

MINUTES OF REGULAR
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARION COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING
August 13, 2019

PRESENT: Those present were Chairman George Neal, Commissioner Steve Young, Commissioner Jody Grimsley, Commissioner Mathew Gunnels, Commissioner Norman Royal, County Attorney Wayne Jernigan, County Manager Justin Strickland and County Clerk Lea Elliott.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Neal called the meeting to order. Attorney Wayne Jernigan gave the invocation.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Commissioner Young made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 9th, Regular Meeting. Commissioner Gunnels seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearings

Chairman Neal called to order a Public Hearing at 4:05 p.m. to discuss a proposal for two (2) new wireless cell towers located at:

4588 GA HWY 240 N

61 County Club Road.

Citizens were given an opportunity to speak for or against. Chairman Neal concluded the public hearing.

Chairman Neal called the meeting back into regular session at 4:10 p.m.

Commissioner Gunnels made the motion to approve the new AT&T wireless cell tower located at 4588 GA HWY 240 N. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gunnels made the motion to approve the new Verizon wireless cell tower located at 61 County Club Road. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

GUEST

Marie Shearer Berlanga with VITA came before the board to thank them again for allowing the Marion County VITA to change their office location to the County Annex Building located at 100 E Burkhalter Ave.

APPOINTMENT:

TSPLOST Regional Roundtable

Commissioner Young made the motion to approve the appointment of *Chairman George Neal, Jr.* to the TSPLOST Regional Roundtable. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dirt Road Remediation

Commissioner Grimsley made the motion to collect dirt cost estimates on two (2) county roads for repair. Harbuck Pond Road and Palmer Cemetery Road. Commissioner Gunnels seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Commissioner Young made the motion to adopt penalty rates for violations on the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Penalties for violation could include a fine of no more than a \$1000, imprisonment for no more than 60 days or both. Commissioner Royal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance was tabled until October meeting to allow for a Public Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 Audit and Annual Financial Report

Commissioner Gunnels made the motion to approve the 2018 Audit and Annual Financial Report presented by Gene Allen CPA. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Baldwin Insurance

Commissioner Gunnels made the motion to approve the renewal of the Property Casualty Insurance Policy with the Baldwin Agency. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Gunnels made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:22pm. The Board of Commissioners came out of Executive Session and the Chairman Neal called the Regular meeting back to order at 6:51pm.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gunnels made the motion to amend the agenda to discuss the County Manger benefit packet and the EMS Intern. Commissioner Royal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gunnels made the motion to approve County Manager Justin Strickland to discuss the EMS Intern position with Brandon Everett. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on the County Manager benefit packet.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Gunnels made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grimsley and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman George Neal, Jr.

Vice-Chairman Steve Young

Commissioner Norman Royal

Commissioner Jody Grimsley

Commissioner Matt Gunnels

Attest:

Lea Elliott, Clerk