

September 29, 2022

8th Day of the July Adjournment term

Commission met pursuant to September 8, 2022

Members Present: Presiding Commissioner (PC), Jim Scaggs

Associate Commissioner (AC), Southern, Ben Young

Associate Commissioner (AC), Western, Ronnie Chandler

County Clerk, Marsha Womble

Others Present: Dave Huff, Assessor; Carol Hardy, Treasurer; Darrell Decker, Insurance Consultant & Tyler Ray, Gallagher Rep.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by PC Scaggs.

AC Young made the motion to approve the agenda, AC Chandler seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. AC Young made the motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2022 with amendment to Financial-Claims presented and approved as presented with exception of Jail Invoices. AC Chandler seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSION REPORT: PC Scaggs attended a regional commissioners' meeting and found out that the \$10m state grant was being transferred from economic development to public safety.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Darrell Tucker, a health insurance consultant for MAGIC and Tyler Ray, Gallagher representative presented an option to join a health insurance consortium with several other counties. There are 3 tiers and county rates are based on the tier that we qualify for. It is their 17<sup>th</sup> year for providing insurance. Gallagher is the broker. Any government or quazi-government can apply for coverage. They currently have 10 counties and 2 independent wards enrolled with around 650 enrolled. The county clerk needs to provide an employee census to them to receive current rates.

CHAMBER FESTIVALS: AC Young spoke with Tony Harbison of the Chamber and they want to make sure the county approves of the remaining festivals for the year. AC Young made the motion to approve the use of courthouse grounds for the Fall Mountain Music Festival and the Christmas Parade. AC Chandler seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

SHERIFF: Sheriff Burkett was not in attendance to review. Historical budgets for revenues & expenditures including loss of grants were discussed. Revenues generated by the sheriff's department include Deputy Supplemental Salary grant (including benefits), DWI grants, sheriff's fees for paper service, bonds, etc. as well as other miscellaneous grants are down. The Jail Budget as of 09/28/2022 was at 92% of expenditures. There are not enough budget funds available within the Jail Budget to meet payroll for the remainder of the year. Reports presented will be on file in the county clerk's office. PC Scaggs attempted communication with Sheriff Burkett concerning outstanding invoices that were discussed on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Sheriff Burkett's response was that he was "looking into it as we speak". The laptop was discussed and per Sheriff Burkett's response it has been returned & will be used in the Sheriff's office since it was purchased within his budget. Discussed communication PC Scaggs received concerning state auditor investigation within Sheriff's Department. Discussed DSSSF grant contacts associated with the application that has not been corrected per motion made by the Commission. As of September 20<sup>th</sup>, the status of the grant shows it went from awarded to underway. Reviewed extra

funds to see if enough funds to cover Jail payroll for remainder of the year. At this time, there are not enough funds.

ARPA: nothing new

BUILDING RENOVATIONS: AC Young made the motion to approve Cost proposal #28 for retreading of the old stairs to courtroom and Cost proposal #29 for vents in the jury room. AC Chandler seconded. All in favor, motion carried. We received a quote for replacement of upper 3 windows in the front of the courthouse. A quote will be requested for 3 windows on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor that AC units need removed from.

ROADS: A.) CR 53-nothing new. B.) FLAP-nothing new. C.) USDA Mower Grant-AC Young made the motion to approve and give PC Scaggs authority to sign the Letter of Intent. AC Chandler seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The SF-3881 has been completed by Treasurer Hardy. The Resolution was signed on August 4<sup>th</sup>. AC Young made the motion to approve and give PC Scaggs authority to sign the Grant agreement. AC Chandler seconded. All in favor, motion carried. One more document needs to be completed by the PA to move forward. D.) 2 tree removal bids were received. AC Chandler made the motion to award the tree removal bid to Harbison Construction. AC Young seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

FINANCIAL: A.) Claims were presented and approved with the exception of jail invoices due to lack of funds. All invoices for the jail will be held until such time as the Sheriff can provide an approved revised budget. B.) Other-draft audit findings discussed.

With no further business to discuss, AC Chandler made the motion to adjourn at 12:19 pm. AC Young seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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Presiding Commissioner