

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

July 9, 2020

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 Watkins to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. 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 \$235,886.49
 - Road Department \$71,918.38
 - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$48,079.55
 - Courthouse \$50,861.28
 - EMA \$290.65
 - E-911 \$10,658.36
 - Landfill \$82,988.75

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

Road Department Update

- Mr. Waller stated that the Road Department is currently clipping shoulders on paved road to reduce the effect of grasses growing into the pavement, as well as spraying the roads' white lines for the same purpose. He stated that work has begun on relining the selected pipes located on Plantation Drive, and that a crew is working on preparing the area on Hamburg State Park road to accommodate the replacement of guardrail for the bridge there.
- Commissioner Hitchcock mentioned that a speed limit sign is missing on Colesby Smith Road. Mr. Waller stated that it would be replaced.

Appointments - None

Old Business - None

New Business

- Amendment to Beer/Wine Ordinance
 - The County Administrator explained that the Board of Commissioners would have to make an amendment to reflect the referendum results for the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays. He stated that the referendum was non-binding, and therefore required action by the Board to enact changes. He stated the County Attorney drafted a draft ordinance for the commissioners to consider. The commissioners agreed that sales on Sunday should begin at 1:00pm in respect to the churches, and end at 11:00pm. The County Administrator stated that the ordinance identified Christmas Day and Easter Day as days prohibited for sales, to which the commissioners agreed for both days to be prohibited from allowing sales. The County Administrator stated that, if no further changes were required, this amendment would be advertised in the legal organ appropriately before the next regularly scheduled meeting, at which the amendment could be voted on formally to enact. No further action was required regarding this item.

- County Office Disinfecting
 - The County Administrator explained that he had procured a quote from Serv-Pro to disinfect each County office in response to the spread of COVID-19. He stated that the quote is \$4,085 and is reimbursable through the State via the CARES Act funding the State has received from the federal government. He stated that, according to the Serv-Pro representative, the process entails the company to come in to “fog” each office, with each office wholly disinfected and safe to return into following a 10-15 minute period after the fogging is complete.
 - Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approve the quote. A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.

- Copier Lease Agreement – Sharp
 - The County Administrator explained that the County offices had been having numerous issues with its current copier provider. He stated that quotes were solicited from several copier companies, with only Sharp providing a quote. He stated that Sharp is approximately \$100 less per month, including the buyout for the current copier contract, and that the per copy price is lower for color copies and black and white copies. He stated the new lease agreement would be for 5 years.
 - Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approve the agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.

- Executive Session – Personnel
 - Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to enter into the Executive Session. Commissioner Simmons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.
 - Upon re-entering the regular session, the County Administrator explained that personnel, policies, and procedures were discussed regarding E-911. He stated that the County was presented a proposal to conduct an assessment of current policies, current metrics, and

personnel, and to produce new policies and manuals for the E-911 Center, as well as make recommendations for staffing structure. The proposal was in the amount of \$17,400 from Comnet Technical Solutions.

- Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to approve the proposal. A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chairman Comments

Meeting Adjourned

Public Comment Session

- Sheriff Cochran stated that there have been recent issues with large gatherings not adhering to social distancing guidelines set forth by the Governor's office. He stated that everyone should take the precautions advised, such as wearing a mask, sanitizing, and social distancing, to limit the number of exposures to COVID-19. He stated that it is important that we do our part to protect ourselves and others, especially the elderly citizens of our community since they are the individuals at the highest risk.
- Chairman Daniel thanked Sheriff Cochran for his efforts during these uncertain times.



Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest:



Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk