

k THE BULLOCK COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

April 12, 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, 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 Marlow, Jr., seconded by Commissioner McGowan to approve the agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

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

On a motion from Commissioner Marlow, Jr., seconded by Commission McGowan to approve the March 2021 Expenditures, including payroll totaling \$921,255.17. All in favor; motion carried.

William Scott came before the commission to offer assistance regarding the proceeds that were appropriated to Bullock County through the American Rescue Plan 2021. He stated that he will assist us with expending the resources on eligible line items within the plan.

David Crunkleton came before the commission to talk with county employees in regards to a gun supplemental policy.

Carla Elston from the Extension Service gave an informational report regarding her projects and plans.

Mr. Eric Crawford approached the commission with concerns regarding County Road 52 road conditions. County Engineer stated that funds are earmarked federally as well as state and allocated for certain roads which is beyond his control. The commission stated that it would consider any roads that is in need of repair when additional funds allow.

County Administrator Patrick D. Smith came before the commission on behalf of Judge of Probate James Tatum to seek approval to advertise for the hiring of two additional Probate Clerks. On a motion from Commissioner Marlow, Jr., seconded by Commissioner McGowan to approve the advertising for the hiring of two additional Probate Clerks. All in favor; motion carried.

County Administrator Patrick D. Smith came before the commission to ask permission to advertise for a Part-Time Aging Van Driver. Bullock County Aging Director Miranda Townsend stated that one of the part-time drivers will be resigning and needs to be replaced. On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner Larkins to approve the advertising a Part-Time Aging Van Driver. All in favor; motion carried.

Bullock County Sheriff Raymond Rodgers came before the commission to seek approval to secure a fleet of new patrol vehicles. Sheriff Rodgers brought a Representative from Long Lewis Ford in Prattville, Alabama to speak on how the municipal fleet leasing program works. On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Marlow, Jr. to allow Sheriff Rodgers to begin the bid process that will include leasing patrol vehicles or purchasing and/or financing the vehicles. All in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Larkins came before the commission to advocate to extend the county's mask mandate until May 15, 2021. The mandate will include the wearing of masks in all county facilities. On a motion from Commissioner Larkins, seconded by Commissioner McGowan to approve the mask mandate extension to May 15, 2021. All in favor; motion carried.

County Administrator approached the commission to get approval of a resolution to submit to Retirement System of Alabama (RSA) stating that Bullock County will adopt the RSA Tier 1 option for all county employees. Administrator Smith stated that Tier 2 retirement withholding for regular employees will increase to a maximum of 7.5% and the law enforcement officer/firefighters will increase to a maximum of 8.5%. However, Smith stated the county will see an increase regarding the matching portion as well. Due to the change in Tiers, the county will have to incur a cost of \$42,293 for the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL). This amount will be amortized over a 15-year period whereas the first year's amortization payment will be \$3,913 and the annual amortized payments will decrease each year until year 15. After a thorough discussion the commission agreed to move forward to place all county employees in Tier 1. On a motion from Commissioner McGowan, seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the resolution to submit to RSA that Bullock County will adopt the Tier 1 option for all county employees as well as make the annual amortization payments. All in favor; motion carried. Resolution number will be cited as 2021-04.

County Engineer Jason DeShazo came before the commission to seek approval for the HRRRP resolution that states that the county will enter into an agreement with ALDOT in reference to replacing guardrails on County Road 103. On a motion from Commissioner Larkins, seconded by Commissioner McGowan to approve the HRRRP resolution allowing the county to enter into an agreement with ALDOT to replace guardrails on County Road 103. All in favor; motion carried. Resolution number will be cited as 2021-05.

On a motion from Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Marlow, Jr. to adjourn the regular commission meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

Alonza B. Ellis, Jr.

Chairman

Don Larkins, Commissioner

District One (1)

John McGowan, Commissioner

District Three (3)

John L. Adams, Commissioner

District Two (2)

Solomon Marlow, Jr., Commissioner

District Four (4)