

COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020
9:30 O'CLOCK A.M.
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM

Coffee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. with the following present: Chairman Johnny Wayne Jowers, Vice-Chairman Oscar Paulk, Commissioners Jimmy Kitchens, and AJ Dovers. Also present were County Attorney Tony Rowell, County Administrator Wesley Vickers, and County Clerk Tracie Vickers. Commissioner Ted O'steen was absent.

Chairman Jowers called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Jimmy Kitchens asked County Administrator Wesley Vickers to give the invocation. Everyone participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Jowers announced early voting will begin on October 12th. There will be early voting on Saturday, October 24th.

Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the pre-meeting work session and the regular meeting held on September 8, 2020. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

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

County Attorney Rowell read the National 4-H week Proclamation. Mr. Kevin Tatum, 4-H Agent, appreciates the opportunity to come give the Commission an update on the 4-H program. The Coffee County 4-H program is currently serving about 1300 4-H students in the school system. Several 4-H students that were in attendance introduced themselves. Ms. Liz Batten thanked Kevin Tatum for his leadership to the Coffee County 4-H program. Ms. Chalanda Woods also stated Mr. Tatum has done an outstanding job. Mr. Tatum appreciates the Commission for their support. Chairman Jowers asked for a vote to approve the National 4-H Week Proclamation. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to approve the Proclamation. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County has received a Resolution application for the USDA grant for the purchase of (3) Tahoe's for the sheriff's Office. It is a \$50,000 grant and the County will pay the additional money out of SPLOST. The County will put the old vehicles on surplus when the new ones come in. The County will be approving the Resolution which also gives the Chairman authorization to sign the documents related to the grant. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the Resolution. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion

to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated we are required to procure Engineering services for CDBG projects coming up. This has been advertised in the newspaper. This is for the mitigation application for Riverbend and also for the application for Jacobs Circle coming up in April 2021. The proposals were scored as follows:

Hofstadter & Associates scored 68
EXP Services, Inc. scored 46
Statewide Engineering scored 72

Mr. Vickers stated that Statewide Engineering scored the highest based on their knowledge of the community and past projects. His recommendation is for Statewide Engineering Services to provide engineering services for the upcoming CDBG applications. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the Engineering firms for the FY 2021 CDBG project. Commissioner Paulk made a motion to approve Statewide Engineering. Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Jowers stated this will be for the purchase of (2) patrol vehicles. County Administrator Vickers stated these will be to replace two vehicles that were wrecked. The (2) bids received were:

	Each	Total
Akins Dodge Jeep Chrysler -	\$26,099.00	\$52,198.00
Coffee Chrysler	\$26,000.00	\$52,000.00

The insurance proceeds received was \$25,182.68 which leaves a net cost of \$26,817.32. Mr. Vickers recommends the local bidder of Coffee Chrysler. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the purchase of (2) vehicles. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to approve the purchase from Coffee Chrysler for \$52,000.00. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Jowers presented the contract of sale with Weyerhaeuser Company for the Acquisition of right-of-way on Shell Bell Road. County Administrator Vickers stated as discussed in the work session, Weyerhaeuser would like to do this a little different than normal right-of-way deeds. The County actually asked for significantly less than stated here. Weyerhaeuser would like to do a contract of sale with \$1.00 consideration and deed the County the entire length of the road that borders their property, which is a little over 5,200 feet. The majority of this does not include the portion of the road that the County will be paving. Going forward the County will have the 60-foot right -of- way. It has been described with a beginning and ending point. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the Contract of Sale with Weyerhaeuser Company for the Acquisition of right-of-way on Shell Bell Road. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the contract of sale with Weyerhaeuser Company. Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Jowers presented the Engineering Contract for Drainage pipe replacement on Cedar Drive. This will be for the replacement of metal pipes that have deteriorated with new concrete

pipes and additional improvements to the current drainage structure. The County has them on our LMIG request list from DOT and should be processed in the next 30 days. Before you today is the Engineering contract with Statewide for \$7,500.00. Chairman Jowers asked for a motion to approve or reject the Engineering Contract for drainage pipe replacement on Cedar Drive. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the Engineering Contract. Commissioner Paulk 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 Dovers made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:50 a.m. o'clock. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Clerk

Chairman