



MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING – ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 24, 2010

STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE

8:30 A.M.

PRESENT FOR MEETING: Commissioners Dean Scarborough, Jonesy Haygood, J B Hudgins, Jr., Harold Andrews and Stanley London; County Administrator John Rutan; County Clerk Beth Rider; County Attorney Brian Ranck; and Finance Director Phyllis Ayers

Chairman Scarborough welcomed those present and opened the Public Hearing. Administrator John Rutan stated this is the Public Hearing for the grant request from USDA for \$24,000.00 for equipment to go into the renovated jail which will serve as the Animal Control facility. John stated they were in the first phase of a multi-phase process in filling out all documents. The public hearing was closed at 8:45 due to no public comments.

Chairman Dean Scarborough called the meeting to order at approximately 9:23 a.m. and welcomed those present. Mr. Richard Adams gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve the agenda with changes to remove item # 3 under new business and item # 9. **Motion carried unanimously.**

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. AUGUST 10, 2010 – REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to approve minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. DIANE YOW COLE TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS REGARDING ENFORCING OF MARTIN'S ZONING

Diane Yow Cole stated she was a resident of the City of Martin, and had been back for 30 years. Ms. Cole stated she attended the Martin City Council meeting and learned that they had given the County

Commissioners information about their zoning ordinances. Martin would like to hire the County Marshal to help enforce Martin's zoning laws, Martin Council is trying to get enforcement and they are willing to pay the Marshal. The old train depot in Martin is owned by Mr. Ted Murray, it is a menace and the Martin Woman's Club has approached Mr. Murray and his son and asked about helping him clean up the debris around the depot. Our 17th annual Fall Festival will be the end of October and we set up the stage in the middle of town, we are concerned for small children that they could get hurt if they wander off to the depot. Mr. Murray owns the depot, but the railroad owns the property, we have contacted the railroad and have not had any help from them. We would appreciate your support by helping us get this matter and several other places cleaned up.

2. MOTION FOR BOARD TO REFUND ERRONEOUSLY PAID TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 TO THE WOODS OF LAKE OCONEE, LLC

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to refund the erroneous paid taxes in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Woods of Lake Oconee, LLC. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve the agreement and authorize Chairman to sign. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE SPENDING TO PAVE GULLEY ROAD NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 (ESTIMATED) AND FOR BOARD TO DETERMINE PAYMENT TO COME FROM SPLOST V

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner London to approve spending to pave Gulley Road not exceeding \$60,000.00 and pay from SPLOST V. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. BOARD TO DISCUSS COVERING ELECTED OFFICIALS UNDER THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE PLAN

Finance Director, Phyllis Ayers stated there is an insert in your packet that will show how much it will cost to add all elected officials to the Workers Compensation Plan. You have the option to add only the Commissioners or certain elected officials. We looked back at the ACCG policies and whoever was on the Commission at the time did not choose to cover the elected officials. Commissioner London made a motion to postpone this item until next year's budget and for more information. Commissioner London rescinded his motion due to the item being only for discussion. Finance Director stated she would get more information. Item will not be discussed until next year's budget planning meeting.

2. NANCY PEEPLES FROM NON-PROFIT DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER TO GIVE PRESENTATION

Nancy Peeples stated she is with the Disability Resource Center, the center has been around since 1996 and the office is in Hall County. They cover a 13 county area with Stephens County being one of them. Ms. Peeples stated her main arm of the center is to provide Public Relations and Marketing to reach out to the outlying counties and share what they do. They work with any age of disability, any type of disability. Our main mission and purpose is to offer services that can help a person with disabilities to become more independent. We do that through acting as an advocate, peer support, independent living skills, we do nursing home transition; we have a young lady that goes into the nursing home to see if there are individuals there that could possibly live outside of the nursing home and be productive. My intent for coming here today is to get information out to individuals who are on the front line such as yourself in this county and let people know what services are available; also, we are trying to raise public awareness for support. We are governed by a Board of Directors; my hope is that our Board of Directors will one day represent each of the counties involved. My intent is to share the services that are available and if there is something our center cannot help you with, we have a huge network where we can share information with someone. Chairman Scarborough asked, "If it was based on financial need"? Ms. Peeples stated it is not, we are Federal and State funded; if you have a disability you are eligible for our services. We have individuals that have a slight disability and we want to get these people back in the community. We want to get as many productive citizens as possible. We find it is not large things they need it is small things they need. We also do home modifications, to make people more independent.

3. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE OR DENY ERRONEOUSLY PAID TAX FOR TAX YEARS 2007-2009 ON PARCEL 057B-012 FOR DWAIN THOMAS

A motion was made by Commissioner Haygood, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve erroneous paid tax refund for 2007-2009 for Dwain Thomas. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE OR DENY ERRONEOUSLY PAID TAX FOR TAX YEAR 2009 ON PERSONAL PROPERTY #3415 FOR CINTAS CORPORATION

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve erroneous paid tax refund for 2009 to Cintas Corporation. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ADJUSTMENT SHEETS

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve and authorize Chairman to sign. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. MOTION FOR BOARD TO ACCEPT AND AWARD BID TO CUSTOM TRUCK AND BODY WORKS FOR NEW AMBULANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,141.00 AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ALL CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Haygood, seconded by Commissioner London to accept and award bid to Custom Truck and Body works for a new ambulance in the amount of \$115,141.00

approved through a Recovery Zone Bond and authorize Chairman to sign all documents. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY PORTION OF NEW FUEL FARM AND APRON EXPANSION TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,500

Finance Director stated this was in their budget. A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to approve and authorize County portion to the Airport Authority in the amount of \$17,500.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

V. INVOICES OVER \$5000

1. ACREE OIL - \$19,053.86
2. THREADS - \$7,907.50

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to approve and pay invoices. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VI. MATTERS FROM DEPARTMENTS

1. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT –
John Rutan stated Public Works was catching up and about to start work on Yearwood Street.
2. FINANCE REPORT –
3. DEPARTMENT REPORT –

VII. MATTERS FROM CITIZENS – TIME LIMIT OF THREE (3) MINUTES

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL & THREATENED LITIGATION

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to enter Executive Session at 9:37 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Haygood to reconvene the meeting at 10:10 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to reject all bids for Eastanollee Demolition due to bids exceeding budget amount for the project, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins. **Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner London abstained.**

Commissioner Haygood made a motion to prevent all county vehicles from being used to drive to and from work, seconded by Commissioner London. **Motion not approved 2-3. Commissioners Andrews, Scarborough, and Hudgins voted no.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2010

Dean Scarborough, Chairman

Attest:

Beth Rider, County Clerk