

April 03, 2023

The Irwin County Board of Commissioners had its monthly meeting on April 03, 2023. The meeting was held at the Courthouse; at the meeting were Chairman Scott Carver, Commissioner Aldene Tyson, Commissioner Jimmy Mobley, Commissioner Chris Paulk, Commissioner Don Hickey, Billy Leverett, Public Safety Director Brandon Fletcher, County Extension Agent/Coordinator Phillip Edwards, Mandy Musgrove, Judge Heather Culpepper, Hazel McCranie, Ethan Compton, Lindsey Todd, Ryan Todd, Ashley Phillips, Trayvis Wallace, Earnest Duffie, Krystal Carver, Carl Hutchinson, Reporter Luke Roberts and County Clerk Patricia Battle.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. Commissioner Aldene Tyson said the prayer, and everyone pledged the flag.

Commissioner Tyson made a motion to relax the agenda. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. Commissioner Mobley, Commissioner Tyson, Commissioner Hickey and Commissioner Paulk were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tyson made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Motion carried.

The county commissioners discussed applying for the 2023 Community Development Block Grant funding for proposed street improvements in the Meadow Hill area. It was noted that there are no conflicted person/persons residing in the area where the improvements are scheduled to take place.

Commissioner Mobley made a motion to approve the addressing of the Conflict of Interest. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Paulk made a motion to approve Charlene Hutchinson Jones as republican representative for the elections board. Commissioner Mobley seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Motion carried.

The University of Georgia Extension Service has requested that county increase the contribution given as follows: Gross pay add \$2,000 per year and travel stipend add \$2,000 per year, bringing wages to \$20,000 and travel to 8,000 per year. The grand total after adding retirement, social security, Medicare and FICA is \$33,526.

Commissioner Paulk made a motion to approve the increase to the UGA extension service for the future agent. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Motion carried.

The University of Georgia extension service has asked us to provide a monthly stipend of \$600 per month to Ben Reeves who will assist Irwin County until they can find an agent to replace Phillip.



Commissioner Mobley made a motion to approve the \$600 per month stipend to Mr. Reeves. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tyson made a motion to approve the Georgia Mutual Aid Resource Pact. Commissioner Mobley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Paulk made a motion to approve quotes on 911 system as follows; NGA \$198,644.40, RCE of Valdosta \$135,000.00, Kenwood \$2445.00, Eventide \$19,034.00; a grand total of \$355,123.40. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Next a presentation was made by Chairman Carver on the changes to the Legislation, afterwards the floor was opened to questions from the citizens.

Lt. Col. Retired Reginald Miller 109 Pecan Drive Ocilla, Georgia states his concern is youth services, recreation, senior citizens and road superintendent.

Lee Douglas 260 Springhill Church Road Ocilla, Georgia talked about turkey shoots to be a fund raiser, what are vacant buildings going to be used for once offices move to new building, better use of website and solar panels.

Walter Hudson stated that everyone was elected knowing what their salaries would be, and the charter.

Facebook live asking the same questions.

Charlene Hutchinson Jones talked about transparency in what is done.

Luke Roberts discussed advertisement time.

Kelly Wynn 1224 Five Bridges Road Ocilla, Georgia asked the commissioners to consider forming a board for research on solar panels to report back to the commissioners.

Octavius Spikes 915 North Cherry Street Ocilla, Georgia made statements about being the former road superintendent.

Commissioner Mobley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Motion carried.

Scott Carver, Chairman

Aldene Tyson, Vice-Chairman

Jimmy Mobley, Commissioner

Chris Paulk, Commissioner

Don Hickey, Commissioner

Attest: Patricia Battle, County Clerk

