

STEERING, LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

December 3, 2012

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jack Black
Commissioner Gary Farley
Commissioner Trey Gooch
Commissioner Jeff Jordan
Commissioner Allen McAdoo
Commissioner Steve Sandlin
Commissioner Adam Coggin, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess
James C. Cope
Virgil Gammon
Bernard Salandy
Jake Bachman
Anthony Tuggle
Delia Goodman
Sonya Stephenson
Becky Shelton
Robert Arnold
Susan Allen
John Lodl
Tom Hartley
Grant Kelley
Pete Doughtie
Susan Allen
Seth Shephard

Chairman Coggin presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with six members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner Farley, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

FILL TWO VACANCIES ON CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER BOARD:

Chairman Coggin advised applications had been received from Thomas Hartley, Grant Kelley, Virgil Gammon and Robert Arnold for appointment to the Correctional Work Center Board. All applicants were in attendance and addressed the Committee. Chairman Coggin advised a letter had been received from Frances Mosby and Bob Asbury endorsing Mr. Hartley and Mr. Kelley for reappointment. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to nominate all applicants and vote for two. Mr. Arnold and Mr. Gammon will be recommended for appointment to the Correctional Work Center Board with Commissioner Black voting for Arnold and Gammon; Commissioner Farley voting for Arnold and Hartley; Commissioner Gooch voting for Arnold and Hartley; Commissioner Jordan voting for Hartley and Gammon; Commissioner McAdoo voting for Arnold and Gammon and Chairman Coggin voting for Arnold and Gammon."

FILL THREE VACANCIES ON AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD:

Chairman Coggin advised one farmer, one farmwoman and one Commissioner needed to be appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Board and applications had been received from Jake Bachman and Anthony Scales for the farmer and Delia Goodman for the farmwoman.

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to nominate Commissioner Steve Sandlin for the Commissioner position on the Agricultural Advisory Board. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Bachman was in attendance and addressed the Committee.

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to nominate both applicants for the farmer position and vote for one. Mr. Scales will be recommended for appointment with Commissioners Black, McAdoo, Sandlin and Coggin voting for Scales and Commissioners Farley, Gooch and J. Jordan voting for Bachman."

Ms. Goodman was in attendance and addressed the Committee.

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to recommend Delia Goodman for the farmwoman position on the

Agricultural Advisory Board. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

FILL VACANCY ON COMMUNITY CARE BOARD:

Chairman Coggin advised an application had been received from Kaye Jernigan for appointment to the Community Care Board. Chairman Coggin advised a letter had been received from the Community Care Board of Directors recommending reappointment of Kaye Jernigan to the Board. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sandlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to recommend appointment of Kaye Jernigan to the Community Care Board. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

FILL CORONER VACANCY:

Chairman Coggin advised an application had been received from Mike Nunley for appointment as the Coroner. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Sandlin, to recommend Mike Nunley as the Coroner. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

DISCUSS DOCUMENTS, PUBLICATIONS, ETC. POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARDS ON COUNTY PROPERTY:

Commissioner J. Jordan advised he brought this matter up last month but had decided to withdraw the matter as there are a number of business cards, rental notices, announcements, etc. on boards throughout the County in addition to free publications going to the jail and Correctional Work Center and he had decided the matter did not need to be reviewed.

REQUEST FROM RECORDS COMMISSION:

John Lodl reminded the Committee the Records Commission previously addressed the Committee regarding trying to move County departments into electronic records management and had initially requested a policy. The Records Commission has now decided to do a mandatory records workshop for department heads to move forward to educate and no further action is needed at this time.

TIME LIMIT FOR COMMENTS AT PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Committee was reminded this matter was previously discussed and a proposed Resolution had been sent to the Commission which Resolution was sent back to Committee for further consideration. Chairman Coggin advised if no action is taken then the matter dies.

Commissioner Farley advised Commissioners were elected to listen to people and he thought the Commission should listen to them although one person speaking for forty-five minutes was too long and questioned where to draw the line. Three minutes at the Commission public comment works well so Commissioner Farley advised he could see both sides of the matter.

Chairman Coggin advised whatever is done it has to be consistent and if there is not a clear cut choice then the Commission needs to listen to the citizens.

Commissioner Sandlin advised the Chairman can set the tone at the beginning of any meeting if a lot of people are in attendance. There have been big issues in the past and the Chairman has handled the matters well with latitude.

Mayor Burgess advised as to a current policy there is nothing in the Commissioner handbook on a time limit. Rules of authority are only in Robert's Rules of Order.

Commissioner Sandlin advised it is called a public hearing and is for the public to speak.

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to let the matter expire and take no action as to a time limit for comments at public hearings. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

MEETING WITH LEGISLATORS:

The annual meeting with the legislators will be January 3, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in lieu of the regularly scheduled meeting January 7.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Coggin declared the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

ADAM COGGIN, Chairman