

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

December 12, 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 Watkins. 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 \$278,266.44
 - Road Department \$106,910.14
 - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$100,556.12
 - Courthouse \$48,127.94
 - EMA \$6,775.95
 - E-911 \$6,797.77
 - Landfill \$50,649.98

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.

Road Department Update

- Mr. Waller stated that the Road Department has noticed a distinct increase in the amount of garbage being placed in the convenience centers across the County, and that there is also more littering that is taking place as well, when compared to the previous year. He stated that the Road Department is looking at convenience centers to place more dumpsters, and the possibility of installing new convenience centers to reduce the issues.

Appointments

- Kaolin Festival Report – Katie Moncus
 - Mrs. Moncus, president of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, gave an update to the commissioners about the Kaolin Festival held in October. She handed out economic impact figures to the commissioners and reported that the Kaolin Festival generates over \$500,000 of direct and indirect dollars for Washington County. Over 7,400 people attended the two-day festival. A copy of that report is attached with these minutes.

Old Business

- Beer/Wine License Application – Quik Stop
 - The County Administrator explained that the current owner of the Quik Stop transferred the ownership to his son, Hirenkumar Patel, and that no licenses were allowed to be transferred to anyone per the language in the ordinance on alcoholic beverage licenses. Mr. Patel submitted an application, completed the investigatory process in which the Sheriff's Office conducted and provided a favorable report. The application was advertised and the public was given proper notice. A vote was needed to approve or disapprove the application.
 - Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approve the application. A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the application of Mr. Patel, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.

New Business

- Road Department Restrooms
 - Mr. Waller stated that two bids were received when the renovation to the restrooms were put out for bid. He stated that William McDonald was the lowest bid at \$19,375, while Washington County Machine Shop was just over \$25,000. He stated that renovations were long overdue and that this project would make the restrooms ADA compliant.
 - Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to award the project to William McDonald. A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to award the project, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 2020 LMIG Projects
 - The County Administrator explained that the County Engineer for road projects prepared the cost estimations on the roads selected, with an estimated cost just over \$1,591,000. The proposed road list included the following roads: Tennille Harrison Road (from Grady Mertz Road to King Rd.), Old Savannah Road (from Highway 15 to Grady Mertz Road), Plantation Drive, Hardwood Hollow, Newcastle Drive, Hunters Crossing, Edinwilde Drive, Wellington Drive, Devonhurst Drive, and Dixon Grove Road. He explained that there are roads in each district, and that, if approved, this list would be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation in order to receive the LMIG funds from the state, which would be just shy of \$900,000.
 - Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approve the road projects. A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to approve the projects, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion was passed unanimously.

Contract Ratification

- Helton Electric
 - 2 mini-split units for Road Department
 - \$6,214.00
 - Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to ratify the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to do so, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chairman Comments

Executive Session

- Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters. A motion was made by Commissioner Hitchcock to do so, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.
- No items were required to be voted on from the executive session.

Meeting Adjourned

Public Comment Session



Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest: 



Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk