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THE FULTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE FULTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX. THE MEETING OPENED WITH PLEDGE AND PRAYER.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK BISHOP WITH ALL 9 JUSTICES PRESENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

OLD BUSINESS

JUDGE CROW GAVE UPDATES ON COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS, RADIO TOWER, AND ROAD DEPARTMENT FUEL SYSTEM.

ASSESSOR LONG GAVE UPDATE ON THE GIS PROJECT. TWO COMPANIES HAVE BID ON THE PROJECT. ONE COMPANY SCORED LOW AND ONE SCORED ALMOST PERFECT. THE STATE THOUGHT THE BID WOULD BE AROUND \$250,000, BUT THE BID WAS \$747,000. STATE ASKED IF THEY COULD LOWER THE BID WITHOUT BIDDING, AND THEY DID LOWER IT TO \$428,000. FULTON COUNTY IS THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE STATE NOT MAPPED. OUR 40% WOULD BE \$171,000 FOR 2024 AND 2025. THE BIDDING HAS BEEN SUSPENDED ON HOLD DUE TO THE COST. ASSESSOR LONG STATED WE HAVE A COUPLE OF OPTIONS WHICH ARE CONTINUING WITH REBIDDING WITH THE STATE GRANT, OR WE DO THE MAPPING OURSELVES. IF THE COUNTY MAPS, SHE WOULD NEED TWO MORE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES GOING FORWARD. SHE HAS SUBMITTED TWO BUDGETS, ONE WITH EACH OPTION. SHE STATED THERE IS AN AGENCY WILLING TO HELP, BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW MUCH.

NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO APPROPRIATE **\$4,000** LLEBG SMALL EQUIPMENT \$309.39/CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS \$1,222.36/TIRES AND TUBES \$2,468.25. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

JUDGE STATED HUMPHREY'S FORD BRIDGE IS NOW OPENED. A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY ON NOVEMBER 29TH, AT 11 A.M. BY ARDOT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO APPROPRIATE **\$16,729** COUNTY ROAD OLD STURKIE ROAD PROJECT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL 9 YEAS (GRANT)

JUDGE CROW STATED HE WAS PRESENTING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LUMP SUM EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR FULTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR 2023. EACH EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED WITH FULTON COUNTY SINCE JAN 1ST 2023 WILL RECEIVE EXTRA COMPENSATION PAYABLE WITH THE FIRST DECEMBER 2023 PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350 FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND \$100 FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES. FULL-TIME 49 @ \$350 = \$17,150 AND PART-TIME 4 @ \$100 = \$400. TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$17,550. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2023-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LUMP SUM EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR FULTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR 2023 ON 1ST READING. JUDGE CROW ASKED CLERK BISHOP TO READ THE ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ON 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY JIMMY MARLER TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ON 3RD AND FINAL READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2023-16)

JUDGE CROW PRESENTED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL POLICY IN REVISION OF THE INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY, UPDATE THE EMPLOYEE'S BIRTHDAY TO BE ADDED TO THE HOLIDAY SECTION, AND ADD THE TRAVEL POLICY BACK IN. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY RAY MATTHEW TO PLACE ORDINANCE 2023-17 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FULTON COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY ON 1ST READING. JUDGE CROW ASKED CLERK BISHOP TO READ THE ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT ELLIOTT AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ON 2ND READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND PLACE ON 3RD AND FINAL READING BY TITLE ONLY. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2023-17)

CAROLYN LEWIS WITH FULTON COUNTY FAIR BOARD GAVE HAND OUT OF HOW THEY SPENT LAST YEARS MONEY ALONG WITH THEIR REQUEST FOR 2024. THE AMOUNT REQUESTING THIS YEAR IS \$5,700 AND WILL BE IN THE BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2024.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. (TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$20,729 ORDINANCE 2023-18)

NO PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC.

JUDGE CROW GAVE HANDOUTS OF THE 2024 BUDGET REQUEST.

JUDGE CALLED A SPECIAL MEETING FOR DECEMBER 12, 2024 AT 5 PM TO DISCUSS BUDGET.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS KINDER AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ADJOURN AT 7:05 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop
VICKIE BISHOP, CLERK