

Grant County Quorum Court

SPECIAL MEETING

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The Grant County Quorum Court met on Monday, December 30, 2019 in the Grant County Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. with Judge Randy Pruitt presiding. Judge Randy Pruitt called the meeting to order. Members answering roll call were Mark Allen, Danny Bone, Brody Channell, Tony Carder, Jim Easley, Mike Nevens, Bobby Pierce, and Jason Roshto. Attending also were members of the Sheridan City Council, County Attorney Teresa Howell, and Josh Meyer representative for Clear Energy.

SOLAR CONTRACT: Judge Randy Pruitt welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that we had received the contract from Solar Energy and it had been reviewed by Teresa Howell (County Attorney), Ed Koon (City Attorney) and Norman Frisby (City Council). He explained that there were several issues with the contract and it did not appear to go along with the discussions that Clear Energy had had with the Quorum Court when they made their presentation. Josh Meyer of Clear Energy apologized and stated that the contract was a first (1st) draft contract and they understood that we had some big concerns about some of the wording. City Council Member Bill Crossley asked if this is the first (1st) contract that Clear Energy had done and Josh replied that it was. Judge Randy Pruitt asked how this contract delay would hurt us as far as pricing since we would not be able to sign it before year end. Josh Meyer replied that Clear Energy along with an unknown investor had "Safe Harbored" the project by investing five percent (5%) of purchase price of project.

After other discussions, Teresa Howell stated that we really didn't need to go further without more information. She stated there were ten (10) major things that needed to be tied down and there were too many liabilities on the County to continue until resolved. These items included:

We don't know the investor. (Need to make sure they are financially sound)

No rates or schedules of charges.

Energy contracts.

Control issues over equipment. (Investor vs. County)

Mediation and arbitration.

Liability with acts of God.

Insurance coverages.

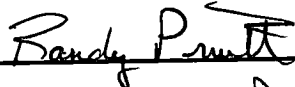
Change in laws could affect Investor and cost could come back on County.

Term is too long.

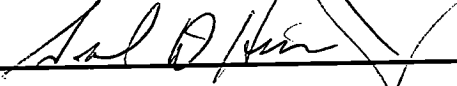
Other options and providers need to be looked at.

Judge Randy Pruitt stated that he has spoken to Arkansas Energy and they thought we were going in the correct direction. He stated that the liability was a big question that has not been resolved and was disappointed that the contract appeared as it did. We originally were told there would be zero (0) liability to the County and whatever Clear Energy came back with in the contract should also have zero (0) liability for the County. It was discussed and decided that there should be more joint meetings between the Quorum Court and the Sheridan City Council until issues are resolved.

Motion to Adjourn.



Randy Pruitt, County Judge



Geral D. Harrison Jr., County and Circuit Clerk