

MINUTES

WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 17, 2008

7:00 P.M.

The Worth County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 17, 2008 in the Commission Board Room, 3rd Floor Courthouse.

Chairman Miller called meeting to order.

Present: Commissioners Tony Hall, Fred Dent, Bettye Bozeman, Jerry Childree and Chairman Dan Miller. Buffy Walker Payroll/personnel, Lavern Watkins Accounting, Attorney Clarence Miller.

Request for Proposals

(1) Rescue Truck – 3 bids received.

FireLine Inc.	\$130,856.00
Greg Lewis American LaFrance Fl.	Ford 12' \$131,980.00 GMC \$140,980.00
KME Fire Apparatus	\$123,110.00

(2) Class A Fire Truck – 3 bids received

Fire Line Inc	\$191,944.00
American Lafrance	\$249,105.00
KME Fire Apparatus	\$231,452.00

There was some discussion on all bids received on both of the above vehicles.

Public Hearing

Invited guest:

(1) James Trammell – Mayor of Sumner

Mayor Trammell had to cancel his appointment to appear before the Board, he did call and speak with Chairman Miller about some D-Cel Lanes, and as to weather the County could help financially. Chairman Miller told him that at this time the County could not offer any assistance.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

For your information

- (1) Sheriff's department was called out to the Ag. Pavilion on 01/12/08.
To investigate a report of alcohol consumption by teenagers.
They were informed by the Deputy that they would have to leave or they would be prosecuted. They also talked to the extension office to remind them that when renting out the Ag. Pavilion to reinforce the fact that there cannot be any alcohol consumption or smoking in a Government building.
- (2) Grand Jury Presentments.
- (3) Planning and Zoning did not have any applications for this meeting.

Items needing attention

- (1) AT&T application to provide service.
Chairman Miller thought we should give the package to Attorney Clarence Miller for review and see exactly what we need to send in.

District 1 – Tony Hall

- (1) Commissioner Hall had received a letter from Ms. Doris Russ, it was a letter of complaint referencing the Public Works Department. Commissioner Hall said he would be calling Ms Russ to try to figure out what the exact issue is.

District 2 – Fred Dent

- (1) Commissioner Dent shared with the Board a discussion that he and Chairman Miller had earlier in the week with Reese Building Components Company. It was in connection to the road that runs into the tract of land that Mitchell EMC is going to purchase. Reese told Commissioner Dent and Chairman Miller that they owned that road and would be willing to deed it over to the County for half of the cost of the paving. Then Mitchell EMC would be able to use it instead of the County building a new road to access the land, this would be the better way to go in reference to cost. Commissioner Dent said that at this point in time he could not definitely say who that road is owned by, but that he had asked Attorney Clarence Miller to look into this matter.
This topic would have to be tabled and brought up at the next meeting.

District 3 – Bettye Bozeman

- (1) Commissioner Bozeman said we needed to get a credit card machine in the Garbage Collections Office.
After a brief discussion by the Board, Commissioner Bozeman made the motion to purchase a credit card machine for the Garbage Collections Office.
Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree.

District 3- Bettye Bozeman Cont...

- (2) Commissioner Bozeman mentioned that some people could not afford to Pay for Garbage even though their gross income was \$16,000.00, the reason for this is because they have to pay Medicare out of that sum. This then becomes a much lesser amount.
There was a brief discussion between the Board, no action taken.
- (3) Commissioner Bozeman also talked about the agreement with the City for E-911 dispatchers, the City would like to be billed quarterly, this needs to be put in the contract. Also to include cost of living raise in contract.

District 4 – Jerry Childree

Nothing at this time.

Consent docket

(1) Waiver of Fees Application – Garbage Pick-up.

- (1) Nancy Hunt.....**Approved**
- (2) Doris Casey.....**Approved**
- (3) Mytrice Culpepper....**Approved**
- (4) Bernardo Avalos.....**Not Approved**
- (5) Reba Patrick.....**Not Approved**

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve Hunt, Casey and Culpepper. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree

- (2) EMS Director Bob Garrett is requesting use of the Community Center on April 24 and 25, 2008 to conduct a Trauma Life Support course for employees.
Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve request. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree.
- (3) Professional Court Services Agreement allows rental for room office equipment and utilities at a fee of \$250.00 per month. They are requesting this amount be reduced to \$200.00 per month if they pay 12 months in advance.
No action taken. Amount to stay the same.

Action Docket

A. Coroner John M. Johnson is requesting to operate in arrears for the following:

- (1) Line Item # 100-21-3700-52-2200-00 in the amount of \$600.00 which is for the office phone and cell phone.

No Action Taken

- (2) Line item # 100-2103700-52-2200-00 be increased to \$1,000.00 for Repair and maintenance of vehicle and equipment.

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve for Coroner Johnson to run In arrears on the above line item. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Bozeman and Childree.

B. Sheriff Freddie Tompkins is declaring the following vehicles be surplusd

- (1) 2003 Ford Crown Vic Vin # 2FAFP71W73X205103
- (2) 2003 Ford Crown Vic Vin # 2FAFP71W33X131680
- (3) 2001 Ford Crown Vic Vin # 2FAFP71W91X123970
- (4) 1999 Ford Crown Vic Vin # 2FAFP71W7XX238740

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve for the vehicles to be surplusd. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree.

- C.** Worth County High and Middle School Bands used the Community Center at a Reduced rate of \$100.00 on December 10th and 11th 2007. Afterwards the Center was checked and found not to have been cleaned appropriately. Commissioner Bozeman felt that they should take responsibility and be held accountable.

Commissioner Dent motioned to send a bill to the Board of Education the amount of \$100.00. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree.

- D.** Director Bob Garrett is requesting one (1) of the vehicles that is being placed in Surplus by Sheriff Tompkins. The 1999 Crown Vic Vin # 2AAFP71W7XX238740.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to transfer said vehicle. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree.

- E.** Review Corrective Action Plan for FY 2007 Audit Report.
No Action Taken

- F.** The Beer and Wine Licenses for Worth County are currently \$250.00 annually.

Commissioner Dent motioned to increase Beer and Wine Licenses to \$300.00. Commissioner Childree Seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Bozeman

Unfinished Business

- A.** Agreement/Worth County/City of Sylvester Billing and Landfill collection. New Agreement with changes has been received and given to Attorney Clarence Miller.
- B.** Deeds on CR 55 Cotton Road have not been signed. DOT called 11/26/07 Inquiring on the County ROW Agreement.
No Action Taken
- C.** DCA WaterFirst Community Program Application. Copy to Attorney Miller.
No Action Taken.
- D.** CR 146 Jones Road – Bridge Replacement. None of the residents will sign deeds for donations due to large amount of property being requested. Suggested road be closed. Chairman Miller said we needed to run an Advertisement in the Sylvester Local stating to close this road permanently.
No Action Taken
- E.** The NRCS office has submitted a statement of understanding for the employee hired as the Resource Conservationist. The NRCS office is requesting \$100.00 check made payable to USDA in order for LaTosha Daniel to access sensitive computer system.
No Action Taken
- F.** Rozanne Braswell is requesting two (2) members be appointed for the RDC Steering Committee.
No Action Taken
- G.** The DOT is requesting reimbursement of \$33,175.37 for overpayment on PR 413-2 (321) C1 for work done on CR 413 Sledge Road. Adjustment was to be made on P.T. Salter Bridge but was never adjusted.
No Action Taken
- H.** Judy Hall reserved the Community Center on 11/22/07 with discrepancies. No action was taken at the meeting on January 2, 2008. She has requested to use the Center again on November 27, 2008.

Commissioner Dent motioned to deduct \$100.00 from the deposit for clean-up. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with yes vote from Commissioner Childree. Commissioner Hall abstained from voting.

I. Sheila Kirkland – Appointments for the RDC Board.
No Action Taken

J. See attached response per your request to meet with Commissioner Gena Abraham, Georgia DOT.
An e-mail was received from Commissioner Abraham’s assistant stating that due to new changes for efficiency purposes our Board must first have the support of our legislative delegation before a meeting can be arranged with Commissioner Abrahams.

Chairman Miller and Commissioner Dent agreed to make some phone calls in reference to that.

**The board agreed to take a recess at 7:38 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 7:52 p.m.**

New Business:

(1) Board Appointments for the EDA.

Commissioner Bozeman made a motion to approve the following to the EDA Board.

**Mike Garvey
Donnie Ford
Daniel Nesbit
Hal Carter**

Commissioner Dent seconded.

After a lengthy discussion Motion Carried with Yes votes from Commissioners Dent, Bozeman and Childree. Tony Hall voted no.

Chairman Dan Miller also responded with a no vote.

(2) DFACS Board Appointments.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to replace Mr. Franklin Hobby of the DFACS Board with Rebecca Geer.

Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree.

(3) Steering Committee Appointments.

Commissioner Hall nominated Darlene Powell.

Commissioner Dent nominated Jimmy Rouse.

Personnel Considerations:

(1) Sheriff Department.

Notification of separation of employment for Marco Kirk, Jailer. Last day of employment was January 14, 2008. His rate of pay was \$9.98 an hour. Resigned in good standing.

Acknowledgement – Sheriff hired Joseph F Johnson Jr., Deputy Sheriff. Effective date of hire January 14, 2008. Rate of pay \$12.50 an hour.

(2) Fire Department.

Request to change Sim Bozeman status from part-time to full-time Advance Fire Fighter. Rate of pay increase from \$9.00 to \$10.00 an hour effective January 20, 2008.

Request to hire Anthony Dewayne Pearson, part-time Advance Fire Fighter. Rate of pay \$9.00 an hour.

Request to hire Anthony L. Cooper, part-time Advance Fire Fighter. Rate of pay \$9.00 an hour.

Request to hire Wesley A. Sparks, part-time Advance Fire Fighter, Rate of pay \$9.00 an hour.

Request to hire Leonard H. Davis II, part-time Advance Fire Fighter. Rate of pay \$9.00 an hour.

Request to hire Justin Bentley, part-time Advance Fire Fighter. Rate of pay \$9.00 an hour.

Request to hire Jeffrey T. Melton, part-time Basic Fire Fighter. Rate of pay \$9.00 an hour.

Request to hire Willie J. Jackson III, part-time Basic Fire Fighter. Rate of pay \$9.00 an hour.

Request to hire Brian L. McCracken, part-time Basic Fire Fighter. Rate of pay \$9.00 an hour.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve all of the above. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree.

(3) Public Works Department (Clerk I \$8.00 Clerk II \$9.00)

Applicants interviewed: Kellie Cantreill
Tanisha Jones
Amanda Patton
Amanda Brown

After some discussion Commissioner Dent made a Motion to hire Amanda Brown. Commissioner Childree seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioner Dent, Childree and Chairman Dan Miller.
Commissioners Hall and Bozeman voted No.

Continuation from bid proposals.

Rescue Truck:

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve the purchase from KME Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$123,110.00 for the KME Ford F550 Light Duty Rescue Truck. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree.

After brief discussion, Proposal for Fire Truck tabled until 1st Tuesday in February.

At this time there was no more business.
Commissioner Hall motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Childree seconded.
Motion carried with yes votes from all.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 P.M.

Deborah Robinson,
County clerk.

Dan E. Miller
Chairman.