

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING OF THE
COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, September 20, 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 to adopt millage rates, discuss various county issues and conduct any other county business deemed necessary. The meeting was duly called and advertised.

PRESENT: Those present were Commissioners 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.

ABSENT: Commissioner Barbara Jelks and Commissioner Chris Hunnicutt.

ALSO PRESENT: Solid Waste Manager Stacy Griffin, Chief Compliance Officer Justin H. Cox, Tax Commissioner Cindy S. Harvin, Maintenance Superintendent Mac Lawson, Finance Director David Zeanah, and Kevin Hall, Reporter with the Moultrie Observer.

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

- Approval of Resolution – Mass Transit Funding – Southwest Georgia Regional Commission – Mr. Cannon presented a resolution that, upon Board approval, would allow the Regional Commission to request transit funding from the Department of Transportation on behalf of Colquitt County. Mr. Cannon noted that the overall goal was to provide rural transportation in this area of the state.
- Approval of Resolution to Authorize Investment – Georgia Fund 1 – Mr. Cannon presented resolutions that, upon approval by the Board, would transfer funding to Georgia Fund 1 in order to obtain a higher interest rate return.

Discussion ensued regarding current interest rates and projected interest earnings as a result of the transfer.

- Approval of Bid – Ultrasound Machine – EMS – Mr. Cannon presented the recommended bid, in the amount of \$13,815.00, submitted by Butterfly IQ Ultrasound regarding the provision of an ultrasound machine to be utilized by EMS personnel. Mr. Cannon noted that funding would be derived from 2019 SPLOST for this purchase.
- Approval of Bid – Hydraulic Easy Dump – Solid Waste – Mr. Cannon presented the sole bid, in the amount of \$100,311.50, submitted by Sansom regarding the provision of a Refuse Dumper w/Dodge 3500 to be utilized by the Solid Waste Department. Mr. Cannon noted that funding would be derived from the FY 22 – 23 Solid Waste budget.

- Declaration of Surplus – Mr. Cannon presented two garbage trucks purchased in 2019 that were approaching buyback. Upon Board approval, Mr. Cannon stated that the trucks would be sent to auction.
- Public Hearings – Mr. Cannon stated that two zoning applications would require public hearings during the October board meeting and called upon Justin H. Cox, Compliance Officer, to present the applications:
 - Request for Variance – Mr. Cannon presented a request to reduce setbacks for the purpose of constructing a Stackhouse at an existing poultry operation located at 539 Bud Norman Road. Mr. Cox stated that the Moultrie – Colquitt County Planning Commission unanimously approved the application.
 - Request for Variance – Mr. Cox presented another request to reduce setbacks for the purpose of constructing a Stackhouse at an existing poultry operation located at 2619 Smithwick Bridge Road. Mr. Cox stated that the Moultrie – Colquitt County Planning Commission unanimously approved the application.
- County Attorney – Update of Windstream Broadband Agreement and Resolution – Mr. Castellow noted that progress was being made on the resolution and build agreement with Windstream that summarized the \$32.5 million dollar broadband expansion project.

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

- Fuel Contract – Existing contract terminating end of year;
- Sunbelt Expo – All invited to Tuesday lunch;
- Health Fair – Tuesday, October 4 & Wednesday, October 5;
- Update on Tire Amnesty – County, Moultrie, Berlin (3 events);
- ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference – Itinerary ready;
- Annual Bids – To be previewed at October work session;
- Early Voting – October 17 – November 4th – Courthouse Annex
- Election Day – Tuesday, November 8;

Discussion briefly ensued regarding the abovementioned topics.

ACTION ITEMS: Mr. Cannon presented the following items requiring action by the Board:

APPROVAL OF SUPPORT FOR ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION AT INTERSECTION OF HWY 33 AND GENE MCQUEEN ROAD: Commissioner DeMott made the motion to compose a letter of support regarding the construction of a roundabout at Hwy 33 and Gene McQueen Road. Commissioner Boyd made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BERLIN: Commissioner Hardin made the motion to declare a 2021 Dodge Durango as surplus to the county's needs and to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Berlin transferring said vehicle to the municipality at a purchase price of \$30,000.00. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR TIRE BALANCER – MAINTENANCE DEPT.: Commissioner Hardin made the motion to approve the recommended bid submitted by local vendor O'Reilly's regarding the provision of a tire balancer, contingent upon matching the overall low bid of \$7,779.00 submitted by Mohawk, as outlined in the local vendor preference policy. Commissioner Boyd made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR TIRE CHANGING MACHINE – MAINTENANCE DEPT.: Commissioner Hardin made the motion to approve the recommended bid, in the amount of \$9,400.00, submitted by O'Reilly's regarding the provision of a tire change machine to be utilized by the Maintenance Department. Commissioner Boyd made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR DOUBLE OVEN – COUNTY PRISON: Commissioner Hardin made the motion to approve the low and recommended bid, in the amount of \$10,141.87, submitted by TriMark regarding the provision of a double oven to be utilized by the County Prison. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR BAT REMOVAL – DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES: Commissioner Hardin made the motion to approve the recommended bid, in the amount of \$16,870.00, submitted by United Bat Control regarding the removal of a bat infestation at the DFACS building. Commissioner DeMott made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MILLAGE RATES: Commissioner Nagy made the motion to approve the following millage rates:

Unincorporated	11.889
Incorporated	14.665
Special Service District	1.212
Board of Education	8.685
Economic Development Authority	0.270
Parks & Recreation Authority	1.755

Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Bob Beaty addressed the Board stating that upon instances when he calls the Sheriff or has to deal with the Magistrate Court, they treat him like the criminal instead of the individual

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committing the crime. Mr. Beaty stated that he gladly paid his taxes but did not understand why a criminal had more rights than a landlord.

The being no more business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Denver F. Braswell
Chairman



Melissa Lawson
County Clerk

Approved: October 4, 2022