

Board Minutes Monday September 25, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am September 25, 2023 with all members present (Vermace electronically.) The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to open the public hearing on the proposed vacation of portions of Horn Hollow Road. Motion carried unanimously. Public comments were received both in support of vacation and to consider selling the County's interest. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to adopt resolution 24-13, vacating the unused portions of Horn Hollow Road. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Complete resolution will be on file in the county Auditor's and Recorder's offices.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, and to accept and file the monthly report of the VA Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board gave committee reports and discussed potential uses for the Old Jail.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to open the public hearing on the Loan and Disbursement agreement associated with the Festina Wastewater Treatment Project. Motion carried unanimously. No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-14, approving the Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement for the Festina Sewer Project. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Complete resolution will be on file in the County Auditor's office.

Tom Madden, SEH Engineering, met with the Board to present other documents related to the Festina Sewer Project. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick to approve the Professional Services Agreement with SEH Engineering. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vermace to approve the Notice to Proceed and Cost Effectiveness Certification for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Adam Ramseth, R&S Fiber Optics, met with the Board to give updates on several fiber projects currently being constructed and those waiting for funding.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues.

Nick Rissman, Interim County Engineer, met with the Board to give updates on several road projects. He also recommended the Board not proceed with a public forum on road matters, citing department morale issues.

The Board reviewed the letter from Roman Lensing, Chickasaw County Engineer.

The Board reviewed the update from the IT department that the sound system equipment was on backorder. They discussed strategies for seating to try to project their voices more in the interim.

There were no responses received for the RFQ for a firm to recruit County Engineer candidates. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick to extend the deadline for firms to submit a response until October 6, and allow them to submit their standard proposal rather than conform to all of the terms in the original RFQ. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the idea of holding a public form on roads, bridges, and culverts; but the consensus was to not proceed with this at this time.

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, October 2, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors