted that this expanded the current housing base and further noted that the application was unanimously approved by the Moultrie – Colquitt County Planning Commission.
- **Ordinance Modification** – Mr. Cox presented a request to reduce the required square footage in AG, R-1/R-1MH, R-2, and O-1 zoning districts from 900 to 720. Mr. Cox stated that all advertising requirements had been met and noted that the Moultrie – Colquitt County Planning Commission approved the application (5-4) with 1 abstention.

Discussion briefly ensued regarding the zoning requests presented.

(Justin H. Cox, Chief Compliance Officer, exited the meeting at 6:04 p.m.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Mr. Cannon presented the following items for discussion:

- Fuel contract prices were presented and discussed;

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Hardin made the motion at 6:12 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Hunnicutt made a second. The motion carried unanimously. (An affidavit, as required by Georgia Law, was executed by all Board members present stating under oath that the subject matter of the closed meeting was devoted to the matters within the exception provided by law and identified the specific relevant exception as provided by law. The affidavit is hereby made a part of the minutes by reference thereto.)

REGULAR SESSION: Commissioner DeMott made the motion at 6:39 p.m. to reconvene into Regular Session. Commissioner Boyd made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: Commissioner Nagy made the motion to approve the minutes of the aforementioned Executive Session. Commissioner Boyd made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

KEY DATES: Mr. Cannon presented a list of key, upcoming dates to the Board.

The being no more business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denver F. Braswell
Chairman



Melissa Lawson
County Clerk

Approved: December 6, 2022

AFFIDAVIT

This is to certify that the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session Meeting (closed meeting) on November 15, 2022, at 6:12 o'clock a.m./p.m. The majority of the quorum present voted in the open meeting to go into Executive Session (closed meeting). The subject matter discussed was applicable under the following code section(s):

- O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1) – Consultation with an attorney regarding pending or potential legal action.
- O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4) – Discussion of future acquisition of real estate. (Notice was given as required and minutes taken.)
- O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6) – Discussion of personnel matters.

I further certify that the subject matter of the Executive Session (closed meeting) was devoted to matters within the exception provided by law and the above checked identifies the specific relevant exception.

This 15th day of November, 2022.

Denver Braswell
Denver Braswell, Chairman

Chris Hunnicutt
Chris Hunnicutt, Commissioner

Mike Boyd
Mike Boyd, Commissioner

Johnny Hardin
Johnny Hardin, Commissioner

Barbara Jelks
Barbara Jelks, Commissioner

Marc DeMott
Marc DeMott, Commissioner

Paul Nagy
Paul Nagy, Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15th day of November, 2022.

Melissa Ellen Lawson
County Clerk or Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

