

HARALSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 30, 2016
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Chairman Poole called the June 30, 2016 Special Called Meeting to order and Tallapoosa City Councilman Bobby Parker offered the Invocation. The board led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Poole noted for the record that Commissioner Smith was absent due to health reasons.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings until the next regular meeting. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

County Attorney, Julie Cain, stated that this meeting was for the board to take action on several items that have been discussed in previous meetings or public hearings. She reminded the audience that you need to wait to be recognized by the chair before speaking.

Item #1 – Telecommunications RFP – Vote

Chairman Poole asked Alison Palmer, to give a quick review of the 2 proposals and their amounts. Alison stated that Parker Systems had given a proposal that offered better support at a considerable monthly savings from the current provider. Commissioner Bennett corrected her that Parker was the current provider. Alison stated that was correct. She had stated that backwards. Digital Agent is the provider that offered 24/7/365 support, along with training, and several safeguards to the system, for an approximate \$2200 per month savings. She stated that this is the RFP that is recommended by IT Employee Bill Brown and the staff that had evaluated the proposals. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the acceptance of the Digital Agent Telecommunications Proposal. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Item #2 – 2016-2017 Budget

Chairman Poole stated that the board had several options to choose from. The first is the proposed budget of \$14,448,675, which would require the millage rate to be increased by 1 mill. The second is to cut \$500,000 from the proposed budget by reducing the combined departments operated by the sheriff by that amount. The third option is to close two convenience centers, cancel the .25 raise for full time county employees and cut approximately \$100,000 from both the road department and the fire department. He stated that he was going to propose an amendment that would possibly keep the board from closing the two convenience centers. When questioned, none of the commissioners were in favor of proposal 1

or 2. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve proposal number 3. Budget amount \$14,078,816. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Item #3 – Executive Session

Chairman Poole stated that an executive session was needed to discuss potential litigation. Commissioner Robinson motioned to go into executive session. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

After returning, Commissioner Robinson motioned to reconvene the Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Poole reiterated that the executive session was regarding potential litigation and no action would be taken at this time.

Commissioner Dobbs asked to speak. He stated that rumors were going around that he had abandoned District 3. He stated that was not true. He has a family member in the hospital in critical condition in Atlanta. He stated that family always comes first with him. He reiterated that he had not abandoned his position and he would continue to look out for his district through the end of his term.

Commissioner Bennett asked everyone to continue to remember Commissioner Smith, who is still hospitalized.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by Alison Palmer
County Clerk

seconded and the motion carried 4-0.