

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, June 7, 2022**  
**7:00 o'clock p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 o'clock p.m. by Chairman Denver Braswell.

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Marc DeMott.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The invocation and pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnny Hardin.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 3, 17, 19, 24, 26 & 31:** Commissioner Nagy made the motion to approve the minutes of all meetings held on May 3, 17, 19, 24, 26 & 31. Commissioner Jelks made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF LIST OF UNPAID INVOICES:** Commissioner Hardin made the motion to approve payment of the list of unpaid invoices. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF TAX RELIEFS & ADDITIONS:** None Requested.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO CCHS STAR STUDENT:** At this time, Commissioner Nagy presented a proclamation to the 2021 – 2022 Colquitt County High School Star Student Case Gregory.

**CITIZENS HAVING BUSINESS:** Lawrence Willis addressed the Board regarding approximately 120 head of cattle stolen from a farm on R.L. Sears Road of which he would be paid on a percentage of the profit the cattle sold for.

Mr. Willis stated that the suspect in the case had actually helped him look after the cattle. Mr. Willis stated that the investigation had been ongoing for over two years with no progress being made. Mr. Willis stated that Investigator Austin Cannon of the Sheriff's Department admitted that he should have done a better job investigating the matter.

Mr. Willis stated that the statute of limitations had now run out regarding the issue and requested that, due to poor job performance, that both Investigator Cannon and Sheriff Howell be disciplined and relieved of their duties for one week.

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Sheriff Howell questioned Mr. Willis regarding who actually owned the cattle, with Mr. Willis responding that Southern Valley did.

Sheriff Howell stated that the true victim was Kent Hamilton, the actual owner of the cattle and stated that his department had done everything that they could do regarding the case. Sheriff Howell stated that in his opinion, Mr. Willis and his partner should be indicted and further stated that Mr. Willis was not going to slander the Sheriff's Department.

Discussion briefly ensued regarding Mr. Hamilton's opinion regarding the situation.

*Consent Agenda (Items B - G) – The consent agenda includes routine items that the Board of Commissioners will act upon with a single vote. If any commissioner objects to an item being on the consent agenda, the Chair shall move that particular item to the regular agenda for individual consideration.*

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Boyd made the motion to approve the following consent agenda items (Items B - G). Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Approval of submission of names of Joe Baker, Cheryl Friedlander, and Cynthia Harrison for consideration regarding appointment to the Hospital Authority;
- c. Approval/Renewal of the following contracts:
  - GDOT/Airport Authority supplemental agreement #2 regarding extension of project to resurface runway 16/34 due to material shortfalls;
  - Trinity Service Group regarding the provision of inmate food services at the Jail and Prison;
  - Department of Corrections Inmate Capacity Agreement;
  - Veterans Administration Rental Agreement with State Properties Commission;
  - DFACS Rental Agreement with State Properties Commission;
  - Child Support Services Rental Agreement with State Properties Commission;
- d. Approval of low and recommended bid, in the amount of \$351,820.00 each, submitted by Worldwide Equipment regarding the provision of two side loading garbage trucks to be utilized by the Solid Waste Department – approval only due to extended construction and delivery timelines with funding to be derived from future budgets;
- e. Approval of Payment of Invoice, in the amount of \$8,934.34, submitted by Brightly (Dude Solutions) regarding maintenance and support fees for Mobile311, the work order system utilized by the Roads & Bridges Department;

- f. Declaration of equipment presented by Roads & Bridges and Solid Waste as surplus to the county's needs;
- g. Other County Business – None Requested.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was necessary due to a request to close Presley Suber Road. The public hearing was duly called and advertised. Mr. Castellow called the public hearing to order and requested comments in favor of or in opposition to the request to close Presley Suber Road.

Michael Suber addressed the Board in support of the road closure and thanked the Board for their service.

Mr. Castellow requested opened the floor for any further comments. There being none, this public hearing was closed.

**APPROVAL OF ROAD CLOSURE – PRESLEY SUBER ROAD:** Commissioner Boyd made the motion to close a portion of Presley Suber Road. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nagy requested that the Board remember the family of Mrs. Marie Saunders, the widow of former commissioner Ray Saunders, who passed away earlier in the week.

Michael Suber questioned if he might buy purchase one of the road signs on Presley Suber Road to give to his elderly aunt.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Denver Braswell  
Chairman



Melissa Lawson  
County Clerk

Approved: July 5, 2022