

LONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2014

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Robert Long with the following members present: Vice Chairman Kent Hall, Willie Frank Thompson, Gerald Blocker and Dwight Gordon.
2. Meeting led in prayer by Mr. Long.
3. Motion made by Mr. Blocker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to accept minutes. Vice Chairman Kent Hall voted yea, Chairman Long voted yea and Mr. Gordon voted yea.
4. Nomination for Chairman is opened at this time, Mr. Long was nominated for Chairman and Mr. Hall was nominated for Chairman. Mr. Hall declined the nomination. The board was in favor of Robert Long to serve as Chairman for 2014. Nomination for Vice Chairman is opened at this time, Mr. Hall was nominated for Vice Chairman by Mr. Thompson, and the board was in favor for Kent Hall to serve as Vice Chairman for 2014.
5. Motion made by Mr. Blocker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to table the E-911 Ordinance to the February meeting. Vice Chairman Kent Hall voted yea, Chairman Long voted yea and Mr. Gordon voted yea.
6. Motion made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Gordon and carried to appoint Jimmy Howard to the CRC Aging Advisory Board to replace Harold Tatum. Chairman Long voted yea, Mr. Thompson voted yea and Mr. Blocker voted yea.
7. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Blocker and carried to enter executive session for personnel. Vice Chairman Hall voted yea, Chairman Long voted yea and Mr. Gordon voted yea.
8. Motion made by Mr. Blocker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to exit executive session. Vice Chairman Hall voted yea, Chairman Long voted yea and Mr. Gordon voted yea.

9. Motion made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried that we place an item on the agenda which was not previously added for the betterment of Long County. (SERCLEAN, Fred Frisbee taxes, county attorney, longevity raises and resolution to proceed with court at DFCS) Chairman Long voted yea, Mr. Blocker voted yea and Mr. Gordon voted yea.
10. Motion made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Blocker and carried to accept the contract from, SERCLEAN in the amount of \$476,343.77 for the mole remediation. Chairman Long voted yea, Mr. Gordon voted yea and Mr. Thompson voted yea.
11. Motion made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Blocker and carried to refund property taxes for 2013 due to the State Law for disable veterans , don' t have to pay property taxes in Georgia. Chairman Long voted yea, Mr. Gordon voted yea and Mr. Thompson voted yea.
12. Motion made by Mr. Blocker, seconded by Mr. Gordon and carried to accept the resolution to proceed with all courts at Long County DFCS until the courtroom is finished. Vice Chairman Hall voted yea, Chairman Long voted yea and Mr. Thompson voted yea.
13. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Gordon and carried to retain Jay Swindell as county attorney temporarily at the same rate until the February 2014 meeting. Vice Chairman Hall voted yea, Chairman Long voted yea and Mr. Blocker voted yea.
14. Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to discontinue the longevity raises effective January 7, 2014. We pay 100% on insurance benefits. Vice Chairman Hall voted yea, Chairman Long voted yea and Mr. Blocker voted yea.
15. Motion made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to accept the amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance from Republic Services. Chairman Long voted yea, Mr. Gordon voted yea and Mr. Blocker voted yea.
16. Motion made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Blocker and carried to purchase a copier from Golden Isles for Public Transit .Chairman Long voted yea, Mr. Gordon voted yea and Thompson voted yea.
17. Motion made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to pay bills. Chairman Long voted yea, Mr. Gordon voted yea and Mr. Blocker voted yea.
18. Motion made by Mr. Blocker, seconded by Mr. Gordon and carried to adopt the Employees Handbook, job descriptions, purchase orders and credit card procedures. Vice Chairman Hall voted yea, Chairman Long voted yea and Mr. Thompson voted yea.

19. Motion made by Mr. Blocker, seconded by Mr. Gordon and carried to adjourn. Vice Chairman Hall voted yea, Chairman Long voted yea and Mr. Thompson voted yea.

DISCUSSION

1. SIGNS: Mr. Blocker and Mr. Thompson expressed their concerns about signs being stolen or being torn down. We will work with Sheriff Nobles and come up with a plan.
2. COURTHOUSE: Mr. Hall discussed about the entire courthouse tested positive for mole, the cost was ½ million at this time we have not received help with this expense.
3. BOARD OF ELECTIONS: Mr. Gordon stated we have two new board of election employees. Kierra Hamilton is the supervisor and Vanessa Horne is the assistance supervisors.
4. DEPOT: Mr. Chapman reported that we are replacing boards at the depot and we are going to put up a sign.
5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr. Long stated we have an approved budget, working on the audit. We are working on the courthouse because of the mole. The roads for the LMIG2013 are under construction at this time. We have sent a list of roads for the LMIG2014. The roads will be resurfaced under these grants. Website is up and running. The inmate detail is working of picking up trash along all the roads. The traffic in the office is bad, door needs to be locked and everyone needs to come to the window for assistance. I have goals and visions to make the county better. The department heads and elected officials meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday of each month call and make an appointment. Employees can meet with the commissioners Friday before the meeting on Tuesday, call and make an appointment.