Minutes
Road Equipment Workshop
January 14, 2020

Present: Chairman Jackie Trim, Commissioners: Bobby Kennedy, GW Thompson, Wayne Tatum and Bill Kicklighter.

Absent: Commissioner Edward Kennedy.

Staff Present: Frank H. Murphy, County Manager, Christy D. McCall, County Clerk, and Lynn Cribbs, Road Superintendent.

Chairman Trim called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

The pledge and invocation were given previously in the Called Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Cribbs explained he wanted to meet with the Commissioners regarding Road department equipment to get their input on how long equipment should be kept once warranty has expired and get their thoughts on replacing some equipment.

Mr. Cribbs presented a list of all Road department equipment and vehicles which included warranty expiration date and current mileage for each.

After much discussion, it was determined as a consensus to surplus the two mowers and one John Deere tractor and to solicit bids for two new tractors and two new mowers. These items will be on the February Commissioners meeting for approval.

It was also discussed that in the future, a backhoe may need to be replaced as well as the backhoe trailers and a dump truck.

Discussion was also held about the possibility of shifting some of the Road department employees on equipment to better suit the needs of the County and employees. The need for more Road department personnel was discussed and Chairman Trim recommended proceeding with advertising for road dept positions needed as the Road department staff is down 10 people from what it was years ago.

Commissioner Kicklighter stated there was a need for an air compressor at the Glennville yard. He also explained that a building for the Glennville yard was discussed at one time and we need to proceed with that as there is a need. It was determined as a consensus to collect bids for a building and present at the February Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Cribbs explained that the surplus vehicles purchased from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) are working out well as they were purchased rather cheap and are good vehicles. He would like to purchase more from the GDOT. There was a consensus to surplus some of the older road department trucks and get a list of GDOT vehicles he would like to purchase to present to the Commissioners during the February meeting.

DEF fluid was also brought up by Mr. Cribbs. The County currently pay $6/$7 per jug and workers are constantly traveling back to main office to refill jugs. He would like to purchase 3, 55-gallon drums for both North and South yards and purchase pumps to pump the DEF fluid. Woodland Oil has agreed to fill up the drums at $3 a gallon. There was a consensus to proceed with purchasing drums and placing at the North and South yards but to wait until building is complete at the South yard.

Mr. Cribbs voiced his concerns regarding unsatisfactory service of uniforms and rugs by Aramark. Mr. Cribbs explained Road departments spent $14k last year on uniform service and only 3 to 4 employees get their uniforms cleaned by Aramark. Most wash their own uniforms themselves. He would like to use a local company like Wiregrass designs for uniform shirts and allow employees an allowance to purchase pants which would reduce uniform cost to $5k per year.

Mrs. McCall along with Mr. Murphy explained that many departments are unsatisfied with Aramark's service and a letter is being drafted to Aramark to make them aware. However, our contract is renewed every December and according to the contract, we must notify Aramark 60 days prior to Renewal date that we would like to terminate contract. Being that we are in January, we will have to proceed with Aramark throughout this year before we can terminate the contract.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Jackie C. Trim, Chairman

Christy D. McCall, County Clerk