

MINUTES
MERIWETHER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 10, 2020

Commissioners Present: Chairman Bryan Threadgill, Vice Chairman Alfred "Buster" McCoy, Commissioner Shirley Hines, Commissioner Mary Bray, and Commissioner Beth Neely-Hadley,
Staff Present: County Administrator Theron Gay, County Clerk Beverly Thomas, Finance Director Bill Gregory and County Attorney Nathan Lee

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Threadgill at 9:00 a.m.
INVOCATION – Commissioner Beth Neely-Hadley
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- II. ADOPT AGENDA**
Motion was made by Beth Neely-Hadley and seconded by Vice Chairman McCoy to adopt the Agenda All were in favor.

- III. MINUTES**
Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Mary Bray to approve the Minutes from the April 28, 2020 Meeting at 6:00 pm with the following changes: Add Staff Absent: Beverly Thomas, Meriwether County Clerk and change the spelling from Len to Lynn Westmoreland under the Report from Commissioner Shirley Hines. All were in favor.
Motion was made by Vice Chairman Alfred McCoy and seconded by Shirley Hines to approve the Minutes from the May 18, 2020 Work Session at 4:30 pm. All were in favor.
(The May 13, 2020 Regular Meeting at 9:00 am and the May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm were cancelled.)

- IV. MUNICIPAL COMMENTS**
None

- V. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER'S COMMENTS**
None

- VI. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**
Jane Fryer, Executive Director of the Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority, advised the Commissioners that she had placed a report in their boxes.

- VII. PUBLIC HEARING**
None

- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
None

- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
1. Motion was made by Beth Neely-Hadley and seconded by Shirley Hines to reappoint Sandra Hudson to the Pine Mountain Regional Library System. The new term will expire on June 30, 2023. All were in favor.
 2. Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Mary Bray to table the appointment to the DFACS Board for District 3. All were in favor.
 3. Motion was made by Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Vice Chairman McCoy to table the appointment to Region IV EMS Council that expires on June 30, 2020. All were in favor.

4. Motion was made by Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Vice Chairman McCoy to table the 2nd appointment to Region IV EMS Council that expires on June 30, 2020. All were in favor.
5. Motion was made by Beth Neely-Hadley and seconded by Mary Bray to reappoint Marlene Rozell to the Region Six Department of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities Board. The term will expire June 30, 2023. All were in favor.
6. Motion was made by Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Shirley Hines to appoint Brin Jones as the EMA Director to fill the vacant position. All were in favor. Chairman Threadgill and the Board of Commissioners thanked Bill Gregory for the time he serviced as EMA Director.
7. Motion was made by Beth Neely-Hadley and seconded by Mary Bray to close Stovall Road at Flat Shoals Creek beginning on June 8, 2020 for GDOT Low Impact Bridge Program PI-0016163. This was requested by Tidwell Construction Company. All were in favor.
8. Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Beth Neely-Hadley to adopt the Resolution to Support the Flint-Meriwether River Water Trail. All were in favor.
9. Administrator Gay read recommended changes to the Recreation Ordinance. Motion was made by Mary Bray and seconded by Beth Neely-Hadley to approve the amended Recreation Ordinance #2020-01. All were in favor.
10. Administrator Gay reported an RFP for a Resurfacing Project for 2020 had been sent to multiple companies. In this bid, three Cities asked to add some work. Woodbury contracted their project; the Warm Springs bid came in at \$59,968.68 and Greenville had an error and will be changed. Administrator Gay recommended moving forward with the lowest bid from Piedmont Paving in the amount of \$1,324,442.79 for Meriwether County Projects and contact Warm Springs and the City of Greenville for execution of their section of the contract.
Commissioner Hines stated Luthersville paved part of Luthersville Road and wanted to know if there was a proposal to finish their section. Administrator Gay spoke with Mayor Cuttie and we did not have current funding for the project. We will be able to resurface our portion later and he will hold on to his funds until we do our section so that the paving can be done together to save money. Commissioner Hines asked if the State could do a traffic study for Luthersville Road. Administration Gay wants to get the State involved because it connects three State Routes. Motion was made by Mary Bray and seconded by Vice Chairman McCoy to award the 2020 Resurfacing Project to Piedmont Paving in the amount of \$1,324,442.79 and allow Administrator Gay to contact Warm Springs and Greenville to move forward. All were in favor.
11. Administrator Gay stated there were nine bid packages mailed out to contractors for the Culvert Replacement Design Build for Hill Haven Road and Owens Road. Eight contractors were present for the pre-bid. Proposals were received from Pine Valley Concrete and Piedmont Paving and the bids were opened.
Bid results were Piedmont Paving – Hill Haven Road: option 1 CCMP \$214,726.00, option 2 CBC \$350,929.00, Option 3 FGP \$228,226.00 Owens Road: option 1 CCMP \$222,680.00, option 2 \$492,193.00, option 3 FGP \$329,680.00
Bid results from Pine Valley Concrete, Hill Haven Road: option repair \$104,000.00, option replace \$248,800.00. Owens Road: option A replace CCMP \$275,800.00, option B Bridge \$397,812.00
Administrator Gay recommended awarding the Design Build for Hill Haven Road Culvert Replacement to Pine Valley Concrete for \$248,800.00 to construct a concrete box culvert as the best bid and award the Design Build for Owens Road to Piedmont Paving for \$222,680.00 to install new CCMP culverts as the best bid.
Motion was made by Mary Bray and seconded by Beth Neely-Hadley to award the culvert replacement Design Build for Hill Haven Road to Pine Valley Concrete in the amount of \$248,800.00. All were in favor.
Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Shirley Hines to award the Design Build of Owens Road to Piedmont Paving in the amount of \$222,680.00 with the County purchasing the pipe and knowing the price may change. All were in favor.

12. Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Shirley Hines to move forward with re-opening the full operation of the Transportation Buses within the provisions set forth from CDC, Department of Public Health, and the Governor's Office. All were in favor.

13. Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Mary Bray to approve the purchase of two used Transportation Buses, VIN #1FDEE3FSXFDA07231 AND VIN #1FDEE3FS8FDA12122 in the amount of \$5,500 each, pending the mechanic check at Public Works. All were in favor.

14. Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Beth Neely-Hadley to approve and allow the Chairman to sign Section 5311 Public Transportation Service Agreement with Three Rivers Regional Transit System. All were in favor.

15. Administrator Gay wrote a letter to the lessee advising that the County would not renew the lease on the Lone Oak Ball Field property. Following discussion, motion was made by Vice Chairman Alfred McCoy and seconded by Beth Neely-Hadley to allow Administrator Gay to put out a general RFP on the Lone Oak Ball Field and allow Snyder Baseball to continue through August 15, 2020. All were in favor.

16. Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Beth Neely-Hadley to approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between GDOT and Meriwether County for Right of Way – Dan Stribling Road/CSX. All were in favor.

There was discussion of Job Opportunities in Meriwether County and how jobs are posted. Commissioner Bray wanted to put in place an Assistant County Administrator. Commissioner Hines wanted this implemented as soon as possible. Commissioner Hines stated the reason we do not retain people is due to the pay scale which is dependent on the certificates etc.

Chairman Threadgill wants to have exit interviews.

Vice Chairman McCoy wanted to add 1% to the 457 deferred compensation Retirement Plan for next Budget Year.

Commissioner Hines wanted a Work Session to discuss SPLOST, T-SPLOST and Public Works.

X. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

Finance Director, Bill Gregory, reported the final bond payment had been made for SPLOST. We have \$650K in excess funds and Mr. Gregory is reviewing the proceeds. The LOST proceeds are higher for the Cities than the County. T-SPLOST funds have started to arrive. Commissioner Bray asked about repairing Hill Haven Road and Owens Road. Mr. Gregory stated we are using the funds as we have them and will look at this once the next revenues arrive. Commissioner Hines stated Fayette County has a nice website that includes their projects.

Mr. Gregory reviewed finances. The County has \$20K in COVID-19 related expenses.

Agencies have submitted their Budget request for FY 2020-2021. Several have requested more funds.

Chairman Threadgill wants a letter explaining where the additional funds will go.

XI. REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Gay stated we will need to advertise an RFP for some ambulances.

A meeting was held with GDOT Representative, Lynn Westmoreland, and some of the Commissioners. The Right of Way Road spraying started today.

County Offices have reopened to the public. We may have to remove the Emergency Declaration at the next meeting.

Durand Landfill reports from February and April were good.

A meeting was held with Gabe Gribble from Turkey Run Landfill regarding pre-treatment plans.

Administrator Gay and others met with Haralson County Commissioners regarding questions on our Industrial Park. We have the Certificate of Occupancy for the two newest Fire Stations. An open house will be held soon.

Areas have been located for the next two Fire Stations and we will contact the property owners.

The Airport Authority signed the document to obtain a \$20K grant. The fuel system should be open by the end of July.

Administrator Gay attended many Board Meetings which included Airport, Water & Sewerage, Lake Meriwether, Recreation, and IDA.
Staff is in place for the Fire Stations and a crack in a window at the new Pebble Brook Fire Station was reported.

XII. REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Shirley Hines: No reports at this time.

Commissioner Mary Bray: The Fair will be open on October 1, 2020. Plans are to move forward with the Meriwether County Country Christmas on November 29, 2020.

Commissioner Beth Neely-Hadley: Warm Springs will hold their annual Freedom Celebration on Saturday, June 27, 2020. Most of the stores are open with changes.

Vice Chairman McCoy: There are discussions to build a new hanger at the Airport. Seven people are on the waiting list now for hanger rental. Lake Meriwether is open but the Pavilion is closed. Peaches in the Pines has been moved to September 12, 2020.

Chairman Bryan Threadgill: The July 3, 2020 Fireworks Celebration in Manchester has cancelled. The Manchester/Meriwether County Summer Ball program cancelled due to lack of participation.

XIII. REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY

Reported an Executive Session was needed.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Katherine Powell stated she had tuned into the meeting late and was looking for Meriwether County to make a statement on Social Injustice. Chairman Threadgill stated he would speak to the Board members and they would issue a statement together.

Beth Neely-Hadley stated the Convoy of Hope will arrive in Manchester on June 18, 2020 with a truck load of fresh vegetables and meat to serve over 1,000. Help will be needed to set up at the Manchester Recreation Department.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Alfred McCoy and seconded by Mary Bray to go into Executive Session at 10:49 a.m. to discuss Personnel and Litigation. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mary Bray and seconded by Beth Neely-Hadley to go out of Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Beth Neely Hadley and seconded by Mary Bray to go back into Regular Session at 11:35 a.m. All were in favor.

There was no action taken.

XVI. FUTURE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Threadgill read the Future Meetings and Announcements.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Beth Neely-Hadley and seconded by Shirley Hines to adjourn at 11:36 a.m. All were in favor.

Approved by:

Attest:

Date:

majority vote of the Board of Commissioners
Shirley Hines, County Clerk
June 23, 2020