

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2019

9:00am

Commissioners Present: Horace Daniel, Doug Watkins, Edward Burten, James Hitchcock, 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 \$896,433.15
 - Road Department \$73,997.65
 - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$45,767.87
 - Courthouse \$48,589.04
 - EMA \$8,866.20
 - E-911 \$6,545.78
 - Landfill \$72,170.73

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

Tax Commissioner

- Ms. Anderson discussed the 2019 Washington County Digest with the commissioners. She stated that the digest had increased by approximately three million dollars, but that the millage rate for 2019 would remain the same as 2018 at 9.647 mills. She stated that the Board of Commissioners would need have a meeting to approve the millage rate following proper advertisement in the newspaper.

Road Department Update

- Mr. Waller stated that the Road Department has completed its first round of grass cutting on the County's rights-of-way, and have been patching potholes and addressing drainage issues on various roads. Commissioner Burten asked about work on Lawson Lane after receiving complaints about water draining into yards in that area. Mr. Waller stated that he had been out to the area to look, and will contact Moreland-Altobelli to help us implement the right solution. Mr. Waller stated that it appears the area will require a new ditch, which will require the acquisition of right-of-way in the area.

Appointments

- 65 Lawson Lane
 - Mr. Foster attended the meeting and discussed the water draining into his yard in that area, as well as a power pole placed in his yard and a power line running directly above his home. Chairman Daniel stated that the issues will be looked into and resolved.

Old Business

- Railroad Crossing Closure – Jones Road
 - This item will be tabled for further discussion.

New Business

- 2019 LMIG Resurfacing Contract
 - The County Administrator explained that bids were received and opened for the resurfacing projects in conjunction with Glascock County and Jefferson County. C & H Paving was the lowest qualified bidder, with Washington County's portion being \$1,423,041.55. Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to vote on the contract.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to award the contract to C & H Paving, seconded by Commissioner Hitchcock. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Beer & Wine Application – Chris Dollar
 - The County Administrator explained the Mr. Dollar submitted an application to sell beer and wine through his new convenient store, Segar Sports II, located on Highway 68 outside of Tennille. The application was vetted by the Sheriff's Office and proper notice was placed in the newspaper, and there were no objections from the public. Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approve the license.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to approve the license, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Sandersville School Building Authority Recommendations
 - The County Administrator explained that there were not enough names on the list for the board to vote, since an individual requested to be removed from the recommendation list. A minimum of seven names were required.
- Oconee Community Service Board Appointment – Michael Howard
 - The County Administrator explained that this board has had a vacancy for quite some time, and that Michael Howard was approached and agreed to serve on the board if appointed. Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Howard to the Oconee Community Service Board
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the appointment, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Library Interior Repairs
 - The County Administrator explained that the Library has drywall issues on its ceiling throughout the building. When the building was constructed, the contractor did not install expansion joints per the plans, resulting in drywall panels sagging and exposing the seams between the panels. Two bids were received for the repairs: Rightway Drywall in the amount of \$20,000, and G & J Remodeling in the amount of \$85,000. Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to award the contract to Rightway Drywall.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to award the contract to Rightway Drywall, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion was passed unanimously.
- County Engineer for Road Projects – Moreland Altobelli
 - The County Administrator explained that the current engineer for road construction projects would be retiring after the completion of the Lamar’s Creek Road project and that the County would need a new engineer. He also explained that the County would need plans for future road construction projects reviewed due to the quality of the plans for Lamar’s Creek. He went on to say that Moreland Altobelli is the engineer for the County’s resurfacing, striping, and patching projects and provides excellent service and clear details. The rates for the proposed contract were by hour per the type of employee, although the current rate for the local engineer and inspector already being utilized would remain the same and not adhere to the rate schedule. Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to appoint Moreland Altobelli as the County Engineer for all road projects.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to appoint Moreland Altobelli as the County Engineer for road projects, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion was passed unanimously.

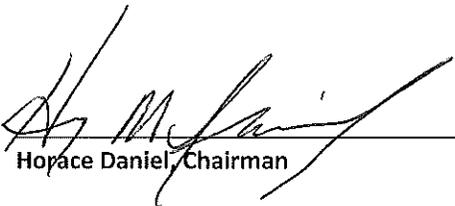
Contract Ratification

- Mel Daniel Heating & Cooling
 - Air conditioning unit repair for Elections Office at Courthouse
 - \$3,896.55
- Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to ratify the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to ratify the contract, seconded by Commissioner Simmons.

Chairman Comments

Meeting Adjourned

Public Comment Session



Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest:



Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk