

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Work Session 11:00 a.m.

May 15, 2017

Present: Dwight Purvis, Chairman
Debra Robinson, Vice-Chairman
Lindsey Parrish, Commissioner
Jeff Lane, Commissioner
Audie Rowe, Commissioner

Staff Present: Faye Hughes, County Administrator
Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk

Chairman Dwight Purvis called the work session to order.

Chris Dorman-Tift Regional Medical Center, Michael Purvis – Cook Medical Center, and Ken Morey Community Ambulance Service. The group discussed the declined in Community Ambulance Services transport calls. Mr. Dorman advised the group that he would be releasing an RFP for exclusive rights for transport services for both Tift Regional Medical Center and Cook Medical Center (individually).

Mr. Donald Cronin, HR Attorney with ACCG, meet with the Board and staff to review recommended changes in the county personnel policy as the Board works toward adopting an updated personnel policy.

Partners Benefit Group: Karen Willis and Courtney Howell, Partners Benefit Group, presented the proposal for employee healthcare renewal.

- United Healthcare's renewal rate was \$669.62 per employee monthly (current year's premium \$546.31), annual premium cost of \$72,563.52.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia's (under the ACCG umbrella) proposal was \$574.54, annual premiums of \$62,859.94.
- Renewing with United Healthcare premiums would increase \$11,837.76 annually; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia the savings would be \$9703.68 annually.

Daniel Barber – Road/Landfill Superintendent:

- Road department work log was presented.
- Mr. Barber reported that with the 2 trucks pulling collection site trailers have improved the conditions of the sites. However, he said there is still some debris on the ground but overall it was much improved
- Mr. Barber reported that Mr. Browning, beaver contractor, was still working but water hasn't been flowing so beaver activity is low right now.
- Mr. Barber reported that some shoulder clipping had been done but for the most part his department was holding off until the striping project begins, to avoid having to do clipping twice.

Rahnee Webb: Mr. Rahnee Webb discussed the issue with Jefferson Road not being scrapped. Mr. Webb stated that vehicles were increasing their speed to get over the washboard surface on the road, which creates a danger for residents on the road.

John McLaglin: Mr. McLaglin asked the board the status of the communication issue. He told the board that if the county decides to move forward with installing an antenna on the radio tower, estimated costs for antenna, cable and installation is approximately \$8,000-9,000. He also told the board that a shelter/building would be needed at the base of the tower (possibly climate controlled).

Lamar Ray, 911 Director, is to work with Mr. McLaggin to get together bid specs.

Work Session adjourned.

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This the 5th day of June, 2017.

/s/ Dwight E. Purvis, Chairman

/s/ Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk