

SULLIVAN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 25, 2021

The Sullivan County Council met in a Regular Meeting on January 25, 2021, with the following

Members present:

Jerry Payne – President, Curt Bedwell – Member, Matt Chickadaunce – Member, Nick Cullison – Member, Jackie Monk – Member and Wes Scarbrough – Member. Member absent: Logan Pearison – Vice President.

Jerry called the meeting order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Minutes

Curt made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Wes, all in favor motion carried.

Old Business

Appointing Council Attorney

Jackie made a motion to appoint Blake Reed as Council Attorney, seconded by Matt.

Discussion was had. Jerry called for a vote, those in favor: Matt, Wes and Jackie; those

Opposed: Jerry, Nick and Curt. Motion failed.

Curt made a motion to appoint Terry Modesitt as Council Attorney. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Curt made a motion to reappoint Luke Rowe as Council Attorney, seconded by Nick, those in favor:

Curt, Nick and Jerry, those opposed: Matt, Jackie and Wes, motion failed.

Appointment of Council Attorney will be on the February 22, 2021 Agenda.

New Business

Allison McKain – Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District (SCSWCD) wanted to

introduce herself to the new Council members. All invited the Council to the Annual Meeting coming up in February. Ally gave the Council highlights of what SCSWCD does and the role they play in conservation in Sullivan County.

Sullivan County Park and Lake (SCPL)

The Council has one appointment to make to the SCPL, having one letter submitted by Donna Harrison, current board member, Jackie made a motion to reappoint Donna Harrison to the SCPL Board, seconded by Curt, all in favor, motion carried.

Insurance

Wes made a motion to reinstate the health insurance that was taken away from some the elected officials during the budget hearing, seconded by Matt. Discussion was had. Jerry called for a vote, those in favor: Wes, Jerry, Jackie and Matt, those opposed: Nick and Curt, motion carried.

Additional Appropriation – Auditor

The Auditor's Office has three (3) computers, one of which has stopped working and two others that are about to stop working, that all need to be replaced. Shelly has \$2,000.00 in her budget for new equipment and needs an additional \$6,088.00 in order to purchase the three (3) new computers. Motion made by Matt to approve the request, seconded by Wes, all in favor, motion carried.

Sullivan County Redevelopment Advisory Board

The Council has two appointments to the Sullivan County Redevelopment Advisory Board. Jackie made a motion to appoint Wes and Matt, seconded by Nick, all in favor, motion carried.

Salary Ordinance

The Salary Ordinance needs to be amended in order to add two full-time security officers to work in the Sullivan County Courthouse. Curt made a motion to amend the salary ordinance and to move the money from LIT to cover their pay, seconded by Wes, all in favor, motion carried.

Wes made a motion to always have the reorganization meeting for the Council the first business day of the year including appointments to the Sullivan County Redevelopment Commission. This would give any new Council members coming in to have a say in all of the board appointments to be made for the year, seconded by Matt.

After discussion, it was decided that an ordinance needed to be made in order to make it more solid.

All in favor of Luke preparing an ordinance instead of using a motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jerry asked if anyone in the audience had anything they wanted to say. A gentleman in attendance asked the Council the status of the Solar Farm, Jerry stated its pending.

Adjournment

Matt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes, all in favor, motion carried.

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Jerry Payne *Jerry Payne*

Logan Pearson _____ absent

Curt Bedwell *Curt Bedwell*

Matt Chickadaunce *Matt Chickadaunce*

Nick Cullison *Nick Cullison*

Jackie Monk *Jackie Monk*

Wes Scarbrough *Wes Scarbrough*

Attest: Shelly Parris *Shelly Parris*, Auditor