

Stewart County Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2020

The Stewart County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on July 14, 2020. The meeting convened at 4:30 PM at the Stewart County Courthouse with Chairman Joseph B. Williams presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance –in unison.

The roll call: Chairman Joseph B Williams, Vice Chair Arcola Scott, and Commissioner Joe Lee Williams were in attendance. Commissioner's not in attendance were: Commissioner Tyrone Nelson and Commissioner Ernie Brown.

Other staff members: County Manager Mac Moye and Attorney Binford Minter via cell phone.

Agenda Amendments.

Chairman Joseph B Williams called for two amendments to the agenda, items to be added to New Business: 1). a trash truck possible gift; and 2) an over-payment of the SPLOST 2019 tax collections to the cities of Lumpkin and Richland. Commissioner Williams moved to add; Vice Chair Scott seconded; and the motion passed without opposition.

Minutes June 9.

Commissioner Joseph B Williams moved that the minutes of the June 9 regular meeting be approved as submitted. Vice Chair Scott seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Public Appearances.

Sheriff Larry Jones. Chairman Joseph B Williams called on Sheriff Larry Jones to appear before the Commission. Sheriff Jones asked the Commission to add \$20,000 to \$25,000 to the Sheriff's Budget for 2020. He stated that he has staff who should get pandemic hazard pay. He also said that he wanted to add an additional deputy, or a part-time deputy, because of increased duties; the possibility of having to serve a neighboring county; and the possibility of short staffing in this county; all due to the pandemic. On a motion by Vice Chair Scott and a second by Commissioner Williams, the motion passed without opposition.

Road Superintendent Eugene Haynes. Mr. Haynes discussed switching from the uniform company now used, Cintas, back to Unifirst. Attorney Minter agreed to determine whether the contract with Cintas, signed by an employee, Danny Jordan, is binding on the county.

Mr. Haynes discussed the erosion problems on Wesley Chapel Road, which will become unsafe over time. The problem arises from rainwater cutting into the right-of-way from a field, causing a wash that is two stories deep. He indicated that he can repair the wash. When the repair is finished, though, then there will be a need to re-surface about four hundred yards of the road. He asked the Commissioners to begin planning for that cost in the 2021 budget, or by a grant.

Mr. Haynes asked the county manager to contact the county engineer, Paul Rakel, to meet with Mr. Haynes in planning work on Renfroe Road. County Manager Moye had already asked Mr.

Rakel to prepare a cabled-concrete stream crossing where Slaughter Creek crosses Renfroe Road.

Vice Chair Arcola Scott asked Mr. Haynes to evaluate Bo Cannington Road.

Emergency Medical Services Director Ed Lynch. Chief Lynch reported on the early usage of his new Victory Sanitizing System, which can be used to sanitize a room or vehicle following exposure to COVID-19.

Firefighting classes have shut down as a result of the pandemic.

Chief Lynch reported about the need to update a cooperative agreement through GEMA called, "Contract for Vulnerable Population Evacuation Transportation Services." Mr. Mac Moye will forward this document to County Attorney Binford Minter.

Chief Ed Lynch reported that there are spam calls going around, soliciting donations for the fire department. He asked those in attendance to warn others of these calls, since they are not legitimate.

Old Business.

- A. COVID-19---No discussion.
- B. Curis 1 Sanitizing System---The Commission has ordered this product.
- C. Animal Control---The IGA was tabled pending information to be supplied by the county attorney.
- D. Model Solar-Panel Ordinance---Commissioner Williams moved and Commissioner Scott seconded that the ordinance be adopted. The motion passed without opposition.

New Business.

- A. It was motioned by Commissioner Joe L Williams and a seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott that County EMA Director Greg Stewart be re-appointed to his position on the Region 7 Emergency Medical Services Council without opposition. All were in favor, motion carried.
- B. It was motioned by Commissioner Joseph B Williams and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott to change the Road Department's uniform company from Cintas to Unifirst. All were in favor, motion carried. County Attorney Binford Minter was asked to determine whether the existing Cintas contract, which was never signed by Chairman Joseph B Williams, is valid.
- C. Chairman Joseph B Williams, EMS Director Ed Lynch, and County Manager Mac Moye will visit the former DBHDD Center to evaluate the possibility of converting the building to use as an EMS headquarters for the county.
- D. It was motioned by Commissioner Joseph B Williams and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott that the Commission accept the resignation of County Clerk Jackie Sutton-Ball with regret. All were in favor, motion carried.

It was motioned by Vice Chair Arcola Scott and seconded by Commissioner Joe L Williams that County Manager Moye advertise for the clerk position in the July 23rd

edition of the *Stewart-Webster Journal Patriot-Citizen*. He will also place the advertisement on the county website and bulletin board. Deadline for applications will be July 24. All were in favor, motion carried.

- E. It was motioned by Vice Chair Arcola Scott and seconded by Commissioner Joe L Williams to offer the City of Lumpkin a truck commonly referred to as “the trash truck” for one dollar. All were in favor, motion carried.
- F. The County has inadvertently overpaid the Cities of Lumpkin and Richland for 2019 SPLOST receipts. County Attorney Binford Minter will construct a letter and send it to the cities, suggesting a phased pay-back schedule to be effected by smaller monthly payments to each city until the over-payment is recouped by the county.

Commissioner Comments.

Chairman Joseph B Williams will check with Chattahoochee County to determine whether that county has interest in subcontracting Stewart County’s animal control needs.

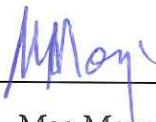
Adjournment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Joe L Williams and a second by Vice Chair Scott to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.



Joseph Williams—Chairman



Mac Moyer—County Manager