

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session
December 21, 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 Rowe moved to approve the minutes as presented, second Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried.

Road Department – John Deere Quicke Grapple: The Commission voted to ratify the decision reversing their motion of December 7th to purchase the John Deere Quicke Grapple for the 7130 tractor, due to the number of hours on the tractor. Motion to ratify carried unanimously by motion of Commissioner Parrish, second by Commissioner Purvis.

Pine Valley Grocery – 2021 Alcoholic Beverage Application: Commissioner Parrish made the motion to approve the 2021 Alcoholic Beverage Application submitted by Pine Valley Grocery for retail malt beverage and retail wine beverage. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Fire Chief – Vehicle Purchase: Commissioner Rowe moved to accept the quote from Cook County Ford on a 2021 F150 Crewcab 4x4, \$34,708.60. Motion was approved unanimously by the Board, second by Commissioner Robinson.

Grady EMS Addendum: Commissioner Purvis moved to accept the addendum from Grady EMS and authorize the Chairman's endorsement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried unanimously. Approving the new addendum will increase Cook County's cost in the amount of \$50,000 annually, making the annual contract \$350,000.

Board of Tax Assessors – Appointment of Emanuel Brown: Commissioner Robinson moved to appoint Mr. Emanuel Brown to the Board of Assessors. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Purvis and carried unanimously.

Johnny West, Fire Chief/EMA Director updated the Commission on the following –

EMA

COVID-19 update

- Currently 930 previous 819 up 111 from last meeting I attended on 12/7/20. 20 deaths, up 1 from the last meeting, total of 82 hospitalized up 7 from last meeting.
- Vaccine Info
- Public health has cut down on the testing days available in Cook. This week is only Tuesday.

- 1 first responders quarantined
- PPE is available and in storage
- Continue to do weekly Pod Cast with Adel News
- Storm Ready Application Complete. Approved by the state of GA and the NWS Tallahassee

Fire

- New vehicle request

Public Health Prioritizing Vaccination

Testing availability may be limited during vaccine rollout

VALDOSTA – As COVID-19 vaccine begins being given in our communities, public health staff will be focusing their efforts on distributing vaccines as quickly as possible.

With the focus of public health shifting to vaccine distribution, this will mean limited testing appointment availability at public health sites.

With the vaccination schedule, public health staff will continue to follow the tiered phases set out by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. This means that for the initial launch, or tier 1A, public health will be vaccinating healthcare workers. Tier 1B is currently expected to include first responders, education workers, essential workers and individuals over 75. Based on current guidance, the tiers then move into those will compromised immune systems, those living in congregate settings and then into the general public.

Moving through the tiers will occur as quickly as possible, but there is a chance that it could still be a couple of months before the general public is able to be vaccinated.

With all business concluded, meeting adjourned.

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This the 4th day of January 2021.

/s/ Audie Rowe, Chairman

/s/ Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk