

COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020  
9:30 O'CLOCK A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM

Coffee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. with the following present: Chairman Johnny Wayne Jowers, Commissioners AJ Dovers, Jimmy Kitchens and Ted O'Steen. Also present were County Attorney Tony Rowell, Deputy County Clerk Princess Zachery and County Administrator Wesley Vickers. Vice-Chairman Oscar Paulk was absent.

Chairman Jowers called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Paulk asked County Attorney Tony Rowell to give the invocation. Everyone participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the pre-meeting work session and regular meeting held on January 21, 2020. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Attorney Rowell stated that officers from the Citizens Christian Academy FFA Chapter presented the Proclamation for National FFA Week February 22-29, 2020. Attorney Rowell read the Proclamation. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve this Proclamation. Commissioner O'Steen made a motion to approve the Proclamation. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County has received a Resolution to submit a Joint Application with the City of Douglas to obtain 2020 CDBG innovative Grant Program funds for a new facility to house Unison Behavioral Health. This grant will not affect the County CDBG Grants. The City of Douglas will be the lead agency. This Resolution will not require any funds from the County. Unison will give matching funds. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the Resolution. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve this Resolution. Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Mr. Jason Whiddon, Code Enforcement Director, stated that Mr. Warren Brown has made application for a rezoning request for 2.01 acres at 44 Estlee Mercer Road. The Planning Commission recommended approval on December 19, 2019. Attorney Rowell stated if any Board Member or Family Member has any conflict of interest in this property, please state that

for the record at this time. There were no conflicts of interest made. Attorney Rowell stated we will proceed with the Public hearing. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to enter a public hearing. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to enter the public hearing at 9:37 a.m. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed. Mr. Chris West with Terramore Development is asking for approval to develop a Dollar General Store on this property. This will be a quality development that will create jobs and provide additional tax revenue. They have received good feedback from residents. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:40 am. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the rezoning request by Mr. Warren Brown for Terramore Development for 2.01 Acres at 44 Estlee Mercer Road to be rezoned from Agriculture to Commercial. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Attorney Rowell stated the Board had previously approved to move forward with the purchase of 1-acre site for the Fire Department substation from Ms. Geneva McDonald. The cost of the land will be \$4,000.00. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the purchase of 1-acre site for Fire Department Substation from Ms. Geneva McDonald. Commissioner O'Steen made a motion to approve purchase of 1-acre site for Fire Department from Ms. Geneva McDonald. Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers has met with Georgia Department of Transportation to see about any additional funds that are available for the 2020 LMIG Program. DOT granted our request to add some roads to our LMIG resurfacing contract. The DOT will give the County \$225,000.00 with a 10% match. The County will add Harrell Grove Church Road, Harrell Church Road Extension and Chatterton Church Road by way of a change order with East Coast Asphalt for an increase of \$262,698.46. The original contract was \$1,593,349.45. The new contract amount is \$1,856,047.91. This is ready for approval today. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the change order for 2020 LMIG resurfacing contract. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the change order. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

4 Bids have been received for the construction of Cottonwood Road. The bids received were:

East Coast Asphalt	\$202,956.24
Allen Owens Construction & Paving, Inc.	\$215,354.49
Douglas Electric & Plumbing Company, Inc.	\$253,507.22
Thrift Brothers, LLC	\$261,114.30

Statewide recommends the low bid with East Coast Asphalt, LLC for \$202,956.24. Mr. Vickers stated this bid is \$30,000.00 less than the anticipated budget. Chairman Jowers made a motion to approve or reject the bid for Cottonwood Road. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the low bid with East Coast Asphalt of \$202,956.24. Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

There were no comments from the audience.

Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:50 a.m. o'clock. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

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Deputy County Clerk

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Chairman