

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING OF THE
COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, March 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 Administrator Chas Cannon, County Clerk Melissa Lawson, and County Attorney Lester Castellow.

ALSO PRESENT: Road Superintendent Stan Kirksey, Engineer Bill Kent, Maintenance Superintendent Mac Lawson, and Kevin Hall, Reporter with the Moultrie Observer.

FINANCE REVIEW: Mr. Cannon presented a brief overview of all major county funds, citing no issues or concerns.

Financial indicators were reviewed, as was a comparison of SPLOST, T-SPLOST, excise taxes and solid waste collections.

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

- Approval of Invoice for Dispatch Recorder System – E-911 – Mr. Cannon presented an invoice, in the amount of \$5,312.00, submitted by Equature regarding the annual maintenance agreement for E-911 recording equipment.
- Approval of Appointment – Moultrie – Colquitt County Planning Commission – Mr. Cannon stated that advertisement was currently underway for a vacancy on the Moultrie – Colquitt County Planning Commission. Mr. Cannon noted that the appointee, once selected, would serve a three year term.
- Public Hearing – Mr. Cannon told the Board to expect a variance request at the upcoming Work Session.

ITEMS OF INTEREST: Mr. Cannon presented the following items for discussion:

- Vending Location in Annex Building
- Cardboard Prices for City of Moultrie

Discussion thoroughly ensued regarding the topics presented.

Commissioner Hunnicutt stated that he had received several complaints regarding the fact that the county no longer installed driveway pipe.

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Stan Kirksey, Road Superintendent, stated that a recently approved right of way mowing contract included litter pickup. As a result, Mr. Kirksey stated that he could free up more of his staff to once again begin installing driveway pipe.

PARKING LOT BID DISCUSSION: Commissioner Hunnicutt questioned the price associated with a particular section of the public works parking lot. Engineer Bill Kent responded that he did not have pricing broken down that way but could obtain it.

Chairman Braswell stated that he carried local construction professional Barkley Jones to the parking lot area in order to obtain his opinion. Chairman Braswell stated that this individual said that he would simply grade the area, not pave it.

Commissioner Nagy stated that he spoke with the engineer the previous day who stated that not asphaltting the area would be taking a great risk due to the low quality of the soil.

Commissioner Boyd stated that no one expected the prices to be as high as they were.

A timeline of the whole process was briefly reviewed, beginning with the construction commencement date and the pulling of core samples.

Commissioner Boyd mentioned the vendors who bid on the project and noted the recent increase in oil, stating that he would be scared to see the price if the county were to rebid the project.

Discussion ensued regarding the front and side areas of the parking lot as well as fencing.

Discussion also ensued regarding the specific areas from which the core samples were pulled.

Commissioner Hardin mentioned that the construction of the parking lot located adjacent to the Annex would more than likely only be used during special events on the square or during heavy court days. In contrast, Commissioner Hardin stated that the public works parking lot would contain expensive heavy equipment and would be used daily.

Funding sources for the parking lot were briefly discussed.

Commissioner Boyd stressed that one thing was certain – that any pricing associated with the parking lot would only increase with time. Due to this fact, Commissioner Boyd stated that waiting would not be serving the taxpayers of Colquitt County.

APPROVAL OF BID – PARKING LOTS: Commissioner Boyd made the motion to approve the low and recommended bid, in the total amount of \$1,371,787.77, submitted by Hancock and Sons Construction regarding the construction of the Public Works, Maintenance, and Courthouse Annex parking lots, inclusive of any contractual documentation to follow upon the review and approval of Lester M. Castellow, County Attorney. Commissioner Hardin made a second. Those in favor were Commissioners Boyd, Hardin, Jelks, Nagy, and DeMott. Opposed was Commissioner Hunnicutt.

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Chairman Braswell requested that the record reflect his opposition to the design, project scope, and expense of the public works parking lot project.

APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF SURPLUS: Commissioner Nagy made the motion to declare the equipment presented as surplus to the county's needs. Commissioner DeMott made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was called regarding a request to close a portion of Baldy Road. The public hearing was duly called and advertised.

Lester M. Castellow, County Attorney, called the public hearing to order, stating that the purpose of the public hearing was to determine whether the abandonment of the portion of Baldy Road, that began at the intersection of Ga Hwy 37 East and continued northwest for approximately 371 feet to the dead end, in Land Lot 257 of the 8th Land District of Colquitt County, should be granted.

Mr. Castellow requested comments in favor of or in opposition to the request for road closure. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF ROAD CLOSURE – PORTION OF BALDY ROAD: Commissioner Hunnicutt made the motion to approve the request to close a portion of Baldy Road. Commissioner Hunnicutt 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 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Denver F. Braswell
Chairman



Melissa Lawson
County Clerk

Approved: April 5, 2022