

THE SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2020, AT 8:00 A.M. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS NIGH, PARKER, ROSS, COUNTY ATTORNEY AND COUNTY AUDITOR

MINUTES:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 WAS MADE BY ROSS, SECONDED BY PARKER, APPROVED 3-0

USI CONSULTANTS/BRIDGE #9:

MIKE OBERGFELL WITH USI CONSULTANTS PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH SUPPLEMENTAL #2 FOR BRIDGE #9 ON 600 W OVER SUGAR CREEK. THIS IS FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY PURCHASE, AND ENGINEERING. TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CHANGE IS \$5,700.00, MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY ROSS, SECONDED BY PARKER, APPROVED 3-0

SHERIFF:

N/A

HIGHWAY:

ANDERSON ADVISED THEY ARE PAVING AT 575 E & 600 N. HE ALSO ADVISED THEY WILL BE CLOSING LONDON ROAD BETWEEN 400 N & 500 N TO FIX A SPOT THAT WAS WASHED OUT.

CLAIMS:

N/A

TRANSFER/ADDITIONALS:

N/A

KYLE BARLOW/ SOLAR PLANT:

KYLE PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A FOLDER WITH NEW INFORMATION ON THE SOLAR PANELS. KYLE ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS IF ANYONE EVER INVESTIGATED RANGER POWER THAT CAME INTO MORRISTOWN. THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN AN APARTMENT IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. BARLOW ALSO ADVISED THE COMMISSIONERS NO ONE CAME FORWARD DURING THE MORATORIUM WITH CONCERNS, THAT ISN'T TRUE HE HAD A COPY OF A PETITION WITH OVER 200 SIGNATURES THAT STATES THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY, ACREAGE AND DECOMMISSIONING OF THE PANELS. NIGH ADVISED NO ONE SPOKE UP DURING THE MORATORIUM. BARLOW ASKED WHY THE MINUTES WERE NOT ON THE WEBSITE. MR. BARLOW WAS ADVISED WHAT WEBSITE HE WOULD NEED TO GO TO. SHELBYCOUNTY73.COM. BARLOW ASKED MR. ROSS & MR. NIGH YOU TWO HAVE SAID YOU WON'T TELL PEOPLE WHAT THEY CAN AND CANNOT DO WITH THEIR LAND, BUT YET JUST LAST WEEK YOU TURNED A CHURCH THAT BOUGHT A PROPERTY, MADE IMPROVEMENTS, AND WAS GOING TO USE IT FOR THE GOOD, TO HELP PEOPLE, BUT YET YOU TURNED THEM DOWN. BARLOW ADVISED THEY ARE ASKING AGAIN FOR A MORATORIUM FOR 6 MONTHS TO GO OVER THE CURRENT ORDINANCE THAT IS VERY WEAK. AND YES, MAYBE I DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION TO THE PAPER AND SPEAK OUT DURING THE LAST MORATORIUM AND THAT IS MY FAULT. WE HAD A

COMMITTEE MEET WITH DESIREE LAST WEEK AND SHE ADVISED IT TAKE A LOT OF WORK TO CHANE THE ORDINANCE, IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST 2 MONTHS. BARLOW ADVISED WE HAVE A HORRIBLE ORDINANCE; EVEN OTHER COUNTIES HAVE SAID THAT. BARLOW ASKED WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WRITING THE ORDINANCES? ROSS ADVISED THE PLAN DIRECTOR AND THEIR ATTORNEY. ITS FUNNY HOW YOU HAVE SAID THE S-POWER ISN'T EVEN HERE YET, BUT YET THE SHELBY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JUST WELCOMED THEIR NEW MEMBER S-POWER LAST WEEK. YOU GUYS KEEP SAYING WE ARE JUST IN A PANIC, WE ARE NOT IN A PANIC, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE WATER & LAND IN SHELBY COUNTY.

ZONDA STEAD / SOLAR FARM:

ZONDA ADVISED SHE HAS LIVED ON THEIR FARM FOR 25 YEARS. WE ARE NOT GOING AWAY UNTIL THERE IS A MORATORIUM AND CHANGES TO OUR COUNTY ORDINANCE. OUR MISSION IS NOT ONLY TO PROTECT BENGAL BUT TO PROTECT EVERYONE IN THE COUNTY. WE ARE HERE UNTIL THINGS GET FIXED. ZONDA REFERRED TO AN EMAIL SENT BY VIGO COUNTY STATING THAT SHELBY COUNTY REALLY NEEDS TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THEIR ORDINANCE. OUR COMMITTEE THAT MET WITH DESIREE EMAILED HER 12 CHANGES THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDED TO THE COUNTY ORDINANCE AND WE ASKED HER TO PLEASE EMAIL THOSE CHANGES TO THE PLAN COMMISSION BOARD. ZONDA ADVISED THEY SHOWED A MAN THE CHURCH PARSONAGE TO LIVE IN AND HIS FIRST QUESTION WAS, WILL THE SOLAR PANELS BE CLOSE TO IT. THIS IS A FREE HOME, FREE UTILITIES, ETC. AND THE ONLY THING HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ARE THE SOLAR PANELS. ZONDA ADMITS SHE WASN'T AROUND DURING THE MORRISTOWN PHASE, BUT SHE ADMITS THAT WAS BECAUSE SHE WASN'T FOLLOWING THE NEWS, AND SHE DIDN'T SEE SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT IT.

BLAKE NEWKIRK/ SOLAR FARM:

I'M HERE AS A RESIDENT AND A MOTHER. YOU THREE WERE ELECTED AND THAT MEANS PEOPLE TRUST YOU AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS RIGHT. NEWKIRK ADVISED THE CURRENT ORDINANCE DOESN'T INCLUDE THE DE-COMMISSION ON THESE PANELS. THE ORDINANCE DOESN'T PROTECT LANDOWNERS WHO ARE LEASING. YOU SAY YOU WON'T TELL PEOPLE WHAT THEY CAN AND CANNOT DO WITH THEIR LAND BUT YOU TOLD A CHURCH WHAT THEY COULD NOT DO WITH THEIR LAND THEY PURCHASED, SO WHICH IS IT? NEWKIRK ALSO ADVISED SHE HAS SENT EMAILS TO ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS AND ONLY ONE HAS ANSWERED HER EMAIL. HER QUESTION IN THE EMAIL WAS: WHAT HARM COULD COME FROM A 6 MONTH MORATORIUM. WE ARE ASKING FOR 6 MONTHS, ROSS ADVISED HE IS NOT IN FAVOR OF A MORATORIUM.

JEAN ANN MCCAIN-EDNEY:

JEAN WANTED TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR SERVICES. JEAN ADVISED SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN BENGAL; HER FAMILY HAS BEEN IN THE BENGAL FAMILY SINCE 1830. JEAN ADVISED HER PURPOSE FOR TODAY IS TO CLARIFY A FEW THINGS. S-POWER IS STILL GOING TO GET US INFORMATION, NOT ALL INFORMATION HAS BEEN PRESENTED. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFO TO BE FOR OR AGAINST IT. PURDUE UNIVERSITY HAS COME OUT WITH STUDIES ADVISING YOU CAN GROW CORN ON GROUNDS WITH SOLAR PANELS. WE AS FARMERS HAVE NOT ALWAYS TAKEN GOOD CARE OF OUR LANDS AND WE NOW KNOW THIS. I'M TALKING ABOUT PESTICIDES. THEY HAVE SHOW THAT

SOYBEAN PRODUCTION IS HIGHER AROUND SOLAR PANELS. JEAN ADVISED A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE AGAINST THIS WORK IN OTHER TOWNS TO MAKE THEIR LIVING, SHE ADVISED HER FAMILY'S WORKPLACE IS THE FARM. JEAN ADVISED SHE WOULD MAKE HER DECISION ON SCIENCE AND BEST PRACTICE NOT LIES AND SLANDER. SHE ONCE AGAIN THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS.

SEAN CAVANAGH:

SEAN WANTED TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF – HE ADVISED HE IS A THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR; HE IS NO WAY AFFILIATED WITH S-POWER. IF ANYONE WANTS TO TALK OR ASK QUESTIONS, HE IS WILLING TO TALK TO YOU.

MISCELLANEOUS:

LETTER OF APPROVAL / STATE BOARD OF HEALTH:

COMMISSIONER NIGH ADVISED THEY HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, REQUESTING A TEMPORARY SEWAGE TANK FOR HIS CONSTRUCTORS. MOTION WAS MADE BY ROSS, SECONDED BY PARKER, APPROVED 3-0

LETTER OF OCCUPANCY APPLICATION/ PROBATION BUILDING:

THE COUNTY AUDITOR PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONERS WITH A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY APPLICATION FOR THE NEW PROBATION BUILDING, MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ROSS, APPROVED 3-0

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY ROSS SECONDED BY NIGH, APPROVED 3-0

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NAYE:

ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN

SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR