

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

February 8, 2018

9:00am

Commissioners Present: Horace Daniel, Edward Burten, Melton Jones, Frank Simmons

Prayer

Pledge

Call to Order

Approval of Past Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion to approve those minutes passed with a show of hands.

Bills

- A motion was required to approve the bills for the past month as follows:
 - Administrative & Other \$290,785.08
 - Road Department \$68,541.28
 - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$54,473.24
 - Courthouse \$36,658.61
 - EMA \$514.32
 - E-911 \$50,723.98
 - Landfill \$130,610.58

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the bill for the past month, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

Road Department Update

- The road superintendent updated the commissioners on two requests that were submitted regarding road in the County. The first request was from Mr. Ron May, inquiring of the possibility of increasing the speed limit from 55 to 65 on the Fall Line Freeway where the freeway returns to four lanes past Tabernacle United Methodist Church. A letter will be written, signed by each commissioner, and sent to the Georgia Department of Transportation for consideration. The second request was sent from the Georgia Department of Transportation requesting that the County include the Highway 24 Spur and Highway 243 Spur on its road system, as GDOT will be responsible for the Highway 15 truck route. The two spurs amount to just over 5 miles, of which the City of Sandersville would take roughly one-quarter of a mile. A letter will need be written to GDOT that include the County's terms for adding the roads to its system. Following agreeance on terms, a resolution will need to be passed by the County and GDOT to formalize the agreement.

Appointments – None

Old Business – None

New Business

- Probation Services Contract Amendment
 - The County Administrator explained that the new requirements from the State of Georgia had been placed on those providing probation services to the County. The changes will not affect the County, but requires that certain standard are met when hiring a new employee, mandates a certain level of training, and sets a time frame for any fees collected to be paid over to the County. A vote was required to approve the amendment.
 - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the amendment to include the new mandates set by the State of Georgia, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was passed by a show of hands.
- Bid Award – Road Department Vehicle
 - Bids were solicited for the purchase of a new vehicle for the purpose of checking dumpster sites and trash collection at those sites and along roadways. Two bids were received: Childre Ford in the amount of \$40,875, and Dorman Dodge in the amount of \$40,876. The recommendation from the Road Department was to award the bid to Childre Ford. A vote was required to award the bid.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Burten to purchase the vehicle from Childre Ford, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was passed by a show of hands.
- Bid Award – Tractors and Mowers
 - Bids were solicited for the purchase of two tractors and two mowers for the upcoming grass cutting seasons for the Road Department. Four bids were received: Blanchard Equipment (John Deere) in the amount of \$131,100, Interstate Tractor (Case) in the amount of \$128,649, J & B Tractor (New Holland) in the amount of \$126,760, and Atlantic & Southern Equipment (Massey Ferguson) in the amount of \$120,690. The recommendation from the Road Department was to award the bid to Atlantic & Southern Equipment. A vote was required to award the bid.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to purchase the equipment from Atlantic & Southern Equipment, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was passed by a show of hands.
- Voting Service Agreements
 - The County Administrator explained that the agreements between the cities and the County for holding elections were scheduled to expire and needed to be renewed. The renewal terms are for the County to hold the cities' elections, with all costs reimbursed to the County from the cities', for a span including the next 50 years. A vote was required to renew the agreements.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Jones to renew the agreements for voting services, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

Contract Ratification – None

Chairman Comments

Meeting Adjourned

Public Comment Session



Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest:



Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk