

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2015**

The Gates County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2015 in the Main Court Room, 202 Court Street, Gatesville. Commissioners Hofler, Owens, Jordan, and Felton were present. Also present was County Manager, Natalie Rountree.

Chairman Hofler called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes are approved during the first meeting of the month.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**Delegations – Unannounced**

None

**Delegations – Announced**

None

**Administrative Reports**

Administrative Reports are given during the first meeting of the month.

**Public Hearings**

None

**Old Business**

The Board reviewed the E911 Request for Quotations that will be available starting January 21, 2015 .

Mr. Herman Weiss, Communications Supervisor, stated we need to submit an RFQ to receive bids for the E911 Cassidian telephone system. The legal ad will run in the Gates Index this week and next week and the opening of bids will be on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Commissioner Owens asked what the process will be for receiving RFQ's after the deadline or if a fax or email arrives. Mr. Weiss explained that if an email or fax is received we will make contact with the vendor and request the RFQ be submitted by a sealed bid. Commissioner Owens requested that Mr. Weiss makes sure that he handles all sealed bid in the same manner with appropriate information being given to all vendors.

Ms. Pittman, Finance Director, explained this is such a specialized project that it isn't expected that we will receive more than 2 or 3 sealed bids. It is anticipated that Century Link will submit a sealed bid and but we have not been pleased with a lot of the services and billing that we have received from Century Link

Commissioner Felton asked if the system upgrade would have any new features that would benefit citizens. Mr. Weiss explained it is the next generation of E911 systems. It is a much more updated version which allows texting through the 911 console, will allow for dispatchers to work using headsets, and is much more user friendly. It is a move toward active phone taking where dispatchers will have both hands available to type and get calls out. A real exciting feature is that citizens will be able to text 911 and converse with 911 in real time, this is a benefit for situations where an individual may feel in danger and not able to make a voice call.

Commissioner Felton made a motion to approve the E911 Request for Quotations as presented. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Natalie Rountree, County Manager, provided the Board with an update on the Historic Courthouse structural repair and shared an email for Jon Zellweger.

**Citizen Comments**

None

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Felton thanked the staff for delivering quality information.

Commissioner Jordan said he was glad to be at the meeting and is looking forward to seeing the completion of some of the work that is in progress,

Commissioner Owens stated it's a new year and he would like to commend the County Manager for the job she is going. He stated that he has noticed that employee morale is better.

Chairman Hofler stated it's a new year and she is looking forward to the opportunities that this year will bring and looking forward to having the Historic Courthouse complete. She also mentioned that we need to pause and remember to treat people fairly and allow employees to advance and do jobs that they are capable of doing.

**Closed Session**

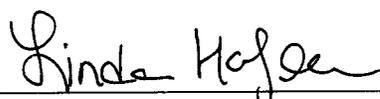
Commissioner Owens made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 a (3) Legal, (4) Economic Development, (5) Real Estate, (6) Personnel. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.

Commissioner Felton made a motion to exit closed session. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion; motion carried without opposition.

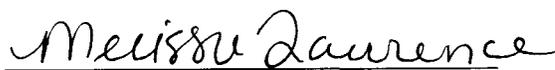
**Adjournment**

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to authorize the County Manager to respond to the employee discussed in closed session with the letter discussed in closed session. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Felton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.



Linda Hofler, Chairman



Melissa C. Lawrence, Clerk

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