

THE SHELBY COUNTY COUNCIL

AUGUST 18, 2020

The Shelby County Council met on Tuesday August 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., present was council members, Smith, Claxton, Titus, Caldwell, Sanders, Compton, Langkabel, County Council Attorney, and the County Auditor.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes from July 21, 2020 meeting was made by Caldwell, seconded by Compton, approved 7-0

TRANSFERS & ADDITIONALS:

At this time, a motion was made to approve all transfers by Claxton, seconded by Caldwell, approved 7-0

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS:

Request to transfer \$3,627.20 from 1123-59999-0000 (Misc.) to 1123-44012-0000 (Computers/Office Equipment)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Request to transfer \$975.12 from 1000-39200-0302 (Conference/Mtg.) to 1000-18250-0302 (Workers Comp) and \$118.00 from 1000-39200-0302 (Conference/Mtg) to 1000-34100-0302 (Auto Insurance)

PROSECUTOR:

Request to transfer \$3,800.00 from 1000-16000-0009 (Overtime) to 1000-15000-0009 (Part Time)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

EDIT:

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1112-38700-0000 (Ambulance). Motion to approve Resolution 2020-14 was made by Sanders, seconded by Caldwell, approved 7-0

FOOD & BEVERAGE:

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1157-38700-0000 (Ambulance). Motion to approve Resolution 2020-15 was made by Smith, seconded by Compton, approved 7-0

MISCELLANEOUS:

SHERIFF / MEDICAL CALL CENTER:

Sheriff Koch advised the County currently uses AMR currently in dispatch and they are looking at other companies. Kock advised he would keep the Council up to date on this. This was information only. No action was needed

CLERK/ VOTING CENTERS:

Jeff Sponsel presented the County Council with Resolution 2020-16 to approve the designation of Shelby County Vote Center County. Jeff advised there would be 10 voting centers and there would be two centers open on the couple Saturdays before the election. This will give people more options. Motion to approve was made by Sanders, seconded by Claxton, approved 7-0

EMPLOYEE REPLACEMENTS:

Donna advised they are multiple departments requesting to replace employees that have left or have retired. They are as follows:

Sheriff – request to replace 4 jail employees and 1 dispatcher that left employment, motion to approve was made by Caldwell, seconded by Smith, approved 7-0

Court House Maintenance – would like to post the job for Frank’s position, she advised that the Commissioners are still looking into other options, but they would like to go ahead and get some applications in. Motion to approve was made by Compton, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION / TAX LEVY & CIRCUIT BREAKERS:

The County Council made their recommendation to all the taxing units for the 2021 budget to just use the guidance from the DLGF for their units Tax Levy and Circuit Breakers. Motion to approve was made by Sanders, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0

SOLAR POWER FARMS:

There were 10-12 of people present at the Council Meeting to talk about the opposition of the Solar Power Farms that are approaching farmers about renting their land for these farms. Others remained outside in the parking lot due to social distancing and public

meeting guidelines. Tony Titus spoke and let the crowd know what the Council is responsible for in the County. Titus advised residents think the Council is responsible for the decision on businesses coming into the County and they are not. The Council is responsible for decisions making power regarding fiscal affairs, this would be Budgets, Employee Compensation, fixing tax rates, appropriating public funds.

At this time, the floor was opened for anyone that wanted to talk.

Justin Parker of Marietta wanted to give the Council packets that a group of them had put together and advised there is a lot of information in the packet about different chemicals that are in these panels and how they really aren't as green as they say. They understand that the Council does not make decisions on the land but would still like for the Council to have this information to look over.

Kyle Barlow from the Bengal area wanted to know if the Morristown Solar Farm received an abatement and he was advised yes, they were granted an Abatement.

Rachel Barlow from the Bengal area want to let them know that she is looking into this project as a Mom, Resident and Teacher. She is very concerned about the contamination that is going to be going into the ground they you will be using. These panels are usually in the ground 20 plus years. She just really wants everyone to look at the research that has been done on solar panels. Rachel advised there is a video on U-Tube called The Devil We Know; which she claimed is a very good documentary.

Jay Tennell from the Marietta area asked the Council to please read this information, you may not have a say in this matter, but citizens look at the elected officials for answers, talk to people let them know, Tennell advised they have heard these Solar Companies are not only talking to the residents of Southern Shelby County, but other parts of the County also. The County may see a financial gain but there are more important things than that, such as people's health.

This was all information not action was needed or taken.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Smith, seconded by Caldwell approved 7-0

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ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN
SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR