

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 RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY GARY PHILLIPS 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 CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY JIMMY MARLER TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY MATTHEW AND SECONDED BY ROBERT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

OLD BUSINESS

JUDGE CROW GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION.

CORONER BARKER ADDRESSED THE COURT AGAIN REGARDING THE CORNER'S OFFICE. AFTER MORE DISCUSSION, THE ACTION WAS TABLED AGAIN, UNTIL NEXT MONTH.

JUDGE CROW REQUESTED A REAPPROPRIATION FROM A GRANT RECEIVED LAST YEAR.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS KINDER AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO APPROPRIATE **\$112,902.85** COUNTY ROAD AGF/BAYOU ACCESS GRANT. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

DAVID KECK THE 911 COORDINATOR IS RETIRING, SO THERE WILL BE A 911 VACANCY. JUDGE CROW STATED HE WANTED TO INTERGRATE 911 COORDINATOR WITH THE OEM. JUDGE WILL BE HIRING ANGEL ABLES AS THE 911 COORDINATOR WITH JEREMY LANGSTON AS HER DEPUTY. JEREMY LANGSTON WILL REMAIN THE OEM COORDINATOR WITH ANGEL ABLES AS HIS DEPUTY. JUDGE REQUESTED ANGEL'S PAY WOULD BE \$16 AN HOUR, AND JEREMY'S WOULD INCREASE TO \$15 AN HOUR. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALBERT ROORK AND SECONDED BY DENNIS KINDER TO PAY THE 911 COORDINATOR \$16 AN HOUR AND THE OEM COORDINATOR \$15 AN HOUR WITH THE APPROPRIATION AMOUNT PROVIDED NEXT MONTH. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS.

CLERK BISHOP READ A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL CONCERNING THE APPROPRIATION OF ACT 833 FUND AND APPROVING FIRE SERVICE COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY CRIS NEWBERRY TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. THIS RESOLUTION IS ADDING THE GEPP FIRE DEPARTMENT WHICH IS NOW IN COMPLIANCE. (RESOLUTION 2024-01)

JUSTICE ROORK STATED THERE WAS SOME CONCERNS BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION IN REGARD TO THE MORRISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT. JUSTICE ROORK WENT THROUGH THE RECORDS FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE, AND ONLY FIND ONE THING WHICH WAS A CHECK WRITTEN FOR \$50 FOR A GIFT. HE INFORMED THEM THAT THEY COULD NOT DO THAT. HE ALSO STATED HE BELIEVED THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF IT. OVERALL, JUSTICE ROORK WAS PLEASED WITH HOW THINGS LOOKED.

JUSTICE MARLER STATED IT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION THAT WE HAVE A PROBLEM IN SOME AREAS WITH SQUATTERS. JUSTICE ROORK REPLIED THAT IS A CRIMINAL MATTER. AFTER DISCUSSION, COUNTY ATTORNEY PLUMLEE STATE THE LANDOWNER WOULD NEED TO NOTIFY LAW ENFORCEMENT, SO IT COULD BE ADDRESSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISTRICT JUDGE CHANEY TAYLOR INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS THE NEW DISTRICT JUDGE BEGINNING IN 2025. THE NEW DISTRICT WILL INCLUDE INDEPENDENCE, IZARD AND FULTON COUNTIES. JUDGE CHANEY STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO START A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM HERE IN FULTON COUNTY.

MARY RIVERA GAVE A LETTER DATED MARCH 19, 2024 TO COUNTY COURT/JUSTICES OF THE PEACE/COUNTY JUDGE OF FULTON COUNTY (AND SPECIFICALLY ALSO TO OUR JP, DENNIS KINDER. MS. RIVERA ASKED CLERK BISHOP TO READ THE LETTER IN WHICH SHE DID. LAST PARAGRAPH STATED THEREFORE, WE REQUEST/REQUIRE THAT THE FULTON COUNTY JUDGE, WHO IS TASKED WITH THE OPERATION (NOT THE JURISDICTION) OF THE SYSTEM OF COUNTY ROADS", IMMEDIATELY DIRECT OUR FULTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN OUR FEATHER RIDGE TRAIL TO ITS ORIGINALLY AND PREVIOUSLY MAINTAINED GOOD CONDITION VIA THE USE OF OUR COUNTY OPERATORS AND EQUIPMENT WHO ARE ALSO MAINTAINED BY OUR TAX DOLLARS FOR THESE AND OTHER PURPOSES OF COUNTY SERVICES. ROAD FOREMAN JOSH SMITHEE RESPONDED TO MS. RIVERA THAT THEY CAN'T GO BEYOND HER GATE, BUT HE WOULD PERSONALLY SEE TO IT THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL FROM HWY 62 TO YOUR GATE.

ASSESSOR LONG INFORMED THE JUSTICES SHE WAS HOPING BY NEXT MONTH TO HAVE AN UPDATE GOING FURTHER WITH THE GIS PROJECT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRIS NEWBERRY AND SECONDED CARRIE ANDREWS TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS ON ORDINANCE 2024-04. THE MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE 9 YEAS. (ORDINANCE 2024-04) (TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$112,902.85)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY CARRIE ANDREWS TO ADJOURN AT 7:01 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE 9 YEAS.

ATTEST: Vickie Bishop  
VICKIE BISHOP  
FULTON COUNTY CLERK