

MINUTES
NINTH BUDGET MEETING OF THE
COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FISCAL YEAR 2015 - 2016
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015
5:00 o'clock p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The ninth budget meeting for Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 was called to order at 5:00 o'clock p.m. by Chairman Terry R. Clark. The meeting was duly called and advertised.

PRESENT: Those present were Commissioners Luke Strong, Winfred Giddens, Marc DeMott, Donna Herndon, Paul Nagy, Johnny Hardin, Chairman Terry R. Clark, County Administrator Chas Cannon, and County Clerk Melissa Lawson.

ALSO PRESENT: Representatives of ABM Building Solutions and Alan Mauldin, Reporter with the Moultrie Observer.

ABM BUILDING SOLUTIONS PRESENTATION: Jason Anderson with ABM Building Solutions began by stating that the purpose of the meeting was to present investment grade audit results.

Throughout the process, Mr. Anderson stated that emphasis was placed on the importance of a self funded program, while making major county facilities mechanically sound for the long term. In addition, Mr. Anderson further stated that providing relief to the General Fund and the replacement of HVAC and control systems was imperative.

Mr. Anderson stated that as an elected board, he understood the goal of the commission was to use taxpayer money conservatively while optimizing its usage, in addition to discovering additional revenue sources outside of taxation.

Mr. Anderson announced that the program being presented required no new taxation and also allowed for the reallocation of existing budget items in order to maximize their usage.

At this time, Mr. Anderson presented a list of audit findings, including but not limited to, energy savings, infrastructure upgrade opportunities, lighting updates, control updates, water conservation implementation, and HVAC replacements and updates.

Mr. Anderson stated that infrastructure needs due to deferred maintenance were staggering, resulting in almost \$2,000,000.00 in HVAC alone. As a result, he further stated that the lifespan of equipment has been significantly diminished due to the lack of maintenance.

Mr. Anderson stated that ABM intended to use prison labor in an effort to minimize costs to the county.

Mr. Joel Lowery stated that, for example, the HVAC chillers at the Courthouse Annex were replaced recently. However, due to the lack of maintenance, the lifespan of these chillers has

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been greatly diminished. Mr. Lowery cited this lack of preventative maintenance as one of Colquitt County's biggest challenges.

Mr. Cannon questioned what other areas, besides HVAC, were impacted by deferred maintenance. Mr. Lowery briefly recited a list of major issues, including a completely deteriorated sewer pipe at the Jail, several roofs on county facilities in dire need of repair, and the Sally Port at the Jail not functioning properly. According to Mr. Lowery, the issue regarding the Sally Port presented serious safety and security issues.

Commissioner Strong requested an explanation regarding the intended use of inmate labor. Mr. Anderson explained that by utilizing prison labor in practical situations, labor costs would be significantly decreased.

Mr. Anderson presented local impacts of the implementation of the guaranteed energy savings contract, including \$2,300,000.00 in subcontracts being proposed by local contractors, and increased utilization of hotels and restaurants.

Mr. Anderson stated that the recent contract with the Colquitt County School System had over a \$750,000.00 impact on the local economy due to lodging, supply houses, and restaurants.

Mr. Anderson declared that SPLOST contributions would allow the county much needed relief to the General Fund, and discussed ABM's intent to open a service location in Colquitt County, which would contribute to the tax base. Mr. Anderson stated that Phase II of the energy plan, Waste to Energy, if implemented, could create jobs and could significantly increase revenue for years to come.

Mr. Anderson presented a fifteen year financial outlook for Colquitt County. Based on current spending, Mr. Anderson projected that over the next fifteen years, approximately \$10,300,000.00 would be spent on utilities, maintenance, and operations. Mr. Anderson stated that a contract with ABM would offer Colquitt County the opportunity to strategically fund needed improvements by utilizing these funds that would already be exhausted on maintenance to fund needed improvements via the optimization of operational and energy expenses. By utilizing funds designated for current spending, Mr. Anderson explained that the benefit would result from updating the infrastructure to ensure future savings.

Mr. Anderson stated that the continued pattern of deferred maintenance could result in a catastrophic financial event for the county.

Mr. Lowery stated that a substantial amount of equipment needed to be replaced, stating that the lifespan of HVAC equipment is fifteen years, with 80% of county HVAC equipment being over twenty years old.

Mr. Anderson stated that the amount of guaranteed savings would be greater than or equal to lease payments to finance the project, but inclusive of the important benefit of getting equipment replaced.

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At this time, Mike Galletti, Engineer, presented and discussed pictures of conditions at several county facilities suffering from the effects of deferred maintenance. Mr. Galletti stated that he did not have enough room to adequately present the significant issues that the county is faced with due to this issue.

The cooling tower at the Courthouse was briefly discussed, with Mr. Galletti stating that new technology would eliminate the need for a cooling tower.

Commissioner Strong requested more information regarding this new technology. Mr. Galletti explained that the current system was water cooled, and stated that the intent was to transition to an air cooled system.

Mr. Lowery stated that he understood the historic significance of the Courthouse, declaring it to essentially be the heart of the county. Mr. Lowery further stated that ABM desired to improve efficiency at the Courthouse, while preserving and restoring it to its historic state.

Mr. Cannon questioned if the county could salvage and recycle scrap metal resulting from the demolition of HVAC systems. Mr. Galletti stated that was the plan, with this task being assigned to inmate labor in an effort to keep costs at a minimum.

Mr. Cannon inquired as to what ABM would consider the root cause of the majority of the county's facilities maintenance issues. Mr. Galletti stated that a lack of training, expertise and a continued pattern of deferred maintenance were the main causes of the existing problems.

Mr. Lowery agreed, but stated that while a lack of training could be contributed as one cause of the condition of the county's equipment, the most important cause was due to preventative maintenance work not being performed at all.

Mr. Galletti noted that he was not aware of the existence of a routine maintenance program to prevent these issues.

Chairman Clark mentioned that the county has long dealt with HVAC maintenance issues at the Courthouse, and questioned ABM's confidence in their plan to correct these issues.

Mr. Lowery replied that the equipment to be installed at the Courthouse was state of the art and one of the most efficient HVAC systems on the market.

Mr. Lowery stated that ABM had substantial experience working in historic buildings within the state, and further stated that ABM would go to great lengths to preserve the Courthouse's historic significance.

Chairman Clark commented on the historic importance of the Courthouse to the citizens of Colquitt County.

Commissioner Nagy questioned the total costs of repairs to HVAC systems at the Courthouse.

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Mr. Galletti stated that HVAC alone would cost approximately \$2,200,000.00.

Mr. Lowery stated that parts availability was a major issue concerning existing HVAC units at the Courthouse, further stating that a complete renovation was needed in order to bring everything back up to an acceptable standard.

Mr. Anderson agreed, reminding the board that the money was currently being spent, but noted that the county was not reaping the benefits of updated infrastructure as a result of the expense.

Mr. Anderson stated that building stability was a major concern at the Chamber of Commerce, with roofing being a major concern at the Courthouse.

Commissioner DeMott questioned the extent of the damage to the roof at the Courthouse, and further questioned if all the necessary repair work was included in ABM's proposal.

Mr. Galletti replied that it was included.

Commissioner Hardin questioned the number of units that required replacement at the Jail.

Mr. Galletti stated that all of the units were in extremely bad condition, necessitating replacement for all units.

Mr. Galletti explained that a compressor is the heart of any HVAC unit, and compressors often cease to operate due to failure to clean coils, again emphasizing the importance of preventative maintenance.

Mr. Anderson presented a fifteen year spending pattern, comparing current energy spending to spending through an energy program, which would take all savings and invest into existing infrastructure.

Mr. Anderson stated that based on current spending, a total of \$10,000,00.00 would be spent on repairs, operations, and maintenance. However, through the implementation of a guaranteed energy savings contract, \$6,000,000.00 would be spent, with the savings being invested into the county's aging infrastructure.

Mr. Lowery stated that deferred maintenance has reached a point where replacement needs can no longer be ignored by the county. He further stated that ABM recommended taking advantage of the opportunity to utilize guaranteed energy savings to address issues and not negatively affect the county's cash flow. As a result, Mr. Lowery stated that the program would self fund and provide relief to the county's General Fund. Without the program, Mr. Lowery stated that the additional money will have been spent, without the advantage of updating and replacing infrastructure.

Mr. Anderson presented the current situation at the Courthouse, explaining that the installed HVAC systems were over fifteen years old, with parts availability being a major problem. Mr. Anderson recommended upgrading lighting, re-commissioning controls, sealing the

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building in order to eliminate infiltration issues, installing electric hand dryers, replacing the current roof, and finally, repainting the Courthouse.

Mr. Anderson noted that the county spent \$48,000.00 last year on the provision of paper products alone.

Mr. Lowery explained that ABM would endeavor to locate a local contractor to repaint the Courthouse, and vowed to focus on beautifying the area.

Commissioner DeMott questioned if repainting the Courthouse was currently included in the proposal.

Mr. Lowery stated that it was not, but further stated that additional funds were included in the proposal cost in order to compensate for items such as this.

Discussed ensued regarding the extent of roof repair needed at the Courthouse.

Commissioner DeMott questioned the warranty of the new roof, once installed. Mr. Lowery stated that more than likely it would be a 15-20 year warranty, as was standard.

Mr. Lowery discussed the extensive experience ABM Building Solutions has regarding the preservation of historic landmarks in rural Georgia.

Mr. Lowery reviewed an extensive list of repairs needed at the Jail, including HVAC, water conservation, lighting, a new Sally Port, and extensive issues regarding sewer pipes. Mr. Lowery stated that the sewer issues were especially critical.

Mr. Lowery stated that the Courthouse Annex was in relatively good shape, stating the main intent at this building was to protect and maintain current assets. He recommended HVAC maintenance, water conservation, lighting, control re-commissioning, sealing the building to eliminate infiltration issues, and the installation of energy efficient transformers.

Commissioner DeMott asked if the county would be provided with current and post costs, on an annual basis. Mr. Lowery replied that they would provide this information on an annual basis.

Issues at the Correctional Institute were thoroughly reviewed, with Mr. Lowery recommending the installation of an Ozone laundry system, citing chemical laundry costs for the county in excess of \$100,000.00 annually. Mr. Lowery also recommended electric hand dryers, controls re-commissioning, and sealing the building.

Mr. Cannon questioned if maintenance on these items was included in the proposal. Mr. Lowery replied that it was not. Mr. Galletti stated that it could be included upon request.

Commissioner DeMott questioned if it would be more cost effective to have one laundry to service both the jail and prison. Mr. Galletti stated that this could potentially result in capacity and transportation issues.

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At this time, Mr. Anderson presented upgrades and recommendations regarding remaining counties facilities, including the Health Department, DFACS, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Galletti discussed the lack of data tracking capabilities concerning generators located within county facilities. He stated that ABM's recommended system would offer this tracking capability, stating that it is required to maintain certain records and meet compliance standards.

Mr. Lowery stated that a new HVAC system was being proposed at the E-911 tower.

Concerning Phase II of the proposal, Waste to Energy, Mr. Lowery stated that all analysis and studies were included, as well as power purchase agreements and carbon credits.

Mr. Anderson presented the total program cost of \$7,528,240.00, stating that it would require an annual payment from SPLOST proceeds. Mr. Anderson stated that this was based on a fifteen year lease at an effective rate of 2.6%, provided by Ameris Bank.

Again, Mr. Anderson stressed that Colquitt County would already be exhausting these funds, but without energy performance contracting, would not have the benefit of infrastructure replacement.

Mr. Lowery stated that ABM had partnered with Ameris Bank in the past, but stated it was obviously the board's decision with whom they wished to obtain financing. However, Mr. Lowery noted that Ameris would be less costly from a time and administrative cost standpoint, due to their familiarity with the energy performance contracting program.

Commissioner Herndon requested clarification regarding the annual payment from SPLOST proceeds. Mr. Anderson stated that the annual payment from SPLOST would allow all savings to benefit the General Fund.

Additionally, Mr. Lowery clarified that the interest rate of 2.6% was the rate charged by the financial institution. He further stated that if SPLOST funds are not utilized, savings that are created as a result of program implementation are utilized to pay for the lease payment.

At this time, Mr. Ray Jordan, former Superintendent of Turner County Schools and current ABM employee, stated that SPLOST proceeds were utilized to implement the energy program in Turner County, with the General Fund recognizing all savings. Mr. Jordan also noted that ABM exceeded the guaranteed savings amount in Turner County, allowing the county to delay an inevitable millage rate increase for approximately five years.

Commissioner Strong requested clarification that the payment included interest. Mr. Anderson explained that the annual payment was inclusive of interest.

Mr. Anderson presented an itemized list of HVAC repairs for Colquitt County over the previous eighteen months. Mr. Anderson stated that approximately \$785,000.00 was spent on these repairs.

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Mr. Anderson stated that energy performance contracting would be an excellent way to demonstrate good stewardship of taxpayer funds, by essentially taking funds that would already be exhausted, but instead directing them towards infrastructure replacement.

Commissioner DeMott questioned the total cost of repairs to one building, specifically the Courthouse. Mr. Anderson stated that repairs to this sole building would be in excess of \$5,000,000.00.

Commissioner Giddens questioned what ABM would consider their number one priority.

Mr. Anderson replied that the Jail and the Courthouse would be the two biggest concerns, projecting that existing equipment at these facilities must get replaced or upgraded immediately.

Commissioner Giddens questioned the amount of time it would take to complete repairs and improvements to the Jail and Courthouse. Mr. Anderson stated that the overall program would be completed within 12 months, inclusive of all repairs and upgrades on all county facilities.

Mr. Galletti stated that ABM was flexible, and if one facility was in need of urgent repair, they would adjust accordingly.

Mr. Anderson stated that the present was an excellent time to implement energy performance contracting, with interest rates being at an all time low. Mr. Anderson cited benefits of the program, declaring it was important to take a proactive approach to address critical infrastructure needs.

Mr. Anderson stated that his company prided itself on providing high efficiency, state of the art facilities, and reminded the board that if ABM failed to meet guaranteed savings, they must remit a check to the county to compensate for the difference.

With his company already maintaining a local presence in the community, Mr. Anderson stated that ABM's performance has been proven in the Colquitt County school system,

Commissioner Herndon stated that ABM's presentation had significantly highlighted problems with the county's current maintenance schedule.

Mr. Anderson declared that ABM was committed to opening a local office in Colquitt County and assured that they would perform all preventative maintenance, while guaranteeing savings.

From the very beginning, Mr. Cannon stated that it was known that the county did not possess the trained staff capable of performing these improvements. He further stated that either the county could continue the current course, or contract with professionals in order to provide the safest and most efficient facilities.

Mr. Anderson predicted a project completion date of August 2016.

Commissioner Herndon addressed the importance of educating the public about why the energy performance program was necessary.

Mr. Lowery stated that public awareness was an important aspect of ABM's program.

Mr. Jordan stated that there was no better way to be a good steward of taxpayer funds than to utilize less money, but accomplish more through its utilization.

Commissioner Nagy praised the performance of ABM staff, stating that as an employee of the school system, he observed them. He stated that he was very impressed with what they accomplished.

Commissioner Herndon stated that she was initially not very receptive to the idea of energy performance contracting, but based upon the information presented, the county could not continue on its current path.

Mr. Cannon stated that ABM prepared a resolution in order to implement the energy savings contract.

Commissioner Nagy reviewed the resolution, stating that it referenced an amount not to exceed \$7,750,000.00, and questioned if the total cost could possibly be less.

Mr. Anderson replied that it most definitely could cost less than the quoted amount, stating that ABM quoted a total amount to include additional funds to compensate for any additional projects, such as the painting of the Courthouse.

Commissioner DeMott stated that he would abstain from any vote regarding financing due to his employment at Ameris Bank.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that even upon approval of the resolution by the board, the project was still contingent upon approval by county attorney Lester M. Castellow and obtaining financing for the project.

Mr. Jordan stated that approval of the resolution to implement the energy savings contract would show commitment to the project and assist in obtaining a fixed interest rate from a financial institution.

Commissioner Hardin questioned the total annual payment amount.

Mr. Lowery stated that the main advantage of the utilization of SPLOST funds was to provide relief to the General Fund.

Commissioner Hardin voiced concerns regarding the future of SPLOST collections.

Chairman Clark remarked that it was more beneficial to utilize SPLOST proceeds.

Commissioner Nagy questioned when the next SPLOST referendum would be voted upon.

Mr. Cannon stated that ABM had been in contact with Ameris Bank, and further stated that Ameris is offering a fixed 2.6% interest rate, with no early payment penalty. Mr. Cannon also stated that Ameris has experience dealing with ABM, and further stated that the first lease payment would not be due until after project completion in August 2016.

Mr. Cannon stated that other funds were also available to offset a portion of the borrowing costs, stating that the bottom line was that annual payments would be derived from SPLOST in the amount of approximately \$500,000.00 per year. Mr. Cannon stated this option offered the most flexibility, while providing relief to the General Fund.

Mr. Cannon declared that it was imperative that the county did not recognize the savings to the General Fund and, as a result, rollback the millage rate. Mr. Cannon stated it would be more feasible to reallocate any savings to public safety or public works.

Mr. Anderson noted that personnel savings were not included in the proposal, and declared this to be an additional savings to the county.

Commissioner Hardin requested clarification that the first three years of payments would be derived from the 2007 SPLOST. Mr. Cannon replied that this was correct, and voiced his hope that the TSPLOST referendum would be approved, as well as construction of the county landfill.

Mr. Anderson stated that the county was in a good position to fund the program through SPLOST, in order to provide relief to the General Fund.

Mr. Cannon recommended that when the savings are recognized, those funds be allocated between debt service and public works or public safety. Mr. Cannon stated that via the implementation of the energy performance contracting, the county will get its maintenance costs under control, while saving money.

Chairman Clark reminded the board that they had been warned by previous personnel of the major maintenance issues that they are now facing.

Mr. Cannon presented the proposed way forward, beginning with board approval, securing financing, and the commencement of the project in July 2015.

APPROVAL OF MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GUARANTEED ENERGY SAVINGS CONTRACT: Commissioner Nagy made the motion to adopt the resolution authorizing a guaranteed energy savings contract with ABM Building Solutions, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$7,750,000.00, in order to provide upgrades to Colquitt County Facilities. Commissioner DeMott made a second. The motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 2015-R-6 is hereby made a portion of the minutes by reference thereto.)

Mr. Cannon declared his belief that the board made a wise, informed decision. He stated that he would begin work regarding securing financing for the project and would report back to the board at a later date.

Commissioner Giddens questioned the length of time it would require to replace a chiller if it were to cease operating. Mr. Galletti stated that most of them were in fairly new condition, just not in well maintained condition. Again, Mr. Galletti assured the board the ABM was flexible and would prioritize any issue regarding to importance and urgency.

The board recessed for a five minute break at 6:25 p.m.

FY 2015 – 2016 BUDGET DISCUSSION CONTINUED: At this time, Mr. Cannon opened the floor for discussion regarding the proposed budget.

Commissioner Strong stated that he received a visit from Sheriff Al Whittington regarding the salaries of his deputies. Commissioner Strong stated that the Sheriff was having difficulties retaining employees, and suggested that the board look at this issue in order to increase employee retention at the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Nagy mentioned that an SRO, who was on patrol during the summer break, was recently injured in a drug bust.

Commissioner Hardin remarked that out of the \$125,000.00 allocated for merit increases, approximately \$40,000.00 would be intended for public safety personnel.

Commissioner Strong stated that due to the City of Moultrie's tentative commitment to provide the salary of one agent on the Drug Task force, perhaps the savings of that position could be allocated towards an increase in merit increases for Sheriff's Department employees.

Commissioner Nagy suggested increasing the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) from 1.5% to 2%.

Commissioner DeMott requested clarification that the increase would be applied across the board.

Commissioner Nagy stated that the increase should affect all employees, in an effort to treat all employees fairly.

Commissioner DeMott questioned how much this would cost and how it would affect the millage rate.

Mr. Cannon stated that the board had options, and could utilize reserves in an effort to keep the millage rate the same.

Commissioner Hardin asked if this would offer an acceptable increase in the salary of law enforcement personnel.

Mr. Cannon stated that another option was to raise allotted merit funds to \$165,000.00 and dedicate \$80,000.00 to the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Strong stated that the original \$40,000.00 in merit increases, combined with the salary savings as a result of the drug position to be absorbed by the City of Moultrie, should be sufficient to adjust the salaries of the deputies in question.

Commissioner Strong questioned the millage increase. Mr. Cannon stated that currently, it was projected to decrease by .670 mills in the Incorporated areas and increase by .894 mills in the Unincorporated areas.

Chairman Clark stated that the county should not continue to decrease the millage rate.

Commissioner Hardin questioned the amount of the last millage increase.

Mr. Cannon predicted savings within the current fiscal budget.

Commissioner Nagy questioned the likelihood of granting the 2% COLA and not increasing the millage rate. Mr. Cannon stated that, to accomplish this, the money would have to be derived from reserve funds.

Discussion ensued regarding COLA and merit increases, and their funding sources.

Commissioner Giddens declared his belief that county employees deserved as much of an increase as could be afforded by the county.

Mr. Cannon stated that the additional funding towards merit increases for law enforcement would basically be a wash, due to the elimination of the funding for the drug enforcement position. He further stated that he would take these funds and combine them with funds already allocated for merit increases.

Millage rate options were thoroughly discussed.

Chairman Clark stated that any money taken from reserves could possibly be offset by future savings in healthcare and other areas.

Commissioner Nagy stated that in the future, if savings are realized and funds are spent conservatively, the county may not have to utilize reserve funds.

Commissioner Hardin stated that the board normally designates reserve funds to balance the budget, but is always hesitant to use them. He further stated that a budget was always a working document.

Mr. Cannon reviewed a list of key, upcoming dates with the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Hardin made the motion at 6:54 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss potential or pending litigation and the disposition of real estate. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously. (An affidavit, as required by Georgia Law, was executed by all Board members present stating under oath

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that the subject matter of the closed meeting was devoted to matters within the exception provided by law and identified the specific relevant exception as provided by law. (The affidavit is hereby made a portion of the minutes by reference thereto.)

REGULAR SESSION: Commissioner DeMott made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 7:07 p.m. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nagy stated that he was made aware of the condition of the Coroner's morgue recently.

Mr. Cannon stated that funds were being allocated in the proposed budget to assist with this issue.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Clark
Chairman

Melissa Lawson
County Clerk

Approved:

AFFIDAVIT

This is to certify that the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session Meeting (closed meeting) on June 16, 2015, at 6:54 o'clock a.m./p.m. The majority of the quorum present voted in the open meeting to go into Executive Session (closed meeting). The subject matter discussed was applicable under the following code section(s):

- O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1) - Consultation with an attorney regarding pending or potential legal action.
- O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4) - Discussion of future ^{acquisition} ~~acquisition~~ of real estate. (Notice was given as required and minutes taken.)
- O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6) - Discussion of personnel matters.

I further certify that the subject matter of the Executive Session (closed meeting) was devoted to matters within the exception provided by law and the above checked identifies the specific relevant exception.

This 16th day of July, 2015.

Terry Clark
Terry Clark, Chairman

Winfred Giddens
Winfred Giddens, Commissioner

Donna Herndon
Donna Herndon, Commissioner

Johnny Hardin
Johnny Hardin, Commissioner

Luke Strong
Luke Strong, Commissioner

Marc DeMott
Marc DeMott, Commissioner

Paul Nagy
Paul Nagy, Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16th day of July, 2015.

Melissa Lawson
County Clerk or Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of providing best-in-class facilities to support the county's service needs and goals; and,

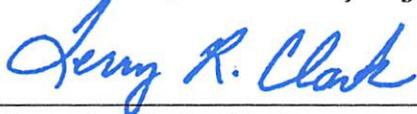
WHEREAS, the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners recognizes that this can best be achieved by providing modern, energy efficient, and technologically superior infrastructure for our facilities, through a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract; and,

WHEREAS, the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners has chosen ABM Building Solutions, LLC as its partner in providing such infrastructure improvements;

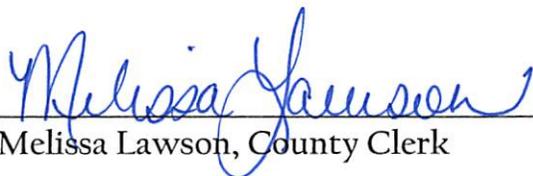
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners hereby enter into a contract with ABM Building Solutions, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$7,750,000, in order to provide upgrades to Colquitt County Facilities through a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with financing (15 year lease) of the project to be negotiated and presented to the commission for consideration;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign any and all appropriate contractual agreement documents once approved by the Commission's attorney.

So Resolved, this 16th day of June, 2015.



Terry R. Clark, Chairman



Melissa Lawson, County Clerk