

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

July 13, 2023

9:00am

Commissioners Present: Horace Daniel, Doug Watkins, Bobby Jackson, James Hitchcock

Prayer

Pledge

Approval of Previous Minutes

- Commissioner Hitchcock made a motion to begin the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bills

- Chairman Daniel read the bills to be ratified in the following categories and amounts:
 - Administrative & Other \$219,915.95
 - Road Department \$86,011.74
 - Sheriff's Office & Jail \$74,549.20
 - Courthouse \$44,584.48
 - EMA \$1,484.75
 - E-911 \$5,594.72
 - Landfill \$59,509.34
- Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approve the expenditures. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hitchcock. The motion was passed unanimously.

Road Department Update

- Mr. Holmes stated that the road crews are removing trees on Lillian Joiner Road, as well as Stephens Road and Boatright Road. The grass cutting crews are in the area of Henderson Grove Road, while the prison detail is cutting grass at the library. Repair crews are working on Lamars Creek Road and Smith Robson Road.

Appointments

- Gun Range Regulations – Lyle Lansdell
 - Ms. Lansdell did not attend the meeting to discuss this item.

Old Business - None

Business

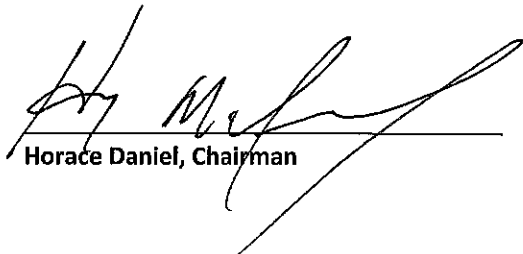
- Courthouse Windows
 - The County Administrator introduced the architects performing the preliminary design for the project. The architect informed the commissioners that some of the windows are in good condition while others need to be replaced. He stated that the recommended proposal is to keep the windows that can be kept and replace the ones that cannot. The estimated cost of the project is \$650,000. The project will need to be placed on the Georgia Procurement Registry with sealed bids for the Commissioners to consider.
- Senior Meals

- The County Administrator stated that this item is a renewal of the contract to provide meals to senior citizens at the senior center. Prices have increased due to inflation.
 - Chairman Daniel asked for motion to approve the renewal. Commissioner Hitchcock made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.
- A/C Preventative Maintenance
 - The County Administrator explained that the previous provider ended the contract, was solicited for bids, with only 1 company submitting a bid. Helton Electric submitted a bid for \$17,000 per year for two years.
 - Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to award the contract to Helton Electric. Commissioner Hitchcock made a motion to award, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.
- BOC Entrance Security
 - The County Administrator explained that there are many times in which the females in the office are there alone and do not feel safe. He stated that one quote was received to install security features that will allow surveillance and entrance control. The quote was for \$5,800.
 - Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approve the installation. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hitchcock. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Architecture Proposal – Kaolin Park
 - The County Administrator explained that a proposal was obtained from Cranston Engineering for the Kaolin Park property that was purchased. He also stated that it is recommended to do the preliminary studies and master plan for future planning.
 - Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approve the recommended planning. Commissioner Hitchcock made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Ordinance Update – Nuisance
 - This item was tabled.

Meeting Adjourned

Comments from Chairman

Public Comment Session



Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest:



Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk