

COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020
9:30 O'CLOCK A.M.
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM

Coffee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. with the following present: Chairman Johnny Wayne Jowers, Vice-Chairman Oscar Paulk, Commissioners AJ Dovers, Jimmy Kitchens and Ted O'Steen. Also present were County Attorney Tony Rowell, County Clerk Tracie Vickers and County Administrator Wesley Vickers.

Chairman Jowers called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Dovers 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 the General Primary Election will be held on June 9th. Chairman Jowers encouraged everyone to vote.

Chairman Jowers also announced that former Commissioner Donnie Graham passed away and to please remember his family in prayer.

Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 18, 2020. Commissioner Dovers 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 Kitchens made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 7A for an amendment to the Land Development Code. Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Mr. Jason Whiddon, Code Enforcement Director, stated this is the first reading of an amendment to the Land Development Code, Chapter 5, Section 49. Mr. Whiddon read the amendment.

5-49. - Utility Substation, Ground Mounted Solar Energy System.

- a. Structures shall be placed no less than 50 feet from any property line.
- b. Structures are to be enclosed by a solid or chain-link fence or wall at least six feet in height above finished grade.
- c. Structures shall be fully screened from abutting residential zoning districts to the reasonable satisfaction of the county Code Enforcement Department through any one or a combination of planting or existing vegetation, all of which should be capable of reaching a height of eight (8) feet. If for any reason an existing buffer vegetation is removed, within six months from clearing existing vegetation, owner must re-establish an acceptable buffer, compliant with this code section.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County has received the contract to provide operation of the Senior Center with Congregate and Home Delivered Meals for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The contract is the same as last year with the federal and state funding at \$42,235.00 and the local match for the County is \$4,693.00. This is ready for approval today. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the contract to provide operation of the Senior Center with Congregate and Home Delivered Meals for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Commissioner Paulk made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County has received the Engineering Services contract with Statewide Engineering for Sioux Trail and Burton Road. The contract for Engineering Services is \$39,533.00. The Engineering contract is ready for approval today. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the Engineering Services Contract with Statewide Engineering for Sioux Trail and Burton Road. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County's enabling legislation calls for one Commission meeting per month. Mr. Vickers suggested the Commission meeting be held on the first Monday of every month. Mr. Vickers recommends changing the schedule at this time and if necessary, the schedule could go back to two meetings in the future. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the new meeting schedule for Coffee County Board of Commissioners allowing for one Meeting per month on the First Monday including Commission work sessions. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the change. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Mr. Parker Borland, Hurst and Hurst stated that due to the unknown timeline of the Hospital Authority Board completing their audit report, he is ready to present the County Financial report. The audit will not be available until the Hospital Authority report is submitted; however Mr. Borland anticipates a clean opinion. There are no issues with the FY2019 County audit report. All issues with the FY 2018 audit have been resolved. Mr. Borland reported an overall General Fund surplus of \$821,000.00 for the year end, which was \$1.1 million better than expected.

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 9:44 a.m. o'clock. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Clerk

Chairman