

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

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

Chairman Jowers called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Chairman 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 Jowers announced a public hearing requested by CSX concerning Salem Church Crossing will be held on August 3, 2020 at the Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 1, 2020 and the Special Called Work Session held on June 1, 2020, the Executive Session held on June 1, 2020 and the County Commissioners Retreat Work Session held on June 24, 2020. Commissioner Paulk made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment of Item #13 to approve or reject for the Brush Control Spray list B and the Contract with Bristow LLC and also the amendment of Item # 14 to approve or reject the ratified contract of the Courthouse Janitorial Services with BECK. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Attorney Rowell stated the Indigent Defense Contract for Mr. Chad White is the same as last year. These services will be for Indigent Defense services in Juvenile Court. The contract is for \$7,200.00 per year. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the Indigent Defense Representation Contract for Chad White for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Commissioner O'Steen made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Attorney Rowell stated the Indigent Defense Contract for Mr. Bryan Rumker is the same as last year. These services will be for Indigent Defense services in State Court. The contract is for \$24,999.96. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the Indigent Defense Representation Contract for Bryan Rumker for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Attorney Rowell stated the County Participation Contract with Unison Behavioral Health is the same as last year. The contract fee is \$20,000.00 per year. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the contract. Commissioner O'Steen made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Attorney Rowell stated the Lease Agreement with Unison Behavioral Health for 1005 Shirley Avenue for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 is up for renewal. Attorney Rowell stated the County provides this facility for Unison Behavioral Health. There is no fee for this agreement. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject this agreement. Commissioner O'Steen made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Attorney Rowell stated the County has received bids for the purchase of a tractor at the Road Department. This bid was originally put out with weights and a bucket. It was determined that the County did not need those items. The bucket and the weights were deducted. The net bids were:

Lasseter Tractor - JD 5115M - \$74,329.30
Crosby Equipment Company - M6-111 \$79,900.00

Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the bids for a tractor at the Road Department. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the low bid of Lasseter Tractor for \$74,329.30. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Attorney Rowell stated the County has received the Spraying List B and the contract from Bristow LLC. This spraying list B will include 99.8 miles of roads to be considered for spraying. This contract is for \$95.00 per acre not to exceed \$20,000.00 annually. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the contract and the Spraying List B for Bristow LLC. Commissioner Paulk made a motion to approve or reject the contract and Spraying List B. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Attorney Rowell stated that between our last meeting and this meeting the Judicial circuit issued an order as to the manner that the County must keep the Courthouse cleaned due to COVID-19. This order had to be implemented forthwith, therefore, County Administrator Vickers interviewed several cleaning companies. BECK met the requirements and due to the emergency Judicial order, the County began using them immediately. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve the ratification of the Contract for Courthouse Janitorial Services with BECK. Commissioner O'Steen made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Attorney Rowell read the Proclamation for Joe Farris Day in Coffee County on July 25th. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve the Proclamation for Annual Joe Farris Day in Coffee County on July 25th. Commissioner O'Steen made a motion to approve the Proclamation. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Attorney Rowell stated the County has received the GIS Services Agreement between Coffee County and Southern Georgia Regional Commission. Southern Georgia Regional Commission maintains the data base and mapping for our County Road system and makes necessary corrections and mapping for our roads. This contract is \$2,000.00 per year. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject this contract. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Mr. Ray Parker, Code Enforcement Officer, stated this is the second reading of the amendment to Chapter 5, Supplement Standards Section 49. This requires Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems to be screened from abutting residential zoning district and a six foot chain length fence and kept no less than 50 feet from a property line. This is ready for a vote today. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to enter a public hearing. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to enter a public hearing. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed. There were no comments by the audience. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the Amendment to the Land Development Code, Supplemental Standards Section 49, Utility Substations, Ground Mounted Solar Energy System. Commissioner Paulk made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Jowers asked for any comments from the audience. 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 9:50 a.m. o'clock. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Clerk

Chairman