

JEFF DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 08, 2019

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Ricky Crosby, Commissioners James Benjamin, Brad Crews, Hank Hobbs and Vann Wooten, Attorney Carla Powell, Administrator Keith Carter and Deputy Clerk Kim Smith.

Chairman Ricky Crosby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Commissioner James Benjamin gave the invocation. Chairman Crosby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rhonda Walsh requested to be notified regarding called meetings via email.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 10TH AND SEPTEMBER 25TH

Motion: To approve the minutes September 10th and 25th.

Proposed: Commissioner Brad Crews

Second: Commissioner Vann Wooten

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. APPROVAL TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS

Motion: To pay monthly bills.

Proposed: Commissioner James Benjamin

Second: Commissioner Brad Crews

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. JDA DIRECTOR ANDREA TAYLOR – DISCUSS SILICON RANCH

Director Andrea Taylor stated Phase IV for Silicon Ranch had already been approved; however, the current request is to increase the original bond issuance from \$47 million to \$65 million. The investment is increasing, but the total abatement stays the same at 50%. According to Commissioner Hobbs, this increase equates to \$5.2 million in taxes over a 30-year period split between the county and the school system.

Motion: To approve the increase of Phase IV for Silicon Ranch from \$47 million to \$65 million.

Proposed: Commissioner Brad Crews

Second: Commissioner Hank Hobbs

Motion Carried Unanimously

8. DISCUSS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BOARD OF TOURISM

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, Terry Stone requested a portion of the hotel/motel tax, which currently is allocated to the Board of Tourism. The Department of Community Affairs has stipulated 2% of the 5% tax must be given to a 501(c)(6), which the Board of Tourism is currently not. Jim Sewell, Director of the Board of Tourism, was present and stated he has filed for the non-profit status.

Also, presented by Stone and Chairman Ricky Crosby was to relocate the Chamber of Commerce to the Big House.

Motion: To relocate the Chamber of Commerce to the Big House.

Proposed: Commissioner Vann Wooten

Second: Commissioner James Benjamin

Motion Carried 4 - 1, Commissioner Brad Crews opposed due to not knowing the expenditures involved.

Motion: To allocate 2% of the hotel/motel tax to the Chamber of Commerce to be in compliance with DCA.

Proposed: Commissioner Brad Crews

Second: Commissioner Vann Wooten

Motion Carried Unanimously

9. EMS DISCUSS NEW POWER-LOAD DEVICE

Roger Ogilvie spoke on behalf of the EMS department requesting funds for ambulances to be fitted with power-load stretchers for employee and patient safety. The total quote for the project is \$106,234.84 with an additional \$1,500 for mounting equipment for each of the four ambulances. Ogilvie suggested the county forego purchasing a new ambulance for him and his partner and instead using those funds to acquire the power-load stretchers.

Motion: To proceed with purchasing the power-load stretchers for four ambulances.

Proposed: Commissioner Brad Crews

Second: Commissioner Vann Wooten

Motion Carried Unanimously

10. APPROVE/DENY BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2019

Motion: To approve accounting amendments for FY 19.

Proposed: Commissioner Hank Hobbs

Second: Commissioner Brad Crews

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. APPROVAL OF SAFETY COORDINATOR RESOLUTION

Motion: To approve Safety Coordinator Resolution.

Proposed: Brad Crews

Second: Vann Wooten

Motion Carried Unanimously

Resolution reads as follows:

SAFETY COORDINATOR RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jeff Davis County has agreed to establish the position of Safety Coordinator to establish and oversee a safety program to assist with the loss prevention efforts of the county;

WHEREAS, the Safety Coordinator will be responsible for insuring compliance with certain safety rules and regulations that protect the well-being of county employees and the general public;

WHEREAS, the Safety Coordinator will be responsible for:

- Establishing and coordinating safety meetings and self-inspections to identify safety related hazards;
- Coordinating and implementing safety rules and training for supervisors and employees and/or making recommendations to management regarding such items;
- Reviewing and/or investigating all employee accidents for causes and making recommendations for improvements and corrections;
- Conducting periodic safety self-inspections of all vehicles, buildings, grounds, equipment and machinery, and work practices and conditions to determine potential injury exposures;
- Documenting and maintaining inspection records and implementing any follow up actions; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Coordinator can ensure that qualifications have been met that will enable the county to receive a substantial discount discounts on their insurance costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the position of Safety Coordinator is established for

Jeff Davis County.

RESOLVED this 8th day of October, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF

Jeff Davis COUNTY, GEORGIA

Ruby Crawford, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Sherril Lytle

County Commissioner or Clerk

Adopted: 10-8-19

12. APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOC, SHERIFF, AND BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Addressed by Attorney Carla Powell: The County has already approved providing the school with a Resource Office. The intergovernmental agreement is a reflection of those terms between the BOC, the Board of Education, and the Sheriff.

Motion: To approve the intergovernmental agreement for a school resource officer.

Proposed: Commissioner Hank Hobbs

Second: Commissioner Vann Wooten

Motion Carried Unanimously

13. DISCUSS/APPROVE LMIG 2020 PROJECTS

Commissioners Vann Wooten, Hank Hobbs, Ricky Crosby, and Brad Crews discussed combining their LMIG for Post Road from 221 to Bell Telephone Road. Commissioner James Benjamin to inform County Administrator of his selected roads before deadline.

Motion: To combine Commissioners Wooten, Hobbs, Crews, and Crosby's LMIG funds for Post Road from 221 to Bell Telephone Road, starting at caution light.

Proposed: Commissioner Hank Hobbs

Second: Commissioner Brad Crews

Motion Carried Unanimously

14. DISCUSS/APPROVE T.I.A. (TSPLOST) PROJECTS

Commissioners discussed allowing Hofstadter to identify roads most needing attention. Per County Administrator Keith Carter, TIA projects do not require a motion but do need Commissioners' approval (as informed by Brett Manning).

15. DISCUSS NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Sheriff Preston Bohannon presented a new courthouse security plan which needs to be in place since Judge Wilkes has retired.

Motion: To approve courthouse security plan.

Proposed: Commissioner Brad Crews

Second: Commissioner Vann Wooten

Motion Carried Unanimously

County Administrator Keith Carter asked for approval for a new Road Department employee to replace one who'd resigned.

Motion: To approve new Road Department employee

Proposed: Commissioner Hank Hobbs

Second: Commissioner Vann Wooten

Motion Carried Unanimously

County Administrator Keith Carter asked for approval to purchase a 2014 F150 for \$16,500 for the Fire Chief using the Chief's SPLOST funds to replace his 2005 vehicle, which has been requiring repairs and has 240,000 miles on it.

Motion: To approve 2014 F150 purchase for Fire Chief using SPLOST funds.

Proposed: Commissioner Brad Crews

Second: Commissioner Vann Wooten

Motion Carried Unanimously

Commissioner Vann Wooten presented amending the Tax Assessor's budget by an increase of \$18,660. Tax Assessor Board Chairman David DeSousa indicated increase would be for salaries and office supplies, specifically mailing of notices.

Motion: To approve amending the Tax Assessor's budget by an increase of \$18,660 for salaries and office supplies.

Proposed: Commissioner Vann Wooten

Second: Commissioner James Benjamin

Motion Carried 4, with 1 abstaining. Commissioner Brad Crews abstained, but on record stated, "I'm not against that; I'm just not for that amount."

Commissioner Brad Crews discussed the restrooms/concession on the Baxley Highway Recreation project. Originally, an MOU between the city and county detailed equally sharing expenses for a playground and restroom/concession. Commissioner Crews suggested the county fully fund the restroom/concession and allow the city to fund the playground at a later time.

Motion: To proceed with quotes on a new building for a restroom/concession at the Baxley Highway Recreation area.

Proposed: Commissioner Brad Crews

Second: Commissioner Vann Wooten

Motion Carried unanimously

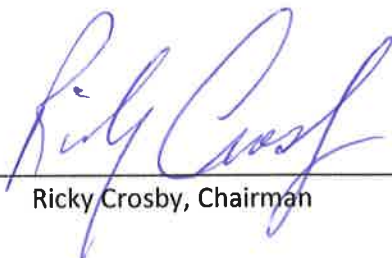
EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session.

ADJOURN – 7:30 P.M.



Kim Smith, Deputy Clerk



Ricky Crosby, Chairman