

February 04, 2020

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MADISON, GEORGIA, MET THIS DAY IN REGULAR SESSION.

PRESENT: Chairman Philipp von Hanstein, Vice-Chair Ben Riden, Jr., Commissioners Ronald H. Milton., Donald Harris and Andy A. Ainslie, Jr.,

STAFF: County Manager Adam Mestres, County Attorney Christian Henry and staff Member Kim Cox.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Commissioner Ainslie, Seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve agenda with the removal of item #15, Commissioner Liaison Reports. Unanimously Approved.

4TH GRADE PRESENTATION

Morgan County 4th grade students presented their water park project.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Finance Director, Lori Sayer presented the county audit.

LYNDA BROWN-AMERICA'S DOCUMENTS OF LAW & GOVERNMENT

Lynda Brown discussed America's Documents of Law and Government.

FOUR COUNTY UPDATE

Bob Hughes with the Morgan County Chamber gave a JDA update.

MINUTES

January 07, 2020 Minutes

January 21, 2020 Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Riden, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimously Approved.

CALENDARS

County Manager, Adam Mestres reviewed February-April 2020 calendars.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to accept as information the January 2020 payables to include General Fund in the amount of \$827,901.91, TSPLOST in the amount of \$318,824.10, SPLOST in the amount of \$56,167.97, General Fund electronic payments in the amount of \$8,293.86 and the January 2020 financials.

MOTION by Commissioner Harris, Seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously Approved.

RV Hardship Request

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At the January 7th, 2020 BOC meeting a request from Bobby Richards was heard for a hardship request to allow his son, Terry Richards, to live in a RV on his farm to help care for him.

This request was tabled to investigate the septic system and electrical. After Planning Director, Chuck Jarrell, spoke with Lynette Knight with the Health Department concerning the sewage holding tank, it was found to not be legal. Under State law O.C.G.A 12-15-1, sewage holding tanks are only permitted for construction trailers and special events.

Jarrell also inspected the electrical and determined it to be in a safe operational condition.

If the Board decides to grant the Hardship, Mr. Richards will need to install a State approved septic system to handle sewage. Jarrell also recommends the Hardship be limited to twelve months. If the need for Hardship is to be extended, Mr. Richards would need to come back before the Board for an extension.

Commissioner Riden asked Mr. Richards if he would be willing to move the RV closer to the home to tie into the septic system and run internet cables to the home.

Mr. Richards stated he liked where the RV was located and asked the Board if he could remove the holding tank and utilize the RV tanks. He would ensure the tanks are pumped regularly and stated twelve months would give him enough time to make other arrangement.

MOTION by Commissioner Riden to approve the hardship request for twelve months in current location, to remove holding tanks and utilize RV tanks to be pumped regularly. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

MOTION by Commissioner Ainslie, Seconded by Commissioner Harris deny the hardship request. **Motion passed 3-1 with Milton voting to deny and Riden voting against denial.**

Discussion of Clothes Closet Building

The Board discussed the condition of the Clothes Closet roof.

Pitney Bowes Lease Renewal

The current postage meter lease with Pitney Bowes will expire June 29th, 2020. The current machine will no longer be serviced, so a replacement model is recommended with the proposed contract renewal. The new monthly rate will be \$194.00, a \$10.94 increase from the previous lease which was \$183.04 monthly. The proposed lease is for 36 months and will expire June 29th, 2023.

MOTION by Commissioner Harris, Seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the Pitney Bowes lease renewal for 36 months expiring June 29th, 2023 for \$194.00 per month. Unanimously Approved.

Animal Services Shelter Fencing

New and replacement fencing for outdoor kennel and exercise spaces at the Animal Services Shelter is a planned SPLOST project. Bids were solicited from several vendors but only two bids were submitted. The project was awarded to D&D Fencing for \$8,400 and appropriate approvals were obtained. Once D&D Fencing began work on January 29th, 2020, it was discovered that inaccurate measurements were used by both vendors to quote the project. D&D Fencing provided a quote for \$4,200 to complete the full scope of work. Therefore, the total cost of the project is \$12,600.

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MOTION by Commissioner Riden, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the additional \$4,200 to complete the fencing project for Animal Services. Unanimously Approved.

Purchase of Roll Off Truck

The purchase of a replacement roll-off truck is a planned SPLOST purchase. \$175,000 was allocated to purchase the roll-off truck. The new truck will replace the 1999 Volvo with 452,500 miles. An RFP was posted on the County's website and the Georgia Procurement Registry. Two bids were received and have been evaluated. The recommendation is to purchase a replacement roll-off truck from Peach State for \$148,403.35.

MOTION by Commissioner Harris, Seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve purchase of a roll-off truck from Peach State for \$148,403.35. Unanimously Approved.

Replacement Compacter Containers

There are two containers used at the compactor sites that are in need of replacement. Public Buildings and Public Works have repaired the units multiple times in the past and can no longer be repaired. Only two vendors submitted quotes. The recommendation is to purchase two containers from Rhino Containers for a cost of \$13,650.00. Additionally, this was not a budgeted expense. Therefore, a budget amendment to transfer \$14,650.00 from contingency to Solid Waste is needed.

MOTION by Commissioner Milton, Seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve purchase of two containers from Rhino Containers for \$13,650.00 and motion to approve budget amendment to transfer \$13,650 from contingency to Solid Waste. Unanimously Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments were made by:

Gary Savage, Morgan County Resident

MOTION by Commissioner Ainslie, seconded by Commissioner Riden to exit regular session. Unanimously Approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL

MOTION by Commissioner Ainslie seconded by Commissioner Riden to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Unanimously Approved. (Original signed Affidavit in Executive Session Legal Requirement Book).

MOTION by Commissioner Ainslie, seconded by Commissioner Riden to exit Executive Session. Unanimously Approved.

MOTION by Commissioner Ainslie, seconded by Commissioner Riden to enter Regular Session. Unanimously Approved.

MOTION by Commissioner Ainslie, seconded by Commissioner Riden to exit regular session. Unanimously Approved.

MOTION by Commissioner Ainslie, seconded by Commissioner Riden to adjourn. Unanimously Approved.

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Philipp von Hanstein, Chairman

ATTEST:

Leslie Brandt, County Clerk

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