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COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

September 9, 2024

Commissioners Scott Blain and Bill Bullock, and Administrative Officer Angela Newell, and Clerk Katrina Kruger were present.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance.

8:34 Recessed

8:40 Commissioner Scott Miller joined the meeting. Geospatial Information Systems Coordinator / Fire Warden Tom Kohley met to discuss the fire meeting last night and to discuss Sunday's fire in Joliet. Kohley also discussed the availability of a FFP Surplus CAT D6M dozer at Fort Stewart, GA.

9:00 Blain moved to approve the hiring Authorization for the weed District Clerk; Bullock seconded; Commissioners discussed Schwend's planned retirement in February and the desire to keep position as a 1 FTE even with the removal of Safety Coordinator functions; motion carried.

Tyler Krutfeldt joined the meeting.

9:10 Recessed.

9:30 Bullock moved to accept HRDC work plan; Blain seconded; Commissioners discussed HRDC's loss of grant funding that will result in a reduction in force and will likely lead to reduced services; a discussion of a reduction in County contribution concerns about incorrect minimum wage. Bullock withdrew his motion and the Commissioners requested the Work Plan be placed back on the agenda once the information was corrected.

9:37 Recessed.

10:00 Finance Coordinator hiring authorization. Lola Ashby present. Blain moved to approve the Hiring Authorization as presented; Bullock seconded; Krutfeldt discussed assisting with leveraging federal and philanthropic resources believes should be posed to the public rather than only internally; motion carried.

10:30 Geospatial Information Systems Coordinator / Fire Warden Tom Kohley was in attendance. Blain moved to approve the DNRC Volunteer Firefighter Capacity (VFC) Grant Agreement; Bullock seconded; motion carried.

Bridget Erickson from DA Davidson met to discuss the costs associated with a potential bond to finance the construction of a new County facility.

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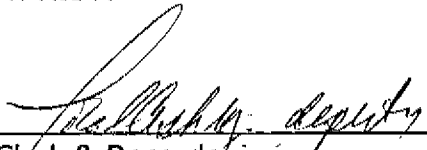
Erickson discussed requirements for presenting a bond to the public and options for financing without a vote that could include equipment lease and limited bonding authority for specific items. Erickson discussed the bond premiums and possible investment earnings that could be used to reduce the amount bonded. Erickson and Commissioners discussed variables in taxable value increases, the valuation of the Wind Farm, and historic tax growth trends. Erickson reviewed the County's list of the top 50 taxpayers and possible changes in tax rates for different kinds of property that may come out of the 2025 Legislative session. There was a discussion of rate changes at the Federal level, national stock market trends, and potential impacts on markets following the presidential election.

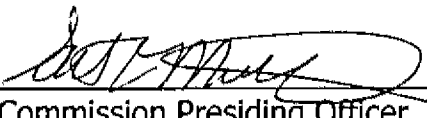
11:40 Bullock moved to approve employee time; Miller seconded; motion carried.

Bullock moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Purchase Requests for Cottonwood Creek Bridge, Environmental Health laptop, Hunt Creek Bridge, Bluewater Creek Bridge, Justice Court End of Disbursement Detail for August; Procurement variance for the Joliet John Deere Motor Grader; Blain seconded; motion carried.

12:00 Adjourned.

ATTEST:


Clerk & Recorder


Commission Presiding Officer

Respectfully submitted: Angela Newell, Administrative Officer