

THE BULLOCK COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

February 8, 2021

9:00 A.M.

Call of Roll to Establish Quorum: All members present, namely: Chairman Alonza Ellis, Jr., District One Commissioner Don Larkins, District Two Commissioner John L. Adams, District Three Commissioner John McGowan, District Four Commissioner Solomon Marlow, Jr. and County Administrator Patrick D. Smith, who recorded the minutes; County Attorney John Waters was also present. A quorum was established.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was done by Commissioner Larkins.

On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Larkins to approve the agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner Marlow, Jr. to approve the January 2021 Meeting minutes. All in favor; motion carried.

On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commission Marlow, Jr. to approve the January 2021 Expenditures, including payroll totaling \$683,881.78. All in favor with a no vote from Commissioner Larkins due to the fact he has not reviewed the expenditures; Majority vote carried.

Revenue Commissioner Neara Reed approached the commission to seek approval to implement the 3 mill tax for the Bullock County school system that was voted on and passed by the citizens of Bullock County. On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner Adams to give approval to the Revenue Commissioner to implement the 3 mill tax for the Bullock County school system that was voted on and passed by the citizens of Bullock County. All in favor; motion carried.

City of Union Springs, Alabama Engineer Tim Simpson came before the commission to get approval regarding a resolution outlining a joint agreement with Bullock County and the City of Union Springs for GIS data within the county. On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Larkins to approve the resolution outlining a joint agreement with Bullock County and the City of Union Springs regarding GIS data within the county. The resolution will be number 2021-02. All in favor; motion carried.

On a motion from Commissioner Marlow, Jr., seconded by Commissioner McGowan to table RAM Computers contract for 2021. RAM Computers is the county's information technology service provider. All in favor; motion carried.

On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner Marlow, Jr. to table the contract of Mr. Eric Love, CPA to provide management services to Bullock County for FY 2020. All in favor; motion carried.

County Administrator Patrick D. Smith came before the commission to seek approval for AVENU Sales Tax Collections Contract and AVENU Lodging Tax Collections Contract. On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve both the AVENU Sales Tax and Lodging Tax Collections Contract. All in favor; motion carried.

Roland Vaughan from VAST Solutions approached the commission to get approval to replace the lighting system with an LED system throughout the county facilities for a cost of \$47,767.25. On a motion from Commissioner Larkins, seconded by Commissioner McGowan to approve the lighting contract with VAST Solution at a cost of \$47, 767.25. All in favor; motion carried.

Administrator Smith came before the commission to seek approval to adjust the county's federal standard mileage rate to .56 per mile. The federal standard mileage rate decreased from prior year 2020. On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Larkins to approve the county's federal mileage rate of .56 per mile. All in favor; motion carried.

On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Marlow, Jr. to table the full-time hire of the commission office receptionist. All in favor; motion carried.

On a motion from Commissioner Marlow, Jr, seconded by Commissioner McGowan to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. All in favor; motion carried.

County Engineer Jason DeShazo approached the commission to get approval regarding bid recommendations. DeShazo recommended Ozark Striping to receive the striping bid/contract. On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Larkins to approve the recommendation by the Engineer DeShazo to select Ozark Striping for the striping bid/contract. All in favor; motion carried.

Engineer DeShazo also came before the commission to get approval to renew the current bids for the Construction equipment and operator and the asphalt cold mix/ hot mix. On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner McGowan to approve the recommendation by the Engineer to renew the current bids for Construction equipment and operator and the asphalt cold mix/ hot mix. All in favor; motion carried.

County Engineer DeShazo approached the commission to get approval for Ford Truck purchases. DeShazo recommends purchasing the 2021 F150 and 2021 F250 pick up trucks for \$34,969 and \$36,435, respectively, off of the State of Alabama contract T191. On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Larkins to approve the above truck purchases. All in favor; motion carried.

DeShazo came before the commission to get approval to declare surplus and sale of a wheel loader at the J.M. Wood Auction. On a motion from Commissioner Larkins, seconded by Commissioner McGowan to approve the surplus and sale of a wheel loader at the J.M. Wood Auction. All in favor; motion carried.

DeShazo also approached the commission to seek approval for the purchase of a wheel loader not to exceed \$70,000. On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner McGowan to approve the purchase of a wheel loader not to exceed \$70,000. All in favor; motion carried.

Engineer DeShazo came before the commission to seek approval to hire Turner Lee as the county assistant engineer. His salary will be \$49,190.40. On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Larkins to approve the hire of Turner Lee as the county assistant engineer with a starting salary of \$49,190.40. All in favor; motion carried.

On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner Adams to amend the agenda to reflect the CDBG Grant application. All in favor; motion carried.

County Engineer DeShazo also came before the commission to get approval to submit a CDBG Grant application. The grant proceeds will not exceed \$200,000. However, the Town of Midway wishes to receive \$50,000 of those proceeds which will leave the county the remaining \$150,000; the City of Union Springs allowed the county full usage of the grant proceeds. DeShazo stated that there was no match needed to secure the grant. On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner Larkins to approve the CDBG Application in the amount of \$150,000.

On a motion from Commissioner Marlow, Jr, seconded by Commissioner McGowan to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Per roll call, all commissioners agreed to go into Executive Session at 10:46 a.m. All in favor; motion carried.

The commissioners exited Executive Session at 11:11 a.m. No action was taken.

On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Marlow, Jr. to recess the meeting until Monday, February 22, 2021 at 9 a.m. to discuss the courthouse elevator, courthouse roof, Schneider Electric contract and the commission office job duties. All in favor; motion carried.