

The Shelby County Council met on Tuesday October 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., present was council members, Smith, Titus, Sanders, Compton, Langkabel, County Council Attorney, and the County Auditor.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes from September 15, 2020 meeting was made by Langkabel, seconded by Compton, approved 4-0-1 (Sanders)

Motion to approve the Budget Minutes from October 5 & 6 was made by Sanders, seconded by Smith, approved 5-0

TRANSFERS & ADDITIONALS:

At this time, a motion was made to approve all transfers by Langkabel, seconded by Compton, approved 5-0

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS:

Request to transfer \$679.82 from 1117-12004-0000 (Adult Case Manager) to 1117-13002-0000 (Field Supervisor)

Request to transfer \$530.00 from 4208-13100-0000 (Deputy Director) to 4208-18010-0000 (Field Officer) and \$1,400.00 from 4208-13100 (Deputy Director) to 4208-17001-0000 (Juvenile Case Manager)

Request to transfer \$2,142.26 from 1117-13100 (Deputy Director) to 1117-11033 (Executive Director) \$1,564.20 from 1117-13004 (Shared Field Officer) to 1117-11033 (Executive Director) and \$4,304.13 from 1117-13004 (Shared Field Officer) to 1117-13002 (Field Coordinator)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Request to transfer \$6,000.00 from 1000-15001 (Admin. Asst.) to \$6,000.00 (Part-time)

MAGISTRATE:

Request to transfer \$100.00 from 1000-39200-0203 (Conf. Fees & Dues) to 1000-43200-0203 (Books)

Request to transfer \$700.00 from 1000-39200-0203 (Conf. Fees & Dues) to 1000-21100-0203 (Supplies)

MISCELLANEOUS:

SHELBY EASTERN SCHOOL/ SRO:

Dr. Todd Hitchcock with Shelby Eastern Schools wanted to talk to the Council tonight about possibly splitting the salary for a full time School Resource Officer. Dr. Hitchcock advised they are currently using 4-5 deputies and they are doing a fantastic job. Dr. Hitchcock advised he thought it was harder to establish a good relationship with 4-5 officer then it would be for just one officer. Dr. Hitchcock advised the school would like to enter into an agreement with the County where the school would pay 70% of the officers salary and the county would pay 30% of the salary, they would like for the officer to be at the schools Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and then of course when there isn't any school (breaks and summer time) the officer would be able to work for the Sheriff's Department. Dr. Hitchcock handed the Council members a copy of School Resource Officer Agreement for the Council to review. The council then ask the Sheriff what his feelings were on this. Sheriff Koch advised he has talked with Dr. Hitchcock about this and it would be hard to do with the current staff. Koch feels this would need to be a new position. Titus thanked Dr. Hitchcock for coming before the

Council and asked if they could have time to review and go over the agreement, to see if this is something the county would be able to do. Dr. Hitchcock advised yes.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Ryan is requesting \$6,605.35 to replace the existing generator that is on the Command Truck. Ryan advised they went out on a call and when they returned found that the current generator had some major oil leaks. They took it for a quote to fix and it was \$3,266.97 to fix and this is a 17 years old generator and was told it would be best to just replace it. Motion to approve was made by Compton, seconded by Sanders, approved 5-0

HEALTH DEPARTMENT / NEW GRANT EMPLOYEE:

Robert Lewis advised the Council, that the Health Department has received a two-year grant, in the amount of \$100,000.00 per year. Robert advised with this another grant they have opened two clinics, one at the Health Department and the Jane Pauley Center is the other clinic. The Health Clinic will be offering shots on Tuesday, Thursday and every other Saturday and the Jane Pauley Center will offer shots on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every other Saturday. With most doctors' offices being in the Hospital right now, they are telling everyone to come to the Health Department for their Vaccines, Flu & Shingle shots. Robert advised this these clinics he is in need of another Nurse. This grant will be enough to fund another Nurse for the Health Department. They understand that the position is only available while the grant is in place and that once the grant runs out, the position will also go away. Motion to approve the Nurses position was made by Sanders, seconded by Langkabel, approved 5-0

COUNCIL/ APPOINTMENTS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Titus advised that the County is going to establish the County Redevelopment Commission again. The County had one back with Harley Davidson was going to come to the Pleasant View area, but when that fell thru, they never re-appointed anyone after the first terms ran out. The Council is responsible for putting 2 of the members on the board. Motion to appoints Kyle Baker & Greg Gerline to the board was made by Langkabel. At this time Sanders asked if we needed to stick to finding people that live out in the County not just city people. She was advised that they thought Greg would do a great job, because he has family land in the Southwest corner of the county. Motion to second was made by Smith, approved 5-0

HR/ EMPLOYEE REPLACEMENT REQUEST:

Donna advised that the Recycling District is requesting to replace their part-time Compliance Officer that retired this year. This would be for 18 hours a week @ \$18.00 an hour. Motion to approve was made by Sanders, seconded by Langkabel, approved 5-0

SOLAR POWER FARMS:

Kyle Barlow of the Bengal area spoke a little about some concerns with the Solar Plant. I do think our group has some concerns about the Ranger Power deal and how things are structured (I am speaking personal now). We have asked a lot of questions on how things were done, and it seems to have a lot of confusion. I have read thru the lease deal with Ranger Power. A lot of things that a lot of individuals that do not seem to know or have every heard. For so many different things that it can possibly be. I would implore you guys to read. I worried this project got voted in very quickly. I really did not bring a speech, I did not think I would be able to speak, because I was not on the Agenda. Titus asked what were some of his concerns? Barlow advised on of the first things I asked you was is the deal done, have the taxes been figured out? So, we could look at property taxes, personal property taxes, we can look at all the different aspects. But I do not feel like I or my group have a true answer yet. I would like to know the answer to that. Our group was told by Brian Asher, that said originally the project would bring 15.3 million

dollars over the life of the project, I have heard more I have heard less. If you divide 500,000.00 over everyone it is only \$11.00 per person per year. That really does not seem like a lot. I have been told that Morristown will receive \$600,000.00 and I believe you told me that would be after construction is completed. I believe some of the people that I have spoke to feel a little hosed about what they are going to get. Titus spoke up and said that is Shelby Eastern Schools that will be receiving this money, not the town. Barlow apologized and knew that. They thought they were going to be getting that sooner, I have also heard about scholarships. Titus said they were told that. Barlow advised he has been told by School Board Members that said they were not told that. They had sign ups in the school for people to be pro this project to get money for their school. Maybe these people were miss informed about when they were going to get the money for the school. I just think this went through so quickly. I am worried about the landowners that have signed up for these. Is Ranger Power really going to pay the difference in their taxes from AG land to Commercial Land. Our power does not go to our Counties power grid. I wonder how much tax revenue is really going to benefit our area, because we are really going to be the burden of this out there, it will be in our area, all this massive equipment. These companies do not employ an Agronomist. They do not ask a soil scientist what it is going to do to the land. They say it is temporary. I ask Mr. Galeria, they pound holes 4-6 feet deep, what about the tiles? He advised they do their best to find old maps to find those. Barlow advised he has done GPS technology on his combine to find those for almost 20 years. After 20 years, I am finally starting to put the pieces together of where a tile might lay. So my question to him and the Commissioners, is when they come in pound those in and they are not going to find them, they aren't going to be on a map, maybe the County drains will be easy to find but the old tiles will not. I asked who do we sue? You're not just talking about farm field drainage, you are talking about homes, ditches different things how this all ties together, that is why we have a County Drainage Board, so we can talk about this. I live right on State Road 44 and when the State come thru and re-did the road, they changed the drainage. I said that to people I think it is dumping more water, one guy said I do not think it dumps more it just dumps it quicker. Do not get me wrong the road is much safer, but it has created a drainage problem on down the line. Titus advised he was the first guy in the early meetings that brought drainage up. I talked about a lot of this, supposedly they did a complete drainage analysis. Barlow asked who they were Solar Power? Titus advised he thought they worked with the farmers. We have article after article about fires and other things. These things catch on fire more then anyone tells you. Mr. Tennell spoke to you guys about the fires and how the County does not have the manpower or equipment to fight one. I just wonder how these got pushed thru so fast. I worry about the health of our county from it and what we are doing. I do not know if we are running of power, from everyone plugging everything in, I do not know. I worry we are not looking at this in a bigger picture and maybe doing the true assessments that we need to do, maybe getting people in to speak. An Agronomist is huge. To my knowledge no solar company employees or hire an Agronomist to tell them anything. An Agronomist is a soil scientist. They know the soil better then anybody. I hated Agronomy in college. I was an Econ & Business guy. It is so important to have your soils tested, that I hire an Agronomist every year to test my soils and tell me what is going on. So, if Solar Companies do not study this, how do they know what this will do or not do to the soil. Look up the MSDS sheets of the toxins in these panels. Look at what chemicals will be going into the ground when they catch on fire. We asked Mr. Galeria what they did when one catches on fire, his response we just let it burn. I have so many concerns about this, I don't want to live around, yea at first it was I don't want to look at it, but after the research I don't want to live about it. If Ranger Power is already a go, lets see what is going to happen with it and how it works out, lets slow down. Is the \$10,000,000.00 enough to decommission, do we really know. Who owns the bond the County or Ranger Power? I know Harley Davidson and Bridgestone were companies that looked like Shelby County and that is great, they are going to bring jobs. Yea with anything new you are probably have problems, you put a big asphalt parking lot out there and you will probably have drainage issues, so we have to put in retention ponds or culverts. Kyle advised that Farm Chemicals stay on top of the soil and last maybe 40-45 days. The chemicals in the solar panels last for 40-45 years even longer and they are a heavy chemical and penetrate down thru the soils. This county currently has 4 Solar Companies talking to people. I have documentation from all of them. We are not the only county it is everywhere.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Sanders, seconded by Compton approved 5-0

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ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN

SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR