

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2020**

Chairman Sam N. Farrow, Jr. called the meeting to order with Commissioners A. James Nance, Larry Felton and J. R. Dowdy, III in attendance and Commissioner Wallace Mathis virtual. Others present were County Administrator Clark Harrell, Finance Director Sherrie Leverett and County Clerk Linda Finch.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-015 2020 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

Administrator Harrell read Resolution 2020-015, 2020 Tax Levy Resolution, setting the County Millage Rate for Non Duplicate Services necessary without consideration of Joint Sales & Use Tax at .014572, County Millage Rate, which, if levied would produce an amount equal to the Joint Sales & Use Tax received during the preceding year at .003023, making total County Millage Rate at .011549; Unincorporated District Special Service Millage Rate at .001550; and maintenance and operation of the School system for education purposes at .016599. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adopt Resolution 2020-015 2020 Tax Levy Resolution and authorize the chairman to sign the necessary paperwork, seconded by Mr. Dowdy, motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE COURTHOUSE VIDEO UPGRADE

Administrator Harrell reported that he was contacted by Chief Judge Chasteen requesting to make some upgrades to both courtrooms in the Crisp County Courthouse. The cost of upgrades will be \$46,476.28, from S&L Integrated. This could be a reimbursement through the Cares Act. The recommendation from administration is for upgrades, and this system will allow for holding Virtual Court and First Appearance by Video as well as providing a Livestream solution to satisfy the requirements of Open Court laws. This system will integrate with existing Audio-Visual systems installed by the same company. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to approve the courthouse Video upgrade of \$46,476.28 from S&L Integrated, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried unanimously.** Administrator Harrell thanked Mayor Craig Huckaby and Arabi City Council. Arabi's portion of the Cares Act was about \$30,000, and they didn't have the expenses to use those funds, so the Council agreed to allow the transfer of Arabi's money for the Cares Act to the county. The county will be helping them with some in-kind work in the future.

APPOINT DR. HALEY MCCALL TO THE ANIMAL SERVICES BOARD

Administrator Harrell reported that we need to appoint Dr. Haley McCall, veterinarian, to the Animal Services Board. There is a need for a hearing to take place before the Animal Services Board on a nuisance case, and the board member has to be a veterinarian that practices in the county. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to appoint Dr. Haley McCall to the Animal Services Board, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Administrator Harrell reported that Sheriff Hancock has worked diligently with the Department of Justice to upgrade their contract. They are wanting to go to \$28.50 as an hourly rate for guard transportation and go from \$42.00 to \$51.00 a day for inmate housing. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to allow the**

chairman to sign any documents or amend the contract between Crisp County and the US Marshalls Service, Department of Justice, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE 2020 ACCG VOTING DELEGATE

Motion was made by Mr. Dowdy to appoint Chairman Farrow as the 2020 ACCG Crisp County voting delegate, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried unanimously.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL TRAVEL TEAMS

Commissioner Felton advised that he would like to see the softball/baseball facility open up for travel ball. The high school was playing softball this weekend; he does not think it is fair if the county doesn't open up the softball/baseball fields as that is no difference than the high school playing ball. He advised that several of the counties around this area have starting playing travel softball. Administrator Harrell reported that Director Eric Bozeman is working closely with GRPA, and they do have a meeting on September 3rd. There are a good many travel ball teams that have opened up across the state; it is a matter if the Commissioners want to allow it. Commissioner Felton advised that we are losing revenue with not having the ball tournaments. **Commissioners agreed to open up the softball/baseball complex for travel ball.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m., seconded by Mr. Dowdy, motion carried unanimously.



Sam N. Farrow, Jr., Chairman



Clark Harrell, Administrator