

COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021
9:30 O'CLOCK A.M.
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM

Coffee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 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. 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 Paulk announced that National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 6th at the Central Square Gym at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chairman Paulk also asked everyone to please support Mr. Willie Spence on American Idol.

Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the pre-meeting work session and the regular meeting held on April 5, 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, Human Resources Director, congratulated Captain Kim Phillips for 33 years of combined service between Coffee County E-911 and the Coffee County Jail. Ms. Zachery presented him with a plaque. Mr. Phillips thanked the Commission for their support and thanked Coffee County E-911 and the Coffee County Sheriff's office for their support.

Mr. Jason Whiddon, Code Enforcement Director, stated Mr. William Preston has made application for a rezoning request for 2.89 acres located at 3644 Highway 221 North, Douglas, GA from AG, Agriculture to C, Commercial for the purpose of putting a law office at this location. The Planning Commission met on March 18, 2021 and approved this rezoning request. The Staff has also approved this rezoning request. Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to enter a public hearing. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to enter a public hearing. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed. Mr. William Preston stated that he would encourage the Commission to approve this rezoning request. There were no further comments by the audience. Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve or reject the rezoning request by Mr. William Preston for 2.89 acres located at 3644 Highway 221 North, Douglas, Georgia from R2, Residential to C, Commercial. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Mr. Jason Whiddon, Code Enforcement Director, stated this is the first reading for the rezoning request for Mr. Thomas Mizell, Jr. for 1.41 acres at 9221 Highway 32 West, Douglas, GA from AG, Agriculture to C, Commercial. There is an existing building that Mr. Mizell plans to rent out as Commercial property.

Mr. Jason Whiddon, Code Enforcement Director, stated this is the first reading for the rezoning request for Mr. Ruben Tinajero for 4 acres located at 689 Chatterton Church Road, Nicholls, Georgia from AG, Agriculture to C, Commercial. Mr. Tinajero plans to build a cargo trailer plant.

County Administrator Wesley Vickers presented the annual contract from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to operate the Senior Center to provide meals with Congregate and Home Delivered Meals. The amount of reimbursement to the County will increase. The amount of this contract is \$80,447.00 including the local match. This contract is ready for approval today. The Senior Center reopened today. Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve or reject the contract with Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging to provide Operation of Senior Center with Congregate and Home Delivered Meals. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers presented the Engineering Services contract for striping County roads from Statewide Engineering, Inc. Statewide Engineering, Inc. provided a list of roads for review. There is 47.852 miles of striping. This contract is for \$5,000.00. This is ready for approval today. Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve or reject the Engineering Services Contract for Striping County Roads. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the Engineering Services Contract. Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County received (2) bids for Striping Improvements to various roads. The bids received were:

Peek Pavement Marking, LLC	\$134,720.09
Roadside Specialties, LLC	\$136,720.60

This is for 47.852 miles of striping. This will be paid out of TSPLOST funds. The County will be doing some of the sweeping of the roadway edges. Commissioner Jowers asked if additional roads could be added to this list. Mr. Vickers will talk to Mr. Don Stokes, Road Superintendent, to ask if there are additional roads to be added. Mr. Vickers also asked the Commission to get with him if they have additional roads to add to this project. Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve or reject the bid for Striping Various County Roads. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the low bid of Peek Paving Marking, LLC for \$134,720.09. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated that Mr. James Barnes, Elections Superintendent, came before the Commission in the Pre-Meeting Work Session to review the contract with Southern Georgia Regional Commission for Geographic Information System Services. Southern Georgia Regional Commission currently does other GIS services for the County. Due to the redistricting coming up in regards to the 2020 Census, this service is needed. This service will help make certain that Citizens vote in the proper precinct. This contract may have a small increase added to the \$2,000.00 that is currently stated in the contract due to some additional services that Mr. Barnes has requested. Attorney Rowell stated that it is fine to approve the contract with the additional services added later. Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve or reject the agreement with Southern Georgia Regional Commission for Geographic Information System services pertaining to the Elections Department. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner O'steen 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 Jowers made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:50 a.m. o'clock. Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Clerk

Chairman