TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHOCTAW COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTENDANCE: CHAIRMAN STURDIVANT, COMMISSIONER CHERRY, COMMISSIONER JACKSON, COMMISSIONER DOGGETT, COMMISSIONER MOSLEY, JESSICA HARE, LEE MCPHEARSON, JODY LINDSEY, DEE ANN CAMPBELL, TERESIA CHERRY, STEPHANIE LUKER, PEGGY GIVENS, KAREN OWEN, SHERIFF LOLLEY, STEVEN FITZGERALD, MAYOR WARD, JEFF MCKINNEY, RANDALL JACKSON, RYAN DONALD AND SEE ATTACHED LISTING.

CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND WELCOMED EVERYONE.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE WERE LED BY CHAIRMAN.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS: NONE

CHAIRMAN CALLED THE ROLL. CHAIRMAN AND ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE PRESENT. A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: NONE

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 MEETING WERE READ.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHERRY TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 MEETING MINUTES AS READ.

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF REPORTS:

SHERIFF'S REPORT: SHERIFF LOLLEY-

DISCUSSION ABOUT BYRNE JAG GRANT. THE GRANT IS TO BE USED TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE. THERE IS NO MATCH.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOGGETT TO APPROVE THE BYRNE JAG GRANT. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOSLEY.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SHERIFF WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A 2023 TAHOE FROM CLARKE COUNTY COMMISSION AND COST WILL BE \$43,000.00. PER ADECA, THE GRANT CAN BE USED TO PURCHASE A NEW OR USED VEHICLE.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOGGET TO PURCHASE 2023 TAHOE FROM CLARKE COUNTY COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,000.00. IF ALLOWABLE, SHERIFF WILL PURCHASE THE VEHICLE FROM PISTOL PERMIT FUNDS AND THE COMMISSION WILL REIMBURSE THE FUNDS ONCE THE GRANT MONEY IS RECEIVED.

NOTE: AFTER MEETING, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD NEED TO PURCHASE THE VEHICLE FROM GENERAL FUND SINCE THE GRANT IS IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION'S NAME.

EMA/AIRPORT REPORT: JODY LINDSEY-

DISCUSSION ABOUT ATTENDANCE OF EMA DIRECTOR AT THE MOBILE COAST GUARD TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHERRY TO APPROVE ATTENDANCE OF EMA DIRECTOR AT THE MOBILE COAST GUARD TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSION ABOUT RESCUE MISSION EXERCISE AT THE AIRPORT ON APRIL 16.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: JEFF MCKINNEY-

DISCUSSION ABOUT PROPOSALS FOR LOWBOY TRUCK. RECEIVED THREE PROPOSALS. (SEE ATTACHED)

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOGGETT TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM J. M. WOOD AUCTION COMPANY FOR SALE OF THE LOWBOY TRUCK AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS. (SEE ATTACHED) SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ABOUT PURCHASING 5 NEW KENWORTH DUMP TRUCKS AND 1 LOWBOY TRUCK.

KENWORTH DUMP TRUCKS-\$244,435.00 EACH KENWORTH LOWBOY TRUCK-\$232,500.00

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MOSLEY TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF 5 NEW KENWORTH DUMP TRUCKS AND 1 LOWBOY TRUCK FROM STATE BID. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHERRY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ABOUT SURPLUS EQUIPMENT THAT HAS BEEN SOLD. (SEE ATTACHED)

DISCUSSION ABOUT DECLARING 2 FORD SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCKS AS SURPLUS.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON TO DECLARE 2 FORD SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCKS AS SURPLUS AND DISPOSE OF BY SELLING ON GOVDEALS AUCTION SITE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOGGETT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ABOUT PURCHASING A BACKHOE.

DISCUSSION ABOUT CR 1 PROJECT.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JESSICA HARE-NO REPORT.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/CHAMBER: DEE ANN CAMPBELL-NO REPORT.

LANDFILL REPORT: TERRY TYSON-ABSENT.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: LEE MCPHEARSON-NO REPORT.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION ABOUT REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S PERSONNEL.

DISCUSSION ABOUT COUNTY ENGINEER POSITION.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON TO EMPLOY STEVEN FITZGERALD AS THE COUNTY ENGINEER AT \$150,000.00 PER YEAR AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE. (SEE ATTACHED) SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOSLEY.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ABOUT ACCOUNTING CLERK POSITION.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHERRY TO READVERTISE FOR THE ACCOUNTING CLERK POSITION. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ABOUT PETITION FOR VACATION OF A PORTION OF WEST BUTLER ROAD.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON TO ACCEPT THE PETITION FOR VACATION OF A PORTION OF WEST BUTLER ROAD AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 14, 2024. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHERRY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ABOUT APPROVING INVOICE FOR CDBG PROJECT CY-CM-PF-21-003 (BAILEY ROAD).

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR CDBG PROJECT CY-CM-PF-21-003 (BAILEY ROAD). (SEE ATTACHED) SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOGGETT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ABOUT BANK ACCOUNTS AT REGIONS BANK. THERE HAVE BEEN ISSUE WITH THE BANK CHARGING THE COUNTY FEES ON ACCOUNTS. THE BANK WAS REIMBURSING THE FEES, BUT HAS INFORMED COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR THAT THEY WILL NO LONGER REFUND THE FEES.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR IS REQUESTING TO MOVE ALL 18 ACCOUNTS FROM REGIONS BANK TO OTHER BANKS IN THE COUNTY BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHERRY TO APPROVE REQUEST OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND MOVE ALL 18 ACCOUNTS FROM REGIONS BANK TO OTHER BANKS IN THE COUNTY BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

SECONDED BY COMMISSONER JACKSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ABOUT MARCH 29, 2024 GOOD FRIDAY.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHERRY TO APPROVE CLOSING THE COURTHOUSE ON GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024.
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOGGETT.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ABOUT RODEO AND MOTORCYCLE EVENTS. RODEO WILL BE HELD JULY 26-27 AND MOTORCYCLE EVENT WILL BE HELD JUNE 22-23.

MOTION BY COMMISSOINER DOGGETT TO APPROVE THE DATES FOR THE RODEO AND MOTORCYCLE EVENT.
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOSLEY.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS: NONE.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHERRY TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

JASON B. STURDIVANT, CHAIRMAN

TONY CHERRY, DISTRICT 1

VICTOR JACKSON, SR., DISTRICT 2

GARY DOGGETT, DISTRICT 3

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