

## Washington County Board of Commissioners

Called Meeting

March 25, 2021

11:30am

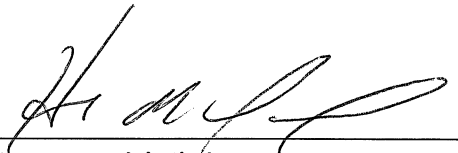
**Commissioners Present:** Horace Daniel, Doug Watkins, Edward Burten, James Hitchcock, Frank Simmons

### Business

- Future Location of 911 Center
  - The County Administrator explained that the location of the 911 Center needed to be discussed and decided upon, due to the change in circumstances regarding its current location and the Sheriff now controlling its operations.
  - Chairman Daniel asked for the thoughts of each commissioner, to which all spoke to the advantages of moving it permanently to the Sheriff's office building.
  - Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to permanently move the 911 Center to the Sheriff's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Hitchcock, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 911 Equipment Upgrades
  - The County Administrator explained that, in moving the 911 Center, there would be certain equipment upgrades required. These upgrades include: a new telephone system, a new radio component, a new recording system, and all appropriate wiring and data connections to outfit the room to be used in the Sheriff's office. He stated that Major Corey King, the Sheriff's choice for directing the 911 Center operations, handled the soliciting of quotes. He asked Major King to discuss the material.
  - Major King stated that he had spoken with representatives of several companies for these items. He stated that the telephone system discussions produced two quotes that met specifications and capability, which were from Motorola and AT&T. He stated that the quote from Motorola was the best for the center, as it provided the capability needed and cost much less than AT&T. The quote was for \$155,504.00. He stated that the radio system only provided one quote, as there were not many options that met specifications. He stated that the AVTEC system would best accommodate the needs for the center. The quote was for \$194,435.00. The next two quotes received that he discussed was for a new recording system and an interoperability component, which could only be purchased from one company, respectively. The recording system quote was from Eventide for \$19,567.00, and the interoperability component quote was received from SSI in the amount of \$24,400. The final quote was in regard to the wiring and data installation needed for the dispatch room. Three quotes were received from Helton Electric, Mel Daniel Heating, Cooling, & Electric, and Kendall Electric. He stated that the best quote was received from Helton Electric based on the scope and detail provided in their quote. The quote was in the amount of \$10,860.00.
  - The County Administrator stated that all the quotes can be voted on at one time.
  - Commissioner Hitchcock inquired about the life expectancy of the new equipment. Major King stated that these items should last beyond 5 years and work with the future system that is being designed by the State of Georgia.

- Commissioner Burten asked how these items would be paid for. The County Administrator stated that these items, a total of approximately \$405,000 would be purchased utilizing SPLOST funds.
- Major King inquired if there were to be a contingency added in case of items that arose unexpectedly. The County Administrator stated that its typical to add anywhere between 10% and 20% for any project such as this.
- Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the discussed items with a 10% contingency for unexpected items. A motion was made by Commissioner Burten to approve, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned**



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Horace Daniel, Chairman

**Attest:**



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Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk