

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
MARION COUNTY, GEORGIA
VIA VIDEO and TELECONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
October 13, 2020 – 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Those present on the video call (ZOOM meeting ID 999 6867 1891) were Chairman George Neal, Commissioner Steve Young, Commissioner Matt Gunnels, Commissioner Jody Grimsley, County Manager Justin Strickland, County Clerk Sylvia Russell and Deputy County Clerk Martyna Currington-Jenkins. Commissioner Norman Royal and County Attorney Wayne Jernigan did not participate in the call.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Neal called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. Commissioner Young gave the invocation.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Commissioner Gunnels made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2020, Regular Meeting, the September 14, 2020, Called Meeting, and the September 28, 2020, Called Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **2020 LMIG Project Modification:** Commissioner Young made a motion to approve a modification to the 2020 LMIG Project to add patch work on Buffalo Rd. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion. Commissioner Gunnels abstained due to a conflict of interest. Chairman Neal voted to approve and the motion passed 3-0.
- b. **Award Contract to Robinson Paving for 2020 LMIG Project:** Commissioner Grimsley made a motion to approve to award a contract in the amount of \$493,933.52 to Robinson Paving for the 2020 LMIG Project (Jim Allen Rd., a section of Tower Point Rd., and patch work on Buffalo Rd.). Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Commissioner Gunnels abstained due to a conflict of interest. Chairman Neal voted to approve and the motion passed 3-0.
- c. **JP Hudson Paving Project Change Order:** Commissioner Young made a motion to approve a Change Order No. 0001 in the amount of \$67,368.85 for the JP Hudson paving project to relocate the water pipe at the intersection of JP Hudson and GA Hwy 352 and decline the alternate change to install an additional fire hydrant assembly on JP Hudson Road. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion. Commissioner Gunnels abstained due to a conflict of interest. Chairman Neal voted to approve and the motion passed 3-0.
- d. **Deputy Chief Appraiser Position Tabled:** Commissioner Young made a motion to table the consideration of adding a new position for a Deputy Chief Appraiser to allow time for County Manager Strickland to meet with the Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- e. **USDA Lease Extension:** Commissioner Young made a motion to extend the USDA Lease agreement for office space at 111 Baker St. in Buena Vista, GA, through December 31, 2023. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

a. **Auction reserve not met for surplus items:** Reserves were not met in the online auction process for six items previously approved for surplus. County Manager Strickland presented a list of alternate values:

	Original	Proposed
1. 2002 F-150 – shifter column is broken/dash is all apart	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
2. 1959 Dorsey Trailer	\$8,000.00	\$2,350.00
3. 1992 Freightliner	\$25,000.00	\$8,500.00
4. 6’ x 9’ Army trailers (2)	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
5. 8’ Broom (attaches to tractor 3pt hitch)	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
6. Pull behind sheepsfoot roller	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00

The Commission discussed whether or not the roller and broom on the list should be sold as surplus. Clearwater Project Manager Daniel Enfinger noted we do not have a tractor that will pull the roller. We use a ride-on roller purchased in 2019. He also noted the broom is not convenient and we can rent one that is better and easier to use; however, he agrees we can keep the broom and try to use it as needed. Commissioner Gunnels made a motion to approved proposed values for items 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 and retain ownership of item 5. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

a. **Public Works & Water Department Report – ClearWater Solutions:**

Daniel Enfinger updated the Commission on progress with building up County Line Road and recent repairs to Moody Road after damage from tropical storm rains. He clarified with the Commission that the next priority is Harbuck Pond Road, followed by Edgar Jones Road. With regard to maintenance, he noted we now have three motor graders in operation.

b. **County Manager’s Report - County Manager Strickland:**

County Manager Strickland reviewed his monthly update and highlighted the following:

- Airport Phase II project is delayed because fuel tanks are not available. Manufacturing has been affected by COVID-19. Utilities for potential hangars are being researched.
- Restriping project pre-conference is scheduled this week and we expect to have start dates defined.
- New phone and internet systems installed last week have greatly improved our office infrastructure.
- Expect an initial draft of the 2021 budget for the Commission to review in November.
- The Recreation Department has started the new tennis program with 15 participants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel:

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

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:26 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION:

The Board came out of Executive Session and Chairman Neal called the Regular meeting back to order at 6:34 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Gunnels made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 PM. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Chairman George Neal, Jr.

Sylvia Russell, County Clerk

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