

**THE BULLOCK COUNTY COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 11, 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 Solomon Marlow 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 Sheriff Rodgers.**

**County Attorney John Waters asked the commission to consider placing an Executive Session on the agenda to discuss a potential legal matter. On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner John Adams to amend the agenda to place Executive Session on the agenda. All in favor; motion carried.**

**County Administrator Patrick D. Smith approached the commission to have an item placed on the agenda. He stated that he would like the commission to consider adding the hiring of an Aging Department Van Driver. On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commission McGowan to allow the hiring of an Aging Department Van Driver. All in favor; motion carried.**

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

**On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Marlow, Jr. to approve the December 2020 Meeting minutes. All in favor; motion carried.**

**On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commission Marlow, Jr. to approve the December 2020 Expenditures, including payroll totaling \$542,464.23. All in favor; motion carried.**

**Administrator Smith approached the commission on behalf of D. H. R Tracy Larkins to seek approval for a D.H.R. Board appointment; Mrs. Larkins recommended the appointment of Mrs. Effie Young to sit on the D.H.R Board of Directors. On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner McGowan to approve Effie Young to sit on the D.H.R Board of Director. All in favor with one abstention from Commissioner Larkins due to a related party issue. Majority vote passed.**

**Bullock County Board of Registrars came before the commission to get approval regarding the new updated polling places/voter precincts in Bullock County. Bullock County previously had 15 precincts; with the updates, the precincts will be reduced to eight (8). On a motion**

from Commissioner Marlow, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the new updated polling places/voter precincts in Bullock County. All in favor; motion carried.

Bullock County Sheriff Raymond Rodgers came before the commission to seek approval to do an emergency hire for a part-time security guard in the courthouse. On a motion from Commissioner Marlow, Jr., seconded by Commissioner McGowan to approve the emergency hire for a part-time security guard in the courthouse. All in favor; motion carried.

Bullock County Aging Department Manager Miranda Townsend came before to get approval to hire an Aging Department Van Driver. Manager Townsend recommended the hire of Lucille Dill as the Aging Department Van Driver. On a motion from Commissioner Marlow, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Larkins to approve the hiring of Lucille Dill as the Aging Department Van Driver. All in favor; motion carried.

County Engineer Jason DeShazo approached to get approval for the County Rebuild Alabama Fund (CRAF) FY 2020 Annual Report. Engineer DeShazo stated that no expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year. On a motion from Commissioner Marlow, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the County Rebuild Alabama Fund FY 2020 Annual Report. All in favor; motion carried.

Engineer DeShazo came before the commission to seek approval for a resolution regarding the Land and Water Conservation Fund regarding the Harris Park Improvements. The resolution recommends through Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood (GMC) that the contract be awarded to Stephens Construction and Concrete in the amount of \$249,728.13 whereas the Bullock County Commission is responsible for 50% match. The resolution will be named Resolution 2021-01. On a motion from Commissioner Larkins, seconded by Commissioner McGowan to approve Resolution 2021-01 regarding the Land and Water Conservation Fund regarding the Harris Park Improvements. All in favor; motion carried.

County Engineer DeShazo approached the commission to recommend extending, renewing and rebidding items; DeShazo recommended items that are up for renewal/rebid are equipment/operator, asphalt hot mix/cold mix and striping. He also stated that striping will need to be rebid with planned opening of February 4, 2021 at the next agenda setting. On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve recommendations. All in favor; motion passed.

DeShazo also came before the commission to seek approval to purchase a Chevrolet truck from Larry Puckett Chevrolet estimated at \$35,584.80. On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the purchase of the Chevrolet truck from Larry Puckett Chevrolet estimated at \$35,584.80. All in favor; motion carried.

The commission decided to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Administrator Smith called each commissioner name to see if they wanted to go into Executive Session; all commissioners agreed. The commission proceeded into Executive Session at 9:57 a.m. On a motion from Commissioner Larkins, seconded by Commissioner Adams to go into Executive Session to discuss a potential legal matter. All in favor; motion carried.

**The commissioner exited the Executive Session at 10:38 a.m. On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner Larkins to exit the Executive Session. All in favor; motion carried.**

**Chairman Ellis, Jr. brought the meeting back into session. No other county business was on the agenda.**

**On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner Adams to adjourn the January 2021 Regular Meeting. All in favor; motion carried.**