

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

August 9, 2018

9:00am

Commissioners Present: Horace Daniel, Doug Watkins, Edward Burten, Melton Jones

Prayer

Pledge

Call to Order

Approval of Past Minutes

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

Bills

- A motion was required to approve the bills for the past month as follows:
 - Administrative & Other \$900,547.79
 - Road Department \$42,560.86
 - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$30,378.46
 - Courthouse \$38,484.39
 - EMA \$1,872.50
 - E-911 \$5,866.68
 - Landfill \$90,700.39

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

Road Department Update

- The Roads Superintendent gave an update on the white flags that have been placed on the rights-of-way on various roads, identifying those flags as markers for new signage to be installed as part of federal grant that allowed for new striping. The work agreed to in the resurfacing contract should begin in approximately two weeks. Also, it was stated that several roads with areas requiring patching have been identified, with a price estimate to be given as soon as possible. The Roads Superintendent has spoken with the Magistrate Judge and it is recommended that the fees for violating littering and garbage disposal ordinances be increased in hopes of dissuading people from more violations.

Appointments - None

Old Business – None

New Business

- E911- Recording System
 - The County Administrator explained that the recording system at the 911 center is obsolete and incompatible with the current CAD system utilized at the center. He also stated that an

amount of \$20,000 was placed in the fiscal year's budget for this purchase. Two quotes were received to replace the recording system: Eventide in the amount of \$19,444.00, and ATIS in the amount of \$13,772.00. The quote from ATIS was the recommended quote.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to purchase the recording system from ATIS, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Contract Ratification

- HVAC Preventative Maintenance
 - The previous contract for preventative maintenance on air conditioning unit in County buildings expired. There were two bids received for the next contract that will be for four years: Mel Daniel Heating, Cooling and Electrical in the amount of \$4,400 per year, and Helton Electrical Services in the amount of \$7,450.00 per year. The bid from Mel Daniel was the recommended bid.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Jones to award the contract to the recommended bidder, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed unanimously by a show of hands.
- Courthouse Clock Maintenance
 - The previous company to perform maintenance on the clock, which was built and installed in 1899, is no longer in business following the retirement of its proprietor. The County Administrator stated that he searched for other companies via the internet and recommendations from other counties. The only company that exists in Georgia that performs clock maintenance to these historic clocks is White's Clock & Carillon, located in the city of Sharpsburg. A member of that company came to inspect the clock and gave a price of \$650 per year to maintain the clock.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to accept the contract with White's Clock & Carillon, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was passed unanimously by a show of hands.
- AT&T PRI System
 - Following a significant outage that was not fixed until three days later, coupled with two previous outages within the four weeks prior, it was recommended by the telecommunications specialist on retainer with the County that a change to AT&T be explored. After conversing with AT&T it was found that their system would be cheaper by approximately \$100 per month at \$546.00 per month.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to change to the system provided by AT&T, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed unanimously by a show of hands.
- Health Department HVAC Unit
 - The County Administrator explained that one of the air conditioning units at the Health Department failed, due to leaks in the condenser and coils. Since the replacement of those components and freon for the unit would have been as much as a new unit, a new unit was installed. Two quotes were received: Helton Electrical Services in the amount of \$7,990.00, and Mel Daniel Heating, Cooling & Electric in the amount of \$8,169.00. Helton Electrical Services installed the unit.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to accept the work completed by Helton Electrical Services, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Chairman Comments

Meeting Adjourned

Public Comment Session



Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest:



Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk