

**BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
9:00 A.M., NOVEMBER 16, 2022
COMMISSION CHAMBERS, COUNTY COMMISSION BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Downs called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS: None

CALL OF ROLL, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Call of Roll –County Administrator: Brian Davis
Chairman and Commissioner Matt Downs: Present
Commissioner Jeremy Lightsey: Present
Commissioner Charles Caddell: Present
Commissioner Ty Corbell: Present
Commissioner Rodney Stabler: Present

Invocation: Kirk Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Downs

INFORMATION ITEMS:

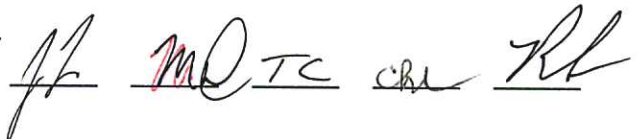
1. A/P CHECK RUN(S)

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **SHERIFF’S DEPT-STATE GRANT FOR DASH CAMERAS:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Caddell, seconded by Commissioner Stabler, motion carried unanimously to approve the sheriff’s department’s application for the grant for dash cameras.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Caddell, seconded by Commissioner Stabler, motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.
2. **DUSTY BEATTY-FORESTRY SERVICE AGREEMENT:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Stabler, seconded by Commissioner Caddell, motion carried unanimously to move forward in drafting an agreement between Bibb County Commission and the USDA, Forest Service. Per Mr. Beatty the agreement would be utilized to build a partnership between the agencies to help promote the utilization of the forest and to allow the USDA Forest Service to help support our local economy. He also said the contract would be non-binding.
3. **BETH MERCHANT-OLD RANDOLPH ROAD:** Ms. Merchant was present at the meeting to ask what the plan is for resurfacing the road. She said the county has begun a project where they are plowing up the road and she wants to ensure a black top will be put back on the road rather than turning it into a dirt road. County Engineer, Jeff McKinney, said there has been a problem with the road holding water and creating potholes. He said the road has no crown allowing water to shed. He said his plan was to use crushed stone that would become a good surface. Chairman Downs said he can understand Ms. Merchant’s concern – that it would be tough for someone to go from a paved road to a dirt road. Commissioner Lightsey asked how many people or homes would be affected. Ms. Merchant said it would affect approximately six homes. Ms. Merchant asked for consideration in returning the road to the condition it was in before. Jeff said he does have milled asphalt he could use. Commissioners Lightsey, Corbell, and Stabler all agreed Jeff should build the road up to create something that is not a dirt road. The commission agreed the milled asphalt would be a viable choice. Ms. Merchant said she is agreeable with the milled asphalt option.
4. **EOLINE FIRE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Lightsey, seconded by Commissioner Caddell, motion carried unanimously to table this item until the commission can secure a quote for repairing the parking lot at the Eoline Fire Department as this one of the county’s polling locations.
5. **INMATE MEDICAL CLAIM:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Stabler, seconded by Commissioner Caddell, motion carried unanimously to approve payment of an inmate’s medical claim in the amount of \$19,793.52. (The county attorney worked to negotiate this



claim down from over \$300k.)

6. **PROBATE OFFICE-TEMPORARY LAW CLERK:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Lightsey, seconded by Commissioner Corbell, motion carried unanimously to approve a law clerk in the probate office over the holidays. (The position of a law clerk/intern was already approved. This item was to let the commission know it will be filled with revolving individuals as each internship is completed.)
7. **NEW COMMISSIONER TRAINING:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Stabler, seconded by Commissioner Caddell, motion carried unanimously to approve Commissioner Corbell to attend new commissioner training.
8. **BIDDING OUT GIS SERVICES-BOARD OF REGISTRARS:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Stabler, seconded by Commissioner Caddell, motion carried unanimously to bid out GIS services for the Board of Registrars with the state's approval to provide assistance with the installation and first year maintenance cost.
9. **TAX OFFICE-AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTRACT:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Lightsey, seconded by Commissioner Caddell, motion carried unanimously to approve the contract for aerial photography for the tax office.
10. **SHERIFF'S DEPT-TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AGMT:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Stabler, seconded by Commissioner Corbell, motion carried unanimously to approve the Southeast Alabama Highway Safety Office Traffic Enforcement Agreement.

STAFF:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Upon request by Brian and motion made by Commissioner Stabler, seconded by Commissioner Caddell, motion carried unanimously to continue to hold commission meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:00 p.m.
2. Upon request by Brian and motion made by Commissioner Caddell, seconded by Commissioner Corbell, motion carried unanimously to approve payment to Hunt's Service in the amount of \$3,250 for repairs made to the yard truck at the transfer station.
3. Upon recommendation by Brian and motion made by Commissioner Caddell, seconded by Commissioner Lightsey, motion carried unanimously to approve the Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust Agreement.
4. Upon request by Brian and motion made by Commissioner Stabler, seconded by Commissioner Caddell, motion carried unanimously to approve payment to Orkin annually rather than monthly.
5. Upon request by Brian and motion made by Commissioner Corbell, seconded by Commissioner Caddell motion carried unanimously to pay Superior Heating and Air for the installation of a heat pump at Six Mile Community Center, a polling location. RC&D grant funds should reimburse the county for this payment.
6. Upon request by Brian and motion made by Commissioner Caddell, seconded by Commissioner Stabler, motion carried unanimously to approve the Resolution for the Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Government Services for the elevator refurbishment project as well as have the chair sign the contract for this project. (The Bagby Elevator bid was accepted for this project in a previous commission meeting.)
7. Upon request by Brian and motion made by Commissioner Stabler, seconded by Commissioner Caddell, motion carried unanimously to allow Brian to advertise for the A/P position being vacated.
8. Upon request by Brian and motion made by Commissioner Lightsey, seconded by Commissioner Stabler, motion carried unanimously to approve the Assistant Agreement to be utilized when disbursing the equipment being furnished to the volunteer fire departments with ARPA funds upon the review and approval of the county attorney including any corrections he may have and to approve the Resolution to Transfer Emergency Assistance Equipment and Supplies Purchased with American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Eligible Fire Departments.
9. Upon request by Brian and motion made by Commissioner Caddell, seconded by Commissioner Corbell, motion carried unanimously to approve the Buyboard Interlocal Participation Agreement.



COUNTY ENGINEER JEFF MCKINNEY:

1. Upon request by Jeff and motion by Commissioner Lightsey, seconded by Commissioner Stabler, motion carried unanimously to approve payment to Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction for invoice #3 in the amount of \$4,000 for work performed on the CR9 patching project.
2. Upon request by Jeff and motion by Commissioner Lightsey, seconded by Commissioner Stabler, motion carried unanimously to approve acceptance of CR9 patching project for future maintenance with 1-year warranty period beginning November 1, 2022.
3. Upon request by Jeff and motion made by Commissioner Caddell, seconded by Commissioner Stabler, motion carried unanimously to advertise the road superintendent position vacancy.

COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR KIRK SMITH:

1. Kirk reported he is still working to get the ARPA funded items purchased for the volunteer fire departments. He said some items are more difficult to get due to supply chain issues.
2. Kirk also reported the surveying has been completed for the community shelters and the county attorney is reviewing the surveys. He said the commission office is beginning to work on the bid specs for the shelters.
3. Kirk reported he plans to take some vacation time in December but will be checking in with Dispatch and will watch his emails.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ANTHONY JOHNSON:

1. Upon recommendation by Anthony and motion made by Commissioner Stabler, seconded by Commissioner Corbell, motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Caddell abstained) to approve the sale of the Old Red Cross Building to Bibb Hardwoods LLC and to approve a correction deed for the sale.

Anthony reported in response to the concerns raised by Walt Williams about the sale of the Old Red Cross Building that in his review of the documents and the minutes of the previous meetings he believes Mr. Williams is largely correct. Anthony said while the commission clearly voted to approve the sale of the building, they failed to vote to sell the building to Bibb Hardwoods LLC. He also said the tax assessed value of the property was \$129k but that the building is only assessed from the outside. He reported during the tornado in March 2021 the building sustained damage. The insurance company paid several thousand dollars to the commission for the damage but at the same time notified the commission it would be dropping the building from the coverage as it was unoccupied. The commission did not repair the damage. The commission sold the building for \$100,000. Mr. Tom Owings was asked to appraise the property; following his inspection of the property, both inside and outside, he appraised it for \$78,000-\$82,000 and said he felt the county received more for the building than it was worth. As a reminder, Anthony said the building sat on the market in the past for a long period of time with no offers.

2. Anthony provided an update regarding opioid settlements. He advised that recently there has been a McKesson settlement in the amount of \$26 billion. He said it looks like Bibb County's portion of the settlement will be approximately \$206,156 and that it would payout with a portion in up-front payment and the balance paid over a 10-year period. He advised there will be stipulations as to how the money can be used and that he is reviewing how the money can be spent as more reports become available on the settlement.
3. Upon request by Anthony and motion made by Commissioner Stabler, seconded by Commissioner Caddell, motion carried unanimously to go into executive session to discuss the good name and character of a road department employee. He asked that Brian Reeves, Lisa Vining, and Jeff McKinney be present. Executive session began and 9:56 a.m. Executive session ended at 10:43 a.m. and the meeting reconvened.

OLD BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Corbell – none

Commissioner Caddell – none


Commissioner Stabler welcomed Commissioner Corbell

Commissioner Lightsey – none

Chairman Downs - none


ADJOURN:


Upon motion made by Commissioner Stabler, seconded by Commissioner Caddell, motion carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

By: 
Lisabeth Vining

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS:


JEREMY LIGHTSEY, DISTRICT 1


CHARLES CADDELL, DISTRICT 2


MATT DOWNS, DISTRICT 3
CHAIRMAN


TY CORBELL, DISTRICT 4


RODNEY STABLER, DISTRICT 5

