

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CALLED MEETING
MARION COUNTY, GEORGIA
VIA VIDEO and TELECONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
January 20, 2021 – 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Those present on the video call (ZOOM meeting ID 917 1554 9730) were Chairman George Neal, Commissioner Marshall Fontaine, Commissioner Norman Royal, Commissioner Matt Gunnels, Commissioner Jody Grimsley, County Manager Justin Strickland, County Clerk Sylvia Russell, Deputy Clerk Martyna Currington-Jenkins and ClearWater Project Manager Daniel Enfinger.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Neal called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

DISCUSSION:

Equipment: County Manager Strickland noted that weekly updates from ClearWater include equipment status reports. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in the 2021 budget is established; however, it can be adjusted and any equipment needs can also be slotted for future budget planning.

The Commission discussed with ClearWater Project Manager Daniel Enfinger the status of all current equipment used in the Roads and Water Departments. General guidance from the Commission was they believe it is most cost effective to have a qualified mechanic on staff rather than paying service companies for all repairs. Mr. Enfinger agreed and advised the current mechanic on staff is only qualified to work on the trucks, not the heavy equipment. Mr. Enfinger is actively looking for a certified mechanic to hire and has a couple of candidates he is pursuing, however, it is difficult to compete with the salary they can make working for a commercial service provider.

The Commission asked that more quotes be obtained for a trailer to haul the loader and requested a second look at the bulldozer tracks to determine if they can be rotated for continued use or if they need to be replaced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Real Estate:

Commissioner Royal made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:59 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION:

The Board came out of Executive Session and Chairman Neal called the Regular meeting back to order at 6:10 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Royal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 PM. Commissioner Gunnels seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Chairman George Neal, Jr.

Sylvia Russell, County Clerk