

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Work Session 5:00 p.m.

May 18, 2020

Present: Jeff Lane, Chairman
Audie Rowe, Vice-Chairman
Debra Robinson, Commissioner (via telephone)
Lindsey Parrish, Commissioner
Dwight E. Purvis, Commissioner

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

Chairman Lane called the work session to order.

The Commission reviewed proposals from Rusty McCranie, Road Superintendent, for the installation of a hoist and vehicle lift in the public works building. The Board requested more information before making a decision.

Johnny West, Fire Chief/EMA Director presented the following update:

EMA - COVID-19 update

- Currently 32 Positive, 3 deaths, problems with DPH as far as reporting. The south health district from Valdosta is reporting one thing and the state website is reporting another.
- DPH in Adel has tested 221 since April 20th (this is not counting Southwell or Lenox)
- 2 quarantined / Isolated (1 Sparks PD, 1 CCFD)
- PPE is available and in storage
- PPE has been provided thru GEMA. Mask, gloves, tyvex suits, hand sanitizer
- Wastewater departments from Sparks and Lenox have received mask from the state as well.
- Public Safety Workforce:
 - 204 Total
 - 76 - Law Enforcement
 - 94 - Firefighters
 - 23 - EMS Personnel
 - 11 - 911 center
 - 16 Law Enforcement tested
 - 2 EMS tested
 - 1 Firefighter tested
- GEMA Critical Infrastructure PPE Push
 - Mask 4792 cotton mask

Hurricane Season – Shelter Information

Tornado Update

- Crisis Track software was used. A couple of glitches but worked very well. \$980k in damages not counting debris and work hours during the storm.
- NWS issued a report stating that we had 1 confirmed tornado with a width of 1755 yards wide which is just short of a mile wide. We are still arguing about that.
- Trailer park used Walmart as a storm shelter. Walmart 62 sky lights need replaced.
- Final Hazard Mitigation Grant submitted for 13 Storm sirens. Total cost of project is \$317,875.22
 - \$238,406.42 FEMA at 75%
 - \$31,787.52 State at 10%
 - \$47,681.28 County at 15%

Weather STEM Grant – 6 for Cook County

Talks with Lowndes, Tift, and Turner Counties along the interstate and Brooks, Colquitt and Berrien for the West to East motion

EMPG Grant for \$7,791 has been received.

Fire Departments

2 structure fires recently. 1 home was totally destroyed and under investigation, the second only had damage to the master bathroom and bedroom, with a total loss to the shed near it.

3 new tankers are in service, and greatly improved water service on both fires. The crews are now trained on setting up the dump ponds and working a water shuttle.

ISO has been rescheduled for July 15th pending COVID 19 restrictions.

Fireworks Grant was awarded for the amount of \$21,976 for the purchase of equipment. Fireworks grant funded \$19,778 with a county match of \$2,198 which is being divided between each department at \$367 each. This is to replace all 5" hose in service now, it will create a stock system for us for spare hoses. 2 exhaust fans (1 for Central Cook and 1 for Pine Valley) and a deck gun for the new Lenox Truck.

Applying for a Compliance certificate for North Cook Fire Station thru GFSTC. We only have 1 engine in Lenox now due to the city taking the extra space at the Brad Street Station.

Compliance certificate has been received for Central Cook station in Sparks.

Firefighter training will resume as soon as the restrictions for social gathering can be lifted. This will help with certification for an additional 10 personnel at the firefighter level.

ISO has been rescheduled for July 15th. All paperwork is being processed and sent ahead of time, so the auditor has minimum on location time.

3 Applications on hold due to COVID-19.

1 Engine to be marked as surplus. Failed Pump test due to engine overheating.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Purvis moved to enter into an executive session with the right to return to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried.

Executive session was closed by motion of Commissioner Purvis and seconded by Commissioner Robinson. Motion carried.

With all business concluded, work session adjourned.

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This 1st day of June 2020.

/s/Jeff Lane, Chairman

/s/ Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk