

COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021
9:30 O'CLOCK A.M.
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM

Coffee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. with the following present: Chairman Oscar Paulk, Vice-Chairman AJ Dovers, Commissioners Jimmy Kitchens, Ted O'Steen and Johnny Wayne Jowers. Also present were County Attorney Tony Rowell, County Administrator Wesley Vickers, and County Clerk Tracie Vickers. Also present were Agency Directors/Department Heads, the media, and members of the public.

Chairman Paulk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Chairman Paulk asked County Fire Chief Steve Carver to give the invocation. Everyone participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Paulk announced that Mr. Joe White, a former Law Enforcement Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's office, passed away this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Chairman Paulk also announced that we are proud of Mr. Willie Spence for getting a golden ticket on American Idol and encouraged everyone to support Mr. Spence.

Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the pre-meeting work session and the regular meeting held on February 1, 2021 and the Special Called Work Session held on February 10, 2021 and the Special Called Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2021. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Ms. Princess Zachery, HR Director, congratulated Mr. Charlie Wilcox for 20 years of service with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and presented him with a plaque. Ms. Zachery also congratulated Mr. James Boggan for 20 years of service with the Sheriff's office and presented him with a plaque. The Commission thanked Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Boggan for their service.

Attorney Rowell stated this will be a public hearing for a road closure for Cherokee Road. This application was made by Mr. Kerry Van Moore. This has been advertised in the newspaper and letters have been sent out to the adjacent landowners. Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to enter into a public hearing for the road closure of Cherokee Road. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to enter into a public hearing. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed. Mr. Bruce Deen and Ms. Donna Deen spoke in favor of closing this road. Attorney Rowell stated that Mr. Moore had agreed to give an easement to Mr. and Mrs. Deen for the ingress and egress to their property. Attorney Rowell asked Mr. and Mrs. Deen to get the easements and bring them back to him. They agreed to get the easements. Commissioner Kitchens stated that this road closing was contingent upon getting the ingress and egress completed. Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed. Attorney Rowell stated before we move to the next

agenda item we will need a motion contingent upon access for residents, but also Item #11 but also giving the Chairman authority to approve the quit claim deeds after all steps are taken by the landowners to finalize the Quit Claim Deeds.

Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve or reject the Resolution of Road Abandonment by Mr. Kerry Van Moore for Cherokee Road of approximately 0.9 miles beginning at its intersection with James Moore Road and running to its intersection with Moore Road. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the Resolution contingent upon the easements provided by Mr. Deen with the ingress and egress. Commissioner Jowers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve or reject the Quit Claim Deeds to Mr. Kerry Van Moore and Donna Deen associated with the abandonment of Cherokee Road. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the Quit Claim deeds to Ms. Deen and give the Chairman authorization to sign documents related to the road closure. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County has surplus property to be sold on Gov Deals. A 2010 model Crown Victoria, serial number 2FABP7BV7AX123194, and 23 pieces of well casing pipe from the Fire Department. Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve or reject the sale of these items as surplus property to be sold on Gov Deals. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to approve. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Attorney Rowell stated that Mr. Bhaumikkumar Patel has applied for a beer and wine license for Quick Gas located at 1656 Highway 221 North, Douglas, Ga. This application has been property posted. Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve or reject the application for a beer and wine license for Mr. Patel. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to approve the license. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County needs to purchase (3) Sheriff Office vehicles in accordance to the previously approved USDA grant. The bids received were:

Hardy Chevrolet - \$35,705.00
Brannen Motor Company - \$36,800.00
Fender Automotive Group - \$37,200.00

Mr. Vickers stated that Brannen is the only dealer that can get the 2021 model vehicles. USDA approved the purchase from Brannen due to the 2021 model vehicles not being able to be delivered by Hardy Chevrolet and Fender Automotive Group. The County will sell the vehicles that we are replacing, and the remainder of the funds will come out of SPLOST. Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve or reject the purchase of (3) Sheriff's Department Vehicles in accordance with the USDA grant. Commissioner O'steen made a motion to approve the purchase of (3) vehicles from Brannen Motor Group. Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Paulk asked for any comments from the audience. There were no comments from the audience.

Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:51 a.m. o'clock. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Clerk

Chairman