

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 3, 2008
1:00 P.M.**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

DR. GEORGE HOOD, CHAIRMAN
GLADYS JONES, COUNCILWOMAN
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

FRED TUTEN, VICE CHAIRMAN

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY
STEVEN MALPHRUS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN HOOD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS AND BID:

MR. FULGHUM SAID HE APPRECIATED THE COUNCIL HAVING A SPECIAL MEETING TO REVIEW THE PROPOSALS AND BIDS FOR THE ANNEX BUILDING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE ASKED FOR THE MEETING TO MELT THE LEAD TIMES ON THE PRODUCTS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT RONNIE MALPHRUS AND STEVEN MALPHRUS PUT A LOT OF

WORK INTO THE PROPOSALS. MR. FULGHUM STATED THAT THE FURNITURE PROPOSAL WAS FROM KRUEGER INTERNATIONAL AND THE PROPOSAL FOR THE FILING SYSTEMS WAS FROM POPE PATTERSON. MR. FULGHUM SAID BOTH COMPANIES HAVE A STATE CONTRACT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT WAS PUT OUT FOR BIDS BECAUSE THERE WAS NOT ANYONE WHO DID THIS TYPE OF WORK THAT HAD A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE.

MR. RONNIE MALPHRUS PRESENTED TWO PROPOSALS AND ONE BID. MR. MALPHRUS STATED THAT THERE WAS ALSO SOME FURNITURE PRICES FROM MASON FURNITURE FOR NECESSARY PIECES TO MATCH SOME FURNITURE THAT SOME EMPLOYEES HAVE AND REQUESTED TO TAKE WITH THEM TO THE NEW BUILDING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE PROPOSAL FROM "KI" WAS FOR ALL THE NEW FURNITURE FOR THE ANNEX BUILDING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE DISCUSSED THE NEEDS OF EACH DEPARTMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE QUOTE WAS \$181,228.01 AND THE ORIGINAL QUOTE WAS \$211,000.00, HOWEVER SOME OF THE FILING SYSTEMS WERE REMOVED AND ARE COVERED IN THE POPE PATTERSON PROPOSAL. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT THEY REBID CERTAIN ITEMS AND THEY ARE INCLUDED IN THE BID.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF ALL THE EMPLOYEES WERE SURVEYED TO SEE WHO COULD TAKE THEIR EXISTING FURNITURE WITH THEM. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE DID NOT, BUT HE COULD ASK THEM IF THEY WANTED TO TAKE THEIR FURNITURE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNCIL COULD APPROVE THE PROPOSAL AND HE WOULD HAVE THE PROPOSAL ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE FURNITURE THAT WAS NOT NEEDED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY THE EMPLOYEES WOULD BE GIVEN THE OPTION FOR NEW OR EXISTING FURNITURE, COUNCILWOMAN JONES CONTINUED THAT IF THE FURNITURE CAN BE USED, IT SHOULD BE MOVED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID IT IS NOT ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT, BUT WHAT IS NEEDED. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE FURNITURE THAT WAS BEING REPLACED. MR. MALPHRUS SUGGESTED AN AUCTION. MR. FULGHUM INTERJECTED THAT MS. BOSTICK WILL BE MOVING INTO THIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING AND SHE MAY NEED SOME OF THE FURNITURE THAT IS HERE AND WHAT REMAINED COULD BE AUCTIONED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY ALL THE FURNITURE CAN'T JUST BE MOVED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID MOST OF THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE OLD FURNITURE. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE AMOUNT OF THE BID WOULD COVER ALL THE FURNITURE THAT WAS NEEDED AND WHAT WAS LEFT OVER WOULD BE USED IN THE OLD BUILDING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT IF THE FURNITURE IS SUITABLE AND IN GOOD SHAPE, IT SHOULD BE USED.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE COUNCIL DID NOT EXPECT FURNITURE THAT WAS NOT GOOD TO BE MOVED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES CONTINUED THAT MS. BOSTICK ALREADY HAS FURNITURE FOR HER

EMPLOYEES AND SHE WILL HAVE TO MOVE IT SINCE THEY WILL BE RENOVATING THE COURTHOUSE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE HAD A PROBLEM BUYING ALL NEW FURNITURE FOR THE ANNEX BUILDING.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT MOST OF THE EXISTING FURNITURE IS NOT SUITABLE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF IT WAS NOT SUITABLE OR WAS IT NOT USEABLE. MR. FULGHUM REFERRED TO THE FURNITURE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AND SAID THE CHAIRS ARE BROKEN.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE EXISTING FURNITURE WILL NOT MATCH THE NEW FURNITURE.

MR. FULGHUM STATED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE COUNCIL WANTED TO PUT OLD FURNITURE IN A NEW \$6,000,000.00 BUILDING.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THEY HAD SAMPLES OF THE NEW FURNITURE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WAS NOT SURE IF MR. MALPHRUS HAD THE SAMPLE FURNITURE BOARD.

MR. MALPHRUS WENT TO HIS OFFICE AND RETURNED WITH A SAMPLE OF THE MOLDING BEING USED AND ALSO THE FURNITURE SAMPLE BOARD. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT "KI" DID THE FURNITURE AT USCB AND TCL AND THE TYPE OF SEATING FOR THE PUBLIC IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER IS CHEAPER THAN STADIUM SEATING AND IT CAN BE MOVED IF THERE WAS A NEED TO USE THE CHAMBER FOR OTHER FUNCTIONS.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THEY PLANNED ON MOVING THE EXISTING PEW SEATING AND MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT THE EXISTING FURNITURE LOOKS GOOD AND THERE WAS A NEED FOR NEW CHAIRS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, HOWEVER, THE EXISTING CONFERENCE TABLE WAS IN GOOD SHAPE.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE BASE OF A NEW CONFERENCE TABLE WOULD MATCH THE MOLDING BEING USED AND THE TOP OF THE TABLE WOULD BE LAMINATED.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THIS WAS A PROPOSAL AND NOT A BID. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT HER STATEMENT WAS CORRECT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT "KI" IS ON THE STATE CONTRACT AND THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE TO PUT THIS OUT TO BID ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT POLICY AND THE STATE ALREADY WENT THROUGH A BIDDING PROCESS BEFORE THEY GAVE ANYONE A CONTRACT.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE POLICY DOESN'T SAY THAT THEY CAN'T PUT IT OUT TO BID AND THAT IF A COMPANY FROM SAVANNAH CAN DO IT CHEAPER, WHY NOT USE THEM. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHEN IT WAS CHANGED THAT ANYTHING OVER \$15,000.00 HAD TO GO OUT TO BID AND SHE ASKED WHY THIS WAS NOT PUT OUT FOR BIDS.

MR. FULGHUM SAID IT IS A STATE CONTRACT, THE ENTIRE LAYOUT OF WHAT FITS IN WHAT SPACE HAS BEEN DONE, AND "KI" WORKED WITH THE ARCHITECTS.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID ANY OTHER COMPANY COULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING AND SHE FELT THIS SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AS TO THE PRICE.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THE \$181,000.00 COULD BE SPENT ON SOMETHING ELSE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT CANNOT, BUT IT HAS BEEN BUDGETED.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHAT DID "KI" PULL OUT OF THE PROPOSAL.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID A LOT OF THE FILING SYSTEMS, WHICH ARE COVERED UNDER ANOTHER PROPOSAL. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO TAKE THEIR EXISTING FURNITURE NEED SOME ITEMS TO ADAPT THAT FURNITURE TO THE NEW SPACE.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT MOST OF THE OFFICES HAD TOO MUCH FURNITURE.

COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT WHO WOULD DO THE MOVING AND COULD THINGS GET LOST.

MR. FULGHUM SAID PUBLIC WORKS WOULD HANDLE MOVING OF EXISTING FURNITURE. MR. FULGHUM CONTINUED THAT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IN THE NEW BUILDING IS LESS SPACE THAN THEY CURRENTLY OCCUPY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE NEW DESKS ALL HAVE A RETURN WITH UPPER STORAGE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT SOME OF THE EXISTING FURNITURE CAN BE USED; HOWEVER, OTHERS WILL NOT WORK IN THE NEW ENVIRONMENT.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED MR. FULGHUM IF HE WAS PLANNING ON USING THE COUCH AND LOVESEAT THAT IS IN HIS "LIVING ROOM." MR. FULGHUM SAID HE DID NOT PLAN ON MOVING IT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT FURNITURE IS NEW. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IT NEEDED TO BE DECIDED WHO NEEDS WHAT AND THEY NEED TO PICK AND CHOOSE WHAT CAN BE MOVED. MR. FULGHUM COMMENTED THAT MS. BOSTICK WILL NEEDS TO USE SOME OF THE FURNITURE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT MS. BOSTICK WILL NOT NEED THE "LIVING ROOM" AND THAT IT NEEDED TO BE MOVED TO THE NEW BUILDING.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE USED THE STATE CONTRACT POLICY BECAUSE IT IS IN THE COUNTY ORDINANCE THAT HE CAN DO THAT.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ALL THE NEW FURNITURE AND SAID AN INVENTORY SHOULD BE TAKEN AS TO WHAT CAN BE USED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE ECONOMY IS HURTING AND THE STATE HAS ALREADY MADE CUTS AND THE SCHOOL BOARD WANTS MONEY FOR "ACE." CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO WATCH EVERY PENNY THAT IS BEING SPENT.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE SPOKE WITH MASON'S FURNITURE IN SAVANNAH AND THE SALES PERSON SAID THEY COULD GIVE A BETTER DISCOUNT THAN THE COUNTY IS GETTING ON THE STATE CONTRACT.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT PEOPLE WANT THE BUSINESS AND THEY ARE WILLING TO CUT THEIR PROFIT TO MAKE THE SALE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT THE CITIZENS WERE BURDENED ENOUGH.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED MR. MALPHRUS IF THE "KI" PROPOSAL COVERED DELIVERY, SHIPPING, INSTALLATION, AND TAXES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION WERE INCLUDED, BUT NOT TAXES. COUNCILWOMAN JONES STATED THAT IS ANOTHER 7% ON TOP OF THE AMOUNT BID.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE NEW FILING SYSTEM MAY ELIMINATE A PIECE OF FURNITURE.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT A FEW OFFICES EXPRESSED THE NEED FOR A DIFFERENT FILING SYSTEM. THOSE OFFICES WERE THE AUDITOR, THE ASSESSOR, THE CLERK TO COUNCIL AND THE HR DEPARTMENT. THE TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THE FILING SYSTEMS IS \$48,902.08. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT "KI" REDUCTION WAS DUE TO FILING CABINETS BEING REMOVED.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF ALL THE FILE CABINETS WERE REMOVED FROM THE "KI" PROPOSAL AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT SOME WERE REMOVED.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF GROWTH WAS CONSIDERED AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH ROOM IN THE NEW FILING SYSTEMS FOR 3 TO 5 YEARS OF GROWTH.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR DISCUSSED THE RETENTION OF RECORDS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE NEW BUILDING IS MAXED OUT AND MORE FILING CABINETS CANNOT BE ADDED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE AND MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED USING THE CURRENT ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR OFFSITE STORAGE OF RECORDS.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SUGGESTED THAT A RECORDS MANAGER POSITION BE INCLUDED IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. CHAIRMAN HOOD ALSO DISCUSSED SCANNING RECORDS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID SOME DEPARTMENTS HAVE ALREADY STARTED DOING THE SCANNING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WILL TAKE ABOUT 3 YEARS TO SCAN THE RECORDS IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT CURRENTLY THE COUNTY HAS THE EQUIPMENT AND SOME DEPARTMENTS HAVE A PERSON DOING THE SCANNING.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES COMMENTED THAT THIS IS ANOTHER PROPOSAL AND THIS WAS NOT PUT OUT TO BID AND SHE ASKED IF THERE WERE OTHER COMPANIES THAT COULD DO THIS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE ASSUMED THERE WERE, HOWEVER, NONE THAT HE KNEW OF. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE CURRENT STATE CONTRACT WITH POPE PATTERSON EXPIRES THIS YEAR AND THE PRICES WILL BE HIGHER NEXT YEAR. COUNCILWOMAN JONES COMMENTED THAT IS A SALESMAN'S WAY OF PUSHING THINGS.

MR. MALPHRUS PRESENTED THE BID FOR THE AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND SAID IT WENT OUT TO BID BECAUSE THE STATE DID NOT HAVE ANYONE ON THEIR CONTRACT THAT DID THIS TYPE OF WORK. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE RECEIVED THREE BIDS THAT RANGED FROM \$68,322.74 TO \$136,930.00. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT DUE TO THE WIDE RANGE HE CONTACTED THE LOW BIDDER TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING WAS INCLUDED. MR. MALPHRUS REPORTED THAT THEY ASKED TO SUBMIT A

REVISED BID BECAUSE THEY FORGOT TO ADD IN TRAVEL EXPENSES AND ONE ITEM THAT WAS THE WRONG SIZE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY ASKED TO AMEND THEIR BID TO \$73,699.88. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT SALES TAX WAS NOT INCLUDED ON ANY OF THE BIDS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE HAS NEVER HEARD OF REVISING A BID. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THEY SHOULD BE HELD TO THE ORIGINAL BID.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEIR BID INCLUDED EVERYTHING BUT A METAL DETECTOR AND A DIGITAL LOCK FOR THE VAULT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THEY DID NOT INCLUDE THESE ITEMS BECAUSE THEY DO NOT DO THAT TYPE OF WORK. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE CONTACTED THE SECOND LOWEST BIDDER AND ASKED THEM FOR A BID FOR THE TWO ITEMS AND THE BID WAS \$7,913.00.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE TWO ITEMS WERE INCLUDED IN THE SPECS AND DID THE OTHER COMPANIES INCLUDE THEM IN THEIR BID. MR. MALPHRUS STATED THAT THE ITEMS WERE INCLUDED IN THE SPECS AND THE TWO OTHER COMPANIES DID INCLUDE THEM IN THEIR BID.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF IT WAS NOTED ON THE BID THAT THEY WERE NOT INCLUDED AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE DISCOVERED IT WHEN HE WENT OVER THE BID.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED ABOUT THE WARRANTY AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID ONLY THE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY IS GIVEN.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED THE ATTORNEY FOR AN OPINION IF THEY CAN BE HELD TO THE ORIGINAL BID AND ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE COUNTY DID NOT HAVE TO LET THEM OUT OF THEIR BID, BUT SINCE THEY DID NOT INCLUDE THE TWO ITEMS IN THEIR BID, THEY CANNOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEM.

MR. FULGHUM RECOMMENDED ACCEPTING THE LOW BID AND THE BID FROM THE OTHER COMPANY FOR THE TWO ITEMS.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IF THE FURNITURE HAS TO GO OUT FOR BID, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET THE TIME LINE FOR MOVING IN. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WOULD TAKE ONE MONTH TO DO THE BID AND 6-8 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT BY PUTTING THE FURNITURE OUT TO BID IT WILL ADD ABOUT 1 TO 1 ½ MONTHS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THEY DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL HAVE TO GO OUT FOR BID, BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT FURNITURE WILL ACTUALLY BE NEEDED. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR INSTRUCTED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO GO BACK AND SEE WHAT FURNITURE IS NOT NEEDED, WHAT EXISTING FURNITURE CAN BE USED AND COME BACK TO COUNCIL. MR. MALPHRUS ASKED WHO WILL MAKE THE DECISION OF WHAT GOES AND WHAT STAYS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE STAFF NEEDS TO DECIDE WHAT CAN BE USED AND COME BACK TO COUNCIL.

MR. MALPHRUS ASKED ABOUT THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THEY WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT WHAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES OR PAY FOR IT FROM THEIR BUDGET.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THE DESIGN TEAM WOULD HAVE TO SEE IF THE FURNITURE WILL FIT, AND IT HAS TO MEET CODE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE ON THE COUNTY STAFF THAT CAN MAKE THAT DETERMINATION.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT IS GOING TO TAKE MORE TIME TO DO THIS AND CHAIRMAN HOOD RESPONDED THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE DEADLINE IS NOT MET. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD DIRECT THE EMPLOYEES TO TAKE WHAT THEY CAN. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT IF THE REMAINDER IS BID OUT, THE COUNTY WILL GET A BETTER PRICE.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THEY WILL TAKE A FINER LOOK; HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR NEW FURNITURE BECAUSE PEOPLE MOVING TO THE OTHER EXISTING OFFICES WILL NEED THE FURNITURE. MR. FULGHUM GAVE THE EXAMPLE OF THE RMC OFFICE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF ANYONE WAS MOVING INTO THE RMC OFFICE AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID IF THE COUNCIL DECIDES TO RENT THE RMC OFFICE, THE PEOPLE RENTING THAT BUILDING WOULD HAVE TO BRING THEIR OWN FURNITURE.

RONNIE MALPHRUS SAID THE INDIVIDUALS WHO REQUESTED TO TAKE THEIR EXISTING FURNITURE HAVE PROVIDED PRICES FROM MASONS, FOR THE ITEMS THEY NEED TO RECONFIGURE THEIR EXISTING FURNITURE.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT SHE SPOKE WITH MASONS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT MS. LUCAS NEEDED A LATERAL FILE AND TABLE FOR HER OFFICE, MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE REQUESTED AN ADDITIONAL BOOKCASE, MS. FRANK REQUESTED A FILE CREDENZA AND THERE WAS A DESK AND FILE CREDENZA REQUESTED FOR COUNCIL'S OFFICE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE TOTAL FOR THOSE PIECES IS \$3,523.57.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID TO ELIMINATE THE FURNITURE FOR THE COUNCIL'S OFFICE AS THEY WOULD USE THEIR EXISTING FURNITURE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO DEPEND ON THE STAFF TO BRING WHAT IS NEEDED, NOT WHAT THEY WANT.

COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHY THIS WAS NOT CORRECTED DURING CONSTRUCTION. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT THE FURNITURE WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND WHILE HE UNDERSTANDS THE SITUATION WITH THE ECONOMY HE ASSUMED THAT SINCE THE COUNCIL APPROVED BUILDING A \$6,000,000.00 BUILDING, THEY WOULD WANT DIFFERENT THINGS IN THE NEW OFFICES.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE OLD FURNITURE LOOKS GOOD AND IT WILL LOOK GOOD IN A NEW BUILDING.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE BID FOR NEW FURNITURE DOES NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT THAT WAS BUDGETED FOR NEW FURNITURE IN THE NEW BUILDING. COUNCILWOMAN JONES RESPONDED THAT JUST BECAUSE IT WAS BUDGETED, THEY DON'T NEED TO SPEND IT AND THEY SHOULD TREAT THE COUNTY'S MONEY LIKE THEY TREAT THEIR OWN MONEY.

APPROVAL OF FURNITURE PROPOSAL:

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO REVISIT THE FURNITURE PROPOSAL AFTER THE STAFF HAS INSPECTED THE EXISTING FURNITURE AND DETERMINED WHAT CAN BE MOVED TO THE NEW BUILDING AND ADJUSTMENTS ARE MADE TO THE PROPOSAL AND THE COUNCIL DOES NOT APPROVE THE FURNITURE PROPOSAL. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF FILING SYSTEMS PROPOSAL:

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FILING SYSTEM PROPOSAL FROM PATTERSON POPE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$\$48,672.16 PLUS TAX. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO INSTRUCT THE EMPLOYEES TO START SCANNING DOCUMENTS.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM COMMERCIAL AUDIO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,322.74 FOR THE AUDIO AND VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND THE BID FROM IMPERIAL SECURITY AND WIRING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,917.12 FOR THE DIGITAL VAULT LOCK AND METAL DETECTOR. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTUAL MATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE \$16,500.00 FOR THE SOLICITOR AND FOR ATTORNEY JONES TO PREPARE A LETTER EXPRESSING THE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT AN ARRANGEMENT FOR FUTURE FUNDING. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN HOOD EXPLAINED THAT FUNDING IS TO COVER THE SHORTFALL DUE THE STATE CUTS.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH PALMETTO ELECTRIC. A COPY OF THE CONTRACT IS ATTACHED AND MADE PART OF THE MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ADJOURN:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 2:55 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN