

COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020
9:30 O'CLOCK A.M.
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM

Coffee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. with the following present: Chairman Jimmy Kitchens, Vice-Chairman Johnny Wayne Jowers, Commissioners AJ Dovers, Oscar Paulk and Ted O'Steen. Also present were County Attorney Tony Rowell, County Clerk Tracie Vickers and County Administrator Wesley Vickers.

Chairman Kitchens called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Jowers 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 Kitchens stated the list of 2020 County Officers had been discussed in the work session. Chairman Kitchens asked for a motion to approve the 2020 County Officers. Chairman Kitchens made a motion to approve the following County Officers for 2020.

Chairman- Johnny Wayne Jowers
Vice Chairman – Oscar Paulk
County Clerk – Tracie Vickers
Deputy Clerk – Princess Zachery
Deputy Clerk – Abby Paulk
County Attorney – Tony Rowell - Hall, Booth, Smith
County Auditor – Hurst and Hurst
Road Superintendent – Don Stokes
Assistant Road Superintendent – Wendell Troupe

Chairman Jowers thanked Commissioner Kitchens for a job well done.

Chairman Jowers announced there will be a County wide revival tonight and tomorrow night at Coffee Middle School at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the pre-meeting work session and regular meeting held on December 16, 2019, Executive Session held on December 16, 2019. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Paulk 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.

Mr. Jason Whiddon, Code Enforcement Officer, stated this is the first reading for a rezoning request by Terramore Development from Agricultural to Commercial for 2.01 acres located at 44 Estlee Mercer Road. This property is at the Southwest Corner of the intersection of Hwy 158 West and Estlee Mercer Road. This is for the purpose of building a Dollar General Store. The Planning Commission met on December 19, 2019 and approved this rezoning request. The Staff recommends approval of this rezoning request. The public hearing will be held on February 3rd at 9:30 a.m. at the Regular Commission meeting. Required postings will be done.

Chief Steve Carver stated the County has received two bids for the purchase of a fire engine. The two bids received are:

Fireline	\$341,818.00
Ten 8 Fire and Safety Equipment of GA, LLC	\$336,299.00

Chief Carver recommends the low bid with Ten 8 Fire and Safety Equipment of GA, LLC. The County will receive \$268,188.00 through a FEMA grant for the purchase of the fire engine. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the purchase of a fire engine. Commissioner Paulk made a motion to approve the low bid with Ten 8 Fire and Safety Equipment of GA, LLC of \$336,299.00. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Jowers asked for a motion for Board Members expiring December 31, 2019. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion for the following board appointments:

Economic Development Authority - Adam Smith - 1-1-2020 to 12-31-2023
Atkinson -Coffee County Joint Development Authority – John Henry- 1-1-2020 to 12-31-2023
Atkinson-Coffee County Joint Development Authority –Rowland Cummings - 1-1-2020 to 12-31-2023
Southern Georgia Regional Commission – Johnny Wayne Jowers- 1-1-2020 to 12-31-2020
Board of Health – Johnny Wayne Jowers – 1-1-2020 to 12-31-2020
Recreation Board -Rueben Speight - 1-1-2020 to 12-31-2022
Recreation Board – Legrand Roberts – 1-1-2020 to 12-31-2022
Recreation Board -Sid Adams – 1-1-2020 to 12-31-2022
Ocmulgee Blue Way Committee – Tony Rowell - 1-1-2020 to 12-31-2020
Ocmulgee Blue Way Committee – Ted O'Steen – 1-1-2020 to 12-31-2020
DFACS Board – Steve Bailey – 1-1-2020 to 06-30-2022
Hospital Authority –At Large - Norma Lynn Hand, Scott Miller, Ronald Grantham-1-1-2020 to 12-31-2022
Hospital Authority – District #1 -Virginia Tomblin, Naomi Williams, Terry Oats- 1-1-2020 to 12-31-2022
Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County must adopt a Resolution to adopt the Qualifying Fees for the upcoming 2020 election. Mr. Vickers read the Qualifying fees for each office.

County Commissioner	\$ 127.17
Sheriff	\$2,106.83
Clerk of Superior Court	\$1,690.58
Tax Commissioner	\$1,690.58
Probate Judge	\$1,690.58
Magistrate Court Judge	\$1,690.58
State Court Judge	\$1,699.50
Surveyor	\$ 10.00
Coroner	\$ 593.25
Board of Education	\$ 303.19

The fees will be posted in the newspaper, as required. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the Resolution to set Qualifying Fees for the upcoming 2020 elections. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the Resolution to set Qualifying Fees for the upcoming 2020 election. 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 Paulk made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:44 a.m. o'clock. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Clerk

Chairman