

# COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session  
December 7, 2020

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

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

Chairman Lane called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Rowe gave the invocation.

Commissioner Parrish moved to approve the minutes as presented, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried.

Chief Johnny West updated the Commission on the following –

## EMA

### COVID-19 update

- Currently 819 555 up 264 from last meeting I attended on 10/5/20. 19 deaths, up 5 from the last meeting, total of 75 hospitalized up 14 from last meeting.
- 5 first responders quarantined / Isolated 4 County Fire
- PPE is available and in storage
- Continue to do weekly Pod Cast with Adel News
- Storm Ready Application Complete. Waiting on GA final approval tomorrow. Already approved by NWS Tallahassee

## Fire

- Extrication Class has been completed with 18 members being certified on new equipment.
- RVF Class is complete with final test scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- EMR grant was approved by the state. 25 seats available in the class, COVID might cause a problem with the actual class completion.
- Teamed up with the American Red Cross for the Smoke detector program
- F550 from Georgia Forestry is here. This truck will be built and used as a fast rescue truck for the extrication equipment and other calls.
- Cancelled annual Christmas banquet.
- Changing out all door locks at all county stations. Going to electronic keypads. Accountability for stations.
- Culvert for Chaserville station. Discuss Tree removal process
- ISO Issues, want to reschedule final for after the first of March.
- Presented his vehicle request

Fire Chief -New Vehicle: Chief West also presented a quote for a 4x4 F150 from Brannen Motors, \$34,292. The Commission requested Chief West obtain a quote from Cook County

Ford. Commissioner Rowe moved to table the item until a local quote could be obtained. Seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried.

5311 Regional Grant Application Resolution: Commissioner Purvis moved to authorize the Chairman's endorsement on the 5311 Rural Transportation Grant Resolution for the proposed Regional Transit System. Motion was carried, seconded by Commissioner Parrish.

2021 Alcoholic Beverage License: Commissioner Parrish made the motion to approve 2021 Alcoholic Beverage applications presented from Carter's Catfish House and 19<sup>th</sup> Hole at Circlestone. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Purvis, carried unanimously.

2021 LMIG Projects: Commissioner Purvis moved to approve the following list of roads for the 2021 LMIG Projects. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion and the same carried by unanimous vote.

County Farm Road from Hwy 37 to McConnell Bridge Road  
Joiner Road from Lonnie Grimsley Road to Masee Post Road  
Burnette Road Repairs \$45,976.00  
Lonnie Grimsley Repairs \$19,750.00  
Ed Lindsey Reconstruction \$281,900.35  
Greggs Road Intersection of Hwy 76 \$15,250.00  
Springhill Road Repairs \$73,960.00  
Rountree Bridge Repairs \$60,000.00  
Hutchinson Parrish 2 locations \$32,280.00  
Shady Grove Road \$64,931.04

County Administrator, Faye Hughes, recommended the Board consult with Ritchie Swindell's company to come up with a 5 year CIP on county roads. His cost will be \$100 per mile. Funding to support the project could be pulled for the County's T-Splost funds.

Rountree Bridge Road Striping: Commissioner Rowe asked for the Commission's consideration for striping Rountree Bridge Road. He stated he was not a fan of patching but understood the limitations of funding. But requested consideration in having the Rountree Bridge Road restriped due to the condition of the markings that make it unsafe for travel, especially during rain. County Administrator, Faye Hughes, will discuss funding needs with GDOT.

Road Department – 2020 John Deere Quicke Q-6, 2020 Oliver & DAHL BR96 Grapple: Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the quote from John Deere for a 2020 Quicke Q-6, and 2020 Oliver & DAHL BR96 Grapple, \$19,850. Commission voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the equipment provided the boom will clear the dump trucks and Lasseter Tractor Co. will honor the quote; motion was seconded by Commissioner Parrish.

Legacy Behavioral Health – Community Service Building: Commission voted unanimously to approve Legacy Behavioral Health occupying the Service Center Building, (Old Quitman Road). Requested renovations will be presented to the Commission and Jess Permenter, Building/Zoning Administrator, for approval. Commissioner Parrish made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Purvis.

Commissioner Rowe abstained from the vote due to his appointment on the Behavioral Health Board.

Executive Session: Commissioner Rowe moved to enter into an executive session with the right to return to regular session. Motion carried with second from Commissioner Purvis.

Commissioner Parrish moved to close executive session and return to regular session, second by Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried.

Economic Development Commission – Correspondence, Medical Cannabis Company: County Administrator, Faye Hughes, read correspondence from Lisa Collins, Executive Director - Economic Development Commission, submitted on behalf of the Cook County Economic Development Commission and the Adel Industrial Development Authority. Said correspondence described a prospect for a medical cannabis company in Cook County. Development is projected to occupy property in the South Cook Industrial Park.

2020 John Deere 670G Motorgrader w/Ditcher, Vin# 9048: Commissioner Purvis moved to accept the 2020 670G John Deere Motorgrader, Vin #9048, that recently required the transmission be replaced. The motorgrader was accepted by bid from Flint Equipment on September 8, 2020, suffered transmission failure after delivery date -November 17, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rowe and carried unanimously.

From the Work Session:

Mr. Bill Murphree, Flint Equipment, assured the Board that Flint will do the right thing with concerns of the machine, and they will stand behind the repairs 100%. The transmission is new, it was taken off the assembly line and shipped to us. He also stated that repairs needed over the 5 year/7500 hours would not cost the county anything- the buyback will remain the same and the warranty will remain the same. He added that this is not a normal problem that Flint experiences, but the company feels good about the repairs and feels the county is in good shape. Mr. Murphree assured the commission that should the new machine be down for repairs, Flint will provide a replacement machine.

With all business concluded, meeting adjourned.

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This the 21st day of December 2020.

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Jeff Lane, Chairman

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Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk