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BUTTS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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2023-2024 Biennium

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for October 23, 2023

Commissions:

Ken Rivers, District 1

Robert Henderson, District 2

Joe Brown, District 3

Keith Douglas, District 4

Russ Crumbley, District 5

Staff:

Brad Johnson County Manager

J. Michael Brewer, Deputy County Manager

Rhonda Blissit, Chief Financial Officer

WORKSHOP (5:30 PM)

Chairman Douglas called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM for purposes of a workshop. The meeting will follow at 6:00 PM.

Discussion: Purchase of 2 Ambulances (Custom Truck)

The first item is the approval of two ambulances for the Fire Department. Chief Wesley Johnston presented the buyer's order from Custom Truck for a total price of \$516,168.00. This item will be added to the consent agenda for approval under Resolution 59.

Discussion: Award Debris Management Business to SDR

In accordance with our purchasing policies, the Administration has solicited bids from debris management companies so as to have a set contract price in place for handling storm debris removal. This program has been in place for several years and was most recently used during the January 12, 2023 tornado aftermath. The awarding of this bid will continue our use of a debris management service and has been bid out in accordance with local, state and federal guidelines. The Administration recommends awarding this business to Southern Disaster Recovery and authorizing the County Manager to sign all associated contracts and paperwork once vetted by legal counsel. This is added to the Consent Agenda for approval as Resolution

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Discussion: Award Debris Monitoring Business to Tetra Tech

In accordance with our purchasing policies, the Administration has solicited bids from debris monitoring companies so as to have a set contract price in place for handling storm debris measuring and monitoring. This program has been in place for several years and was most recently used during the January 12, 2023 tornado aftermath. The awarding of this bid will continue our use of a debris monitoring service and has been bid out in accordance with local, state and federal guidelines. The Administration recommends awarding this business to Tetra Tech and authorizing the County Manager to sign all associated contracts and paperwork once vetted by legal counsel. This is added to the consent agenda for approval under Resolution 61.

Briefing: Public Safety Radio System Upgrade

County Manager Brad Johnson presented this item. The Administration has solicited bids for significant enhancements to our public safety two-way radio system currently in use by E-911, Sheriff, Police, Fire and EMS. The administration has reviewed all bids and has selected the most cost-effective and responsive bid for presentation to the Board of Commissioners. Once the bid has been awarded, a significant upgrade to all of our public safety radio systems would be accomplished per the specifications in the bid package. Final project phases will be completed in the first half of 2024. The award will be made to Baker's Communication, Inc of 2627 SW Main Blvd, Lake City, FL 32056 in the amount of \$1,940,090.00. This item is on the main docket for approval under Resolution 62.

Presentation on Impact Fees

Page Hatley will make a presentation on Impact Fees for the Board but there will be no action taken on this item tonight.

PRELIMINARIES (6:00 PM)

Chairman Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with all Members present.

Call to Order and Welcome

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Setting of the Docket

Upon a motion by Mr. Rivers and seconded by Mr. Henderson, the docket was approved with Item 186 removed since this was previously presented in the Workshop and all Commissioners were present to hear it in the workshop.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Case 05-01-2023RZ Public Hearing on Development Agreement

Case # 05-01-2023 RZ – Den Webb, Agent for owners, & Hillwood Development Company, LLC,

Applicant, are requesting rezoning for an assemblage of parcels totaling approximately 65.9 acres from A-R, Agricultural-Residential, to M-1, Manufacturing – Light for the purposes of developing three large scale warehouse/logistical buildings totaling approximately 1,319,829 SF. The subject properties are further identified as Map/Parcel IDs: 00030-007-A00, 00030-005-000, 00030-005-A00, 00030-007-B00, 00030-007-000, & 00030-007-C00. The subject properties are located in Land Lots 25 & 26 in the 2nd Land District of Butts County. A development agreement will be part of the rezoning. This matter was previously heard and tabled at the BOC meeting of July 24th, 2023 pending further development conditions; subsequently, the matter was revisited at the BOC meeting of August 18th and the Board voted to approve the rezoning with a development agreement that included all recommendations from the Planning Commission plus enhancements to the vegetative buffer and a provision that the Developer would maintain Kermit Williams road. Subsequently the Development Agreement was determined to be invalid due to the provision covering the maintenance of Kermit Williams Road and therefore the agreement needs to be approved again. This necessitates having to hold another public hearing on the removal of the provision (but not the zoning, which was already approved).

Mr. Douglas read the rules for the public hearing and then opened the public hearing. The Developer and two citizens of Butts County spoke in favor of the development.

The Chairman then opened the hearing for those against the development agreement. Three persons spoke against.

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the development agreement resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Henderson and approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Rivers moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Henderson with unanimous consent.

Approve Resolution CR202362 for Purchase of Radio System

Mr. Johnson presented a request to purchase a UHF digital radio system for Public Safety usage in the Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement Agencies, as well as Public Works. The total cost of the system is \$1,940,090.00 and will be paid for from the Capital Improvement Fund, Impact Fees and SPLOST 7 funds earmarked for 911.

Mr. Rivers moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Crumbley and approved with unanimous consent.

REPORTS

Presentation on Impact Fees

This item was removed from the docket as it had previously been presented in the workshop.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS**Executive Session-Legal & Real Estate**

Mr. Rivers made a motion to go into executive session for Legal and Real Estate purposes. Mr. Crumbley seconded and the board went into executive session. Later, Mr. Rivers moved to exit the session, seconded by Mr. Crumbley and the meeting resumed.

Attorney Report and Adjournment

Mr. Welch informed the public that the board had discussed a pending lawsuit and the sale of two county-owned surplus properties, both of which have been previously declared as surplus.

Mr. Rivers moved to approved two contracts from the County real estate agent for the sale of two County properties, seconded by Mr. Brown and passed with unanimous consent. The properties are parcels 00770-025-0000 and 0056A-073-000.

Mr. Brown moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rivers with unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned.