

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Called Meeting

July 28, 2020

11:00am

Commissioners Present: Horace Daniel, Doug Watkins, Edward Burten (via phone call), James Hitchcock, Frank Simmons

Others Present: Sheriff Joel Cochran, County Administrator Dustin Peebles

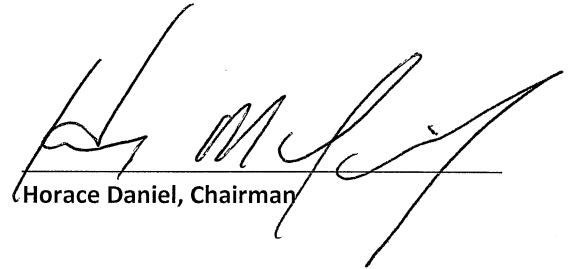
Call to Order

Business

- City of Tennille – Law Enforcement Contract
 - The County Administrator explained that the City of Tennille approached the County regarding law enforcement within their jurisdiction. He stated that the contract would be for one year, in order to see how and if the arrangement would work for both parties. He then asked the Sheriff if he would like to expound more on the subject.
 - The Sheriff stated that the agreement would allow for deputies to cover a zone, which would include the City of Tennille, and be manned 24/7. He also stated that the officers currently working for the City would become deputies, while all deputies working that area would be authorized to enforce City ordinances and laws.
 - Commissioner Hitchcock asked if deputies in that zone would be able to respond to emergencies outside of the zone. The Sheriff stated that if an emergency arose outside of the zone, that the deputy working in the Tennille zone could respond to the emergency while another deputy would come in to cover the area while the emergency is being handled.
 - The County Administrator stated that the City of Tennille approved the contract at a called meeting the previous week, and that if all the commissioners were satisfied with the language of the agreement a vote would need to be taken.
 - Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Hitchcock made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Jefferson County – Inmate Work Detail
 - The County Administrator explained that the county attorneys for both counties were still working on the language in the paragraph specified regarding liability and responsibility of inmates. He also stated that he had spoken with the County Attorney to inquire if a vote could be taken to approve the agreement, subject to amending the language brought into question and to be agreed upon by both Counties, to which the County Attorney agreed could occur.
 - Commissioner Watkins asked when the detail could begin working. The County Administrator stated that the work detail could start as soon as July 30 if the contract is completed and signed by both parties in time.

- Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approved the contract. Commissioner Hitchcock made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned



Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest:



Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk