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## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

The Special Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in the courtroom of the Batesburg-Leesville Judicial Complex, was called to order at 7:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Crapps, Council Member Taylor, O'Dell, Penick, Ricard and Fox. Council Member Simpkins arrived at 7:03 P. M. Council Members Cain and Mingo were absent.

## **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Council Member Taylor.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was held.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Penick to approve. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    6 Approved                    0 Denied

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A.     Presentation of Audit for FY 2013-2014 - Tripp Newsome, Newsome & Co.**

Mr. Newsome reported the Town received a clean audit with no evidence of fraud or misappropriation of funds. He stated the Town received an unqualified report for FY 2013-2014.

*Council Member Simpkins arrived at this time.*

**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.**

**B. Approval of Funds to Purchase Capital Equipment for the Town**

Town Manager Luckadoo stated recently unused, non-operational equipment from the Department of Public Works was sold bringing in \$47,042.37 and is requesting Council approve spending that money on new equipment for which bids have been received:

- Kubota Compact Excavator - \$40,655
- New 4-ton Trailer - \$2,600
- Repairs to Current Trailer - \$2,000
- Total Cost - \$45,255

A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member O'Dell to approve the purchase of the capital equipment for the Town. After discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Simpkins with a second by Council Member Ricard to go into Executive Session at 7:10 P. M. for (A) Discussion of Negotiations Related to the Proposed Contractual Arrangements and Proposed Sale or Purchase of Property; (B) Discussion of Negotiations Related to Contractual Arrangements with the County of Lexington Regarding 9-1-1- Dispatch. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

A motion was made by Council Member O'Dell with a second by Council Member Penick to return to the Special Council Meeting at 7:58 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                    7 Approved                    0 Denied

**POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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VOTE:                    6 Approved                    0 Denied

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A.     Presentation of Audit for FY 2013-2014 - Tripp Newsome, Newsome & Co.**

Mr. Newsome reported the Town received a clean audit with no evidence of fraud or misappropriation of funds. He stated the Town received an unqualified report for FY 2013-2014.

*Council Member Simpkins arrived at this time.*

**POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL CONT'D.**

have first reading on an Ordinance to sell the current Town Hall with a second by Council Member Fox. Attorney Spradley stated there is a proposed contract with AllSouth Federal Credit Union to purchase the current Town, which includes the .6 acres where the building is and the .1 acre the Town acquired when the road was lowered for two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). One important part of the contract is that AllSouth is going to upkeep the portion of the property where the clock stands and the brick work is out by the road but if anything ever happened to the clock or brick work the Town would have to make the repairs but so far as the upkeep they are not going to remove anything that is there now. They are also going to allow the Town to stay in the current building for up to six (6) months after the contract is signed free of charge. Attorney Spradley stated this property was originally purchased for one hundred twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$112,500). With no further discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:                      7 Approved                                      0 Denied

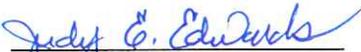
**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Penick with a second by Council Member O'Dell to adjourn at 8:01 P. M. All members were in favor.

Approved this 9th day of March 2015.

  
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Marguerite J. Crapps, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Judy E. Edwards  
Municipal Clerk