

**COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022
9:30 O'CLOCK A.M.
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**

Coffee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. with the following present: Chairman AJ Dovers, Vice-Chairman Ted O'Steen, Commissioners Johnny Wayne Jowers, Jimmy Kitchens and Oscar Paulk. Also present were County Attorney Tony Rowell, County Administrator Wesley Vickers, and County Clerk Tracie Vickers. Also present were Agency Directors/Department Heads and members of the public.

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

Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the minutes of the pre-meeting work session and the regular meeting held on May 2, 2022 and the Executive Sessions held on January 14, 2022, March 7, 2022, April 4, 2022, April 13, 2022, May 2, 2022 and May 5, 2022 and the Special Called Meetings held on April 13, 2022 and on April 27, 2022 and the Special Called Work Session held on May 5, 2022. This was seconded by Commissioner Paulk. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

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

Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve an appointment to the Department of Family and Children Services Board for the period of June 6, 2022 through June 30, 2025 for the unexpired term of Ms. Nina Lott. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to appoint Mr. Vernon Talkington to the Department of Family and Children Services Board. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated that Justin Harrell has made application for a road closure for Will Kirkland Road and the portion of Old Waycross Highway beginning at Dewberry Road and running Southeast to its intersection with Will Kirkland Road. All notices have been sent and this has been properly advertised. The Commissioner's office has not received any comments on this road closure. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to enter a public hearing. Commissioner Paulk made a motion to enter a public hearing at 9:57 a.m. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed. There were no public comments. Commissioner Paulk made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:57 a.m. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve or reject the Resolution for Road Abandonment for Will Kirkland Road and the portion of Old Waycross Highway beginning at Dewberry Road and running southeast to its intersection with Will Kirkland Road. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the Resolution of Road Abandonment. Commissioner Jowers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Attorney Rowell stated that Ms. Nayana Patel has made application for an alcohol license for Quick Gas located at 1656 US Highway 221 North. Attorney Rowell stated this application is in order and is ready for approval today. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve or reject the alcohol application for Ms. Nayana Patel for Quick Gas located at 1656 US Hwy 221 North. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to approve the alcohol license. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the Commission will need to ratify the Administration contract with Southern Georgia Regional Commission for Jacobs Circle and Daniels Way – CDBG Project. This is a ratification of this contract due to the Chairman having to sign the documentation for Southern Georgia Regional Commission to submit the grant application. The fees will be \$60,000.00 for administration cost if this grant is approved. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve or reject the ratification of the Administration Contract with Southern Georgia Regional Commission for Jacobs Circle and Daniels Way – CDBG project. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the ratification of this contract. Commissioner Jowers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the Commission will also need to ratify the agreement for Professional services between Coffee County and Statewide engineering for 2022 CDBG SWE-22-3400 B Street and Drainage Improvements on Jacobs Circle and Daniels Way. This is a ratification of this agreement due to the agreement having to be signed for Southern Georgia Regional Commission to submit the grant application. The engineering services cost is \$76,755.00. The construction management cost is \$32,895.00. The total project cost for this agreement is \$109,650.00. This agreement is contingent upon the grant being awarded. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve or reject the ratification of the Agreement for Professional Services between Coffee County and Statewide Engineering for 2022 CDBG SWE-22-3400-B Street and Drainage Improvements on Jacobs Circle and Daniels Way. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the ratification of this agreement. Commissioner Jowers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Mr. Jason Whiddon, Code Enforcement Director, stated this is the first reading of the rezoning request by Cory Carter for 2.38 Acres located at 1830 South Peterson Avenue from R2, Residential to Commercial. Mr. Carter is requesting this rezoning for the purpose of placing self-storage buildings on the property. The Planning Commission met on May 19, 2022 and recommends approval of the rezoning. The Staff agrees to approve this request.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County has received bids for the demolition of a portion of the old Coffee County Jail located at 225 West Bryan Street. This is the north wing of the building where drug court is presently located. The County received (1) bid. The base bid received was from Harper & Company Builders, Inc. for \$198,700.00. Mr. Vickers reached out to Mr. Suttles to make sure this bid was reasonable, and Mr. Suttles stated he believes it is. Harper & Company Builders, Inc. could begin this project on August 1, 2022 and have it completed by October 1, 2022. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve or reject the bids for the demolition of a portion of the old Coffee County Jail located at 225 West Bryan Street. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the bid for Harper & Company Builders, Inc. Commissioner Jowers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the fire department has (2) Dodge Chrome bumpers to surplus on Gov Deals. These bumpers are from the Fire Chief's previous truck. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve or reject the sale of (2) Dodge Chrome bumpers on Gov Deals. Commissioner Paulk made a

motion to approve the sale of (2) Dodge Chrome bumpers on Gov Deals. Commissioner O'steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the fire department is in need of a fire truck to replace an old fire truck. Chief Carver has located a 1993 International which would also include some equipment. This would replace a truck that is out of service. The price of this truck is \$26,000.00 and would be contingent upon the inspection by Chief Carver. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve or reject the quote from SMJ Equipment, LLC for the purchase of a fire truck. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to approve the quote from SMJ, Equipment, LLC contingent upon the inspection by Chief Carver. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

There were no comments from the audience.

Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Paulk made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:59 o'clock a.m. and this was seconded by Commissioner O'Steen. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Clerk

Chairman