

HARALSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 29, 2022
RETREAT MINUTES

Chairman Ridley called the retreat to order. Commissioners Tarpley and Daniel were in attendance. Commissioner Farmer was attending the morning session by phone and Commissioner Brown was absent. Attorney David Mecklin was in attendance.

#2 – Sheriff Request for \$5600 for courthouse grounds from county funds. A quote was turned in for \$5600 to remove stumps, put out straw and mulch and to put window tinting on the windows of the main entrance. The consensus of the board was the sheriff could take this out of his budget, however, the commissioners turned down the request to come out of the county funds.

#3 – Batting cages for Recreation facility. This item is a SPLOST item for recreation. Director Mike Daniel has been unable to get a project drawing for this item, however he has received a quote breaking down the project into three parts. This is from the company that built the same facility in Cedartown. After discussion, the board agreed to allow the Chairman to act as the project manager and complete this project in stages. It was agreed that this was a one-time approval to bypass the normal procedure for a project this size. The quotes are:

Cages/Pad - \$48,322

Nets/Poles - \$19,501

Bldg. - \$29,642

Recreation Budget request. The board discussed the increases that Mr. Daniel requested for his budget. He stated that he needs an additional employee to handle the grounds and the number of children registering has doubled, accounting for the additional needs in referees, uniforms, and youth programs. After discussion, the board agreed this was a reasonable budget request.

Relation Insurance, Todd Bryant. Mr. Bryant brought the employee health insurance renewal information. He explained that several claims that had hit our account were large. He shopped our account out to Aetna, Humana, Blue Cross, etc. A couple quoted much higher than the Cigna renewal and a couple would not even quote. The increase is 14.55%. After discussion, the commissioners decided to stay with Cigna and hope that our next year of claims is improved.

Commissioner Farmer arrived at the meeting.

After a break for lunch, the commissioners reviewed the majority of the budget requests for departments. They also decided which departments they need to meet with at the next retreat.

The next retreat is set for Wednesday, April 6, 2022, beginning at 9:00 am at the Commission Office.

Chairman Ridley adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Alison Palmer
Certified County Clerk