

NO AGENDA FOR JANUARY 24, 2024

MINUTES

COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION

JANUARY 24, 2024

4:30 P.M. CONTINUED COMMISSION MEETING

FROM RECESSED JANUARY 9, 2024 MEETING

COMMISSION COURTROOM

CALL TO ORDER

THE COOSA COUNTY COMMISSION MET AT THE COOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE JANUARY 24, 2024 @ 4:30 P.M. FROM A RECESSED MEETING ON JANUARY 9, 2024 WITH CHAIRMAN BERTHA K. MCELRATH PRESIDING.

COMMISSION ROLL CALL

COMMISSION ROLL CALL: HERE —CHAIRMAN BERTHA K. MCELRATH, COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER, COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS, AND COMMISSIONER BRANDON DAVIS. VICE-CHAIR LAMAR DAUGHERTY WAS ABSENT.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON DAVIS. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS SAID BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY HEARING

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TO ALLOW THE SHERIFF TO REMAIN PRESENT AS SECURITY DURING THE EMS EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY HEARING MEETING FOR DARRELL BRANDON JACKSON. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

HOLLIE OSBOURN, EMS DIRECTOR WAS CALLED AS THE FIRST WITNESS AND SWORN IN BY ADMINISTRATOR AMY GILLILAND.

EMS EMPLOYEE BRANDON JACKSON WAS CALLED INTO THE MEETING AND SWORN IN BY ADMINISTRATOR AMY GILLILAND. MR. JACKSON WAS MADE AWARE OF THE PURPOSE OF THE EMPLOYEE HEARING MEETING AND WAS TOLD BY ATTORNEY JOHN KELLEY JOHNSON THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD MAKE A DECISION BEFORE THIS MEETING ADJOURNED. HE WILL BE NOTIFIED BY A LETTER VIA EMAIL FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR AS TO HIS DISCIPLINARY ACTION BASED ON THE INFORMATION AND TESTIMONIES RECEIVED IN THE MEETING.

MR. JACKSON ASKED AMANDA ROBINSON, 911 DIRECTOR; DERRICK THOMPSON, EMS EMPLOYEE; AND MISTY LANE, EMS EMPLOYEE TO TESTIFY IN HIS DEFENSE. ALL WERE SWORN IN BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.

EMS EMPLOYEE TYLER SHAW WAS CALLED INTO THE MEETING BY ATTORNEY JOHN KELLEY JOHNSON AS DEFENSE FOR EMS DIRECTOR HOLLIE OSBOURN. MR. SHAW WAS SWORN IN BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.

UPON HEARING ALL TESTIMONIES, THE COMMISSION DECIDED TO REVERT MR. JACKSON'S EMPLOYMENT FROM FULL-TIME STATUS TO A 90 DAY PROBATIONARY PERIOD THAT WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 28, 2024.

MOTIONED BY CHAIRMAN BERTHA MCEL RATH TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. SECONDED BY COMMISSISONER JOHN FORBUS.

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TO ALLOW THE SHERIFF TO REMAIN PRESENT AS SECURITY DURING THE EMS EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY HEARING MEETING FOR JEFFERY PAINTER. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

HOLLIE OSBOURN, EMS DIRECTOR WAS CALLED AS THE FIRST WITNESS AND SWORN IN BY ADMINISTRATOR AMY GILLILAND.

EMS EMPLOYEE JEFFERY PAINTER WAS CALLED INTO THE MEETING AND SWORN IN BY ADMINISTRATOR AMY GILLILAND. MR. PAINTER WAS MADE AWARE OF THE PURPOSE OF THE EMPLOYEE HEARING MEETING AND WAS TOLD BY ATTORNEY JOHN KELLEY JOHNSON THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD MAKE A DECISION BEFORE THIS MEETING ADJOURNED. HE WILL BE NOTIFIED BY A LETTER VIA EMAIL FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR AS TO HIS DISCIPLINARY ACTION BASED ON THE INFORMATION AND TESTIMONIES RECEIVED IN THE MEETING.

MR. PAINTER ASKED SHELDON HUTCHERSON, EMA DIRECTOR; AMANDA ROBINSON, 911 DIRECTOR; AND DERRICK THOMPSON, EMS EMPLOYEE TO TESTIFY IN HIS DEFENSE. ALL WERE SWORN IN BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.

UPON HEARING ALL TESTIMONIES, THE COMMISSION DECIDED TO REVERT MR. PAINTER'S EMPLOYMENT FROM FULL-TIME STATUS TO A 90 DAY PROBATIONARY PERIOD THAT WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 28, 2024.

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER BRANDON DAVIS TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTIONED BY COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

CHAIRMAN BERTHA K. MCEL RATH

COMMISSIONER RONNIE JOINER

COMMISSIONER JOHN FORBUS

COMMISSISONER BRANDON DAVIS