

# **EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

*June 16, 2020*

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The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt Mr. Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer were present for the regular Commission meeting at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

### **STAFF ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. Tim Callanan – County Administrator, Mr. Edward Newberry - County Attorney, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mr. Clint Hodges- EMA Director, Mr. Charlie George – Development Services Director, Mrs. Christy Carpenter- Finance Director, Mrs. Alison Bruton-Purchasing Tech, Mr. Jimmy McDuffie – Sheriff, Mr. Richard Bush – Chief Deputy and Mr. Chris Reed – IT Director

### **I - CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

### **II – INVOCATION**

County Clerk Johnson gave the invocation.

### **III - AGENDA APPROVAL**

Chairman Corbitt stated a request has been made to remove Old Business# 1 from the agenda.

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted change. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **IV – MINUTES**

Chairman Corbitt stated the minutes are accurate, however, requested to add an amendment to the minutes under New Business# 2 to reflect a base rate for over 1,000,000 square feet would equal \$28,575 and 0.015 per square foot.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the June 2, 2020 regular meeting minutes with the noted change. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**V – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Corbitt stated public comment should be limited to agenda items only.

**VI – CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairman Corbitt explained all correspondence and documents from the meeting are located in the Clerk's office and on the Board of Commissioner's website.

**VII – PRESENTATIONS*****Elizabeth Hursey – 5:05 pm***

The Board of Commissioners presented a plaque to Mrs. Elizabeth Hursey Superior Court Clerk, for 43 years of service to the county. Mrs. Hursey expressed words of thanks to the Board and others present.

***EOM Operations, Gold Awards – 5:10 pm***

Mr. Eric Larson with EOM Engineering presented seven (7) awards to the Commissioners which were given by the Georgia Association of Water Professionals.

Chairman Corbitt acknowledged the Sheriff's department members present for their service to Effingham County. All other Commissioners also shared commentary of appreciation.

Sheriff McDuffie presented various members of this staff who represent different areas within the department.

Commissioner Burdette extended a prayer for unity and peace for the world.

**VIII - CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items: **(1)** Consideration to approve to renew the professional services Agreement with the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce **(2)** Consideration to approve to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with the Effingham County Board of Education for the use of seven (7) school buses in the event of an evacuation **(3)** Consideration to approve to authorize the County Engineer to provide water/sewer capacity letters and required

documentation from the County regarding the proposed development proximity to any known waste disposal or landfill site to the Environmental Protection Division. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **IX – OLD BUSINESS**

### **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROJECT LIST ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTYWIDE TSPLOST PROGRAM (01):**

This item was removed from the agenda at the agenda approval.

## **X - NEW BUSINESS**

### **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE A CAPACITY AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (01):**

Purchasing Tech explained per the new agreement, the County Prison will house 192 State inmates. The County will receive \$22.00 per State inmate per day. The State Department of Corrections has sole authority of transfers of inmates to and from the County Prison. The new Intergovernmental Capacity Agreement commences on July 1st, 2020 through June 30th, 2021 and has been reviewed and approved to form by the County Attorney.

Chairman Corbitt asked Staff to research if any additional funding is available for the housing of inmates.

Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve and execution of the Intergovernmental Capacity Agreement with the State of Georgia, Department of Corrections for inmate housing for the year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO WELLPATH LLC AND MOVE FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATIONS (02):**

Purchasing Tech explained Effingham County has received proposals from Southern Correctional Medical, Southern Health Partners and Wellpath in response to an RFP for inmate medical services for both the prison and the jail.

A final contract has been negotiated with Wellpath to provide said services. After further discussion with vendors, Wellpath was able to reduce their yearly

rates from \$426,170.25 to \$406,170.25. The contract submitted has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney.

There was a brief discussion about the differing dollar amounts among the vendors.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve to award the Inmate Medical Services Contract to Wellpath for the Effingham County Jail and Prison. Vice Chairman Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR FAMILY CONNECTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 (03):**

Finance Director Carpenter explained the County has been serving as the fiscal agent for Family Connections for several years. We have been asked to continue for the year 2021. The contract is for \$43,000 which is fully funded by the State.

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the FY 21 Contract to serve as Fiscal Agent to Family Connection. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET (04):**

Finance Director Carpenter explained the budget amendment is for SPLOST and Facilities Maintenance to reallocate funding. This is a zero net change to the budget.

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the Resolution to amend the 2019-2020 budget. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE TRUE-UP PAYMENTS TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND CITY OF GUYTON (05):**

Finance Director Carpenter explained staff is requesting approval to issue payment for the tax year 2019. The payment to the City of Springfield is \$50,797.03; the City of Guyton's payment is \$44,582.38.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the true-up payments to the cities of Springfield and Guyton as presented. Vice Chairman Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT TO MALDINO & WILBURN TO PERFORM A TRAFFIC STUDY OF COUNTY ROADS TO SUPPORT THE RADAR PERMIT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE (06):**

County Engineer/DS Director George explained at the request of the Sheriff's Office a Request for Proposals was submitted for performing the required traffic study. Ten (10) proposals were received. Maldino & Wilburn is the recommendation based on their qualifications and a bid amount of \$17,820.00, work to be completed within six (6) weeks.

Comments were made by the Board and Sheriff McDuffie regarding the requirements related to the study.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the recommendation to award the Contract to Maldino & Wilburn based on their qualifications and bid submitted. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN ENTERPRISE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ESRI FOR GIS SOFTWARE (07):**

County Manager Callanan requested this item be withdrawn from the agenda.

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to withdrawn this item from the agenda. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PURCHASE AND SALE CONTRACT WITH RONALD ARNOLD FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 216 SHADY OAKS DRIVE, GUYTON (08):**

County Manager Callanan explained last year the Board voted to extend the agreement to purchase said property for an additional six (6) months. The extension has expired. In order to finalize due diligence staff is presenting a new agreement for board approval.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the purchase and sale contract as presented. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **XI – REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF & COMMISSIONERS**

County Manager Callanan discussed the following:

### **1. TSPLOST List**

- Staff is working to revise the road list and to provide a more accurate cost comparison

County Clerk Johnson discussed the following:

### **1. Financial Report**

- For April 2020 has been provided.

Vice Chairman Deloach discussed the following:

### **1. Elections Office**

- Voting day with the new machines was successful.

### **2. Mr. Sterling**

- Wishes to appear before the BOC t the next meeting to discuss taxes

Commissioner Floyd discussed the following:

### **1. Midland & Courthouse Roads**

- Consideration of a 4-way stop at this location.

## **XII – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session held at this meeting.

## **XIII – EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the June 2, 2020 executive session minutes as read. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **XIV – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, at 5:57 pm, Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman



Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk