

# February 2013 Meeting

**TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS      LARGE COURTROOM**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2013 5:30PM**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**PRESENT: MICHAEL BLAKE TILLERY, JEFF MCCORMICK, ROY LEE WILLIAMS, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DENNIS DARRIEL NOBLES, HOWARD KAULFOLD, JOHN M. JONES, AND BELINDA WHIRLEY**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Tillery called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**Invocation:** Danny Williams gave the invocation.

**Approve Agenda:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the agenda with the addition of Bids for Equipment Repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Participation:** Tax Commissioner, Brenda Williams gave a brief update on the upcoming changes with the Motor Vehicle Tax Reform.

Williams informed everyone that starting March 1, 2013 any Georgia Citizen purchasing a car will pay a 6.5% TAVT Tax. Individual to individual sales of vehicles will also have to pay the TAVT Tax and it will be based on the Kelly Blue Book value. Individuals selling a vehicle to their child or immediate family will receive a discount. Also, she indicated that anyone who bought a car recently has the option to opt in.

**Development Authority Report:** Bill Mitchell gave an update on the happenings with the Development Authority. Mitchell informed the Commission that starting off this new year there have been several expansions that include Tumi, Inc., Giro Pack, Inc., US Energy Sciences, Inc. and a couple other companies. Also, Mr. Mitchell commented that as a community we have done well and we appreciate all your support.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Commission that the fourth spec building has been sold to US Pet. US Pet has

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Agenda

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Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order

Invocation - Danny Williams

Approve Agenda

Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

Public Participation

Development Authority Report

County Manager Report

Financial Report

EMS Report

Update on New EMS Building

Beer & Wine Application

Country Pantry (Maheshkum Patel)

Normantown Grocery (Dan Patrick)

Cedar Crossing Grocery (Sangita Patel)

John's Country Junction (John E.McDonald)

LaJoya Mexican Store (Joel Salgado)

Grocery Store (Jim Paul Davis)

Total Quality Management Program

Payroll – Direct Deposit

Return of Commission Chairman's Phone/Funding Commissioner's Breakfast

Approval of Understanding of Services – 2012 Audit

Approval of Bank Resolution Bank Accounts

Approval of Contract with Cities to Conduct Elections

Bid Proposals for Backhoe for Road Department

Approval of Pharmacy Deductible Reimbursement by the County

Approval of Purchase of Firetruck

Monthly Meeting Date Change

Employee Recognition

Appointment of County Attorney

Appointment of Altamaha River Partnership Representative and Alternate

Commissioners Comments

Executive Session  
Adjournment

Toombs County Board of Commissioners  
Work Session  
Agenda  
Large Courtroom  
February 12, 2013

15 minutes after Regular Board Meeting Adjournment

Presentation by Sheriff

Landfill

Buildings/Facilities/Storage

Roads & Bridges

Health Insurance

CDBG

asked that 14 acres on the East side be saved so they can expand it. Also, Chicken of the Sea has asked that they be given first right of refusal for two years on fourteen acres of property in front of their building because they are hoping to expand as well.

A Korean Auto Supply Company is currently looking for a 100,000 square foot building to move their business in to within ninety miles of the port of Savannah. The Development Authority is going to build a 100,000 square foot Spec Building but they are not sure the timing is going to be right.

A Solar Panel Company wants to relocate they have asked for 90 acres in the Industrial Park. They also inquired about using the old landfill as a solar panel farm.

In conclusion, Mr. Mitchell informed the Commission that on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of March there will be 15 people needed to go to Atlanta for the Community Orientation Program. He invited the Commission to attend.

Chairman Tillery asked Mr. Mitchell how long it would take to complete another Spec Building. Mitchell informed all that it takes about 5 months to complete everything.

Commissioner Dixon thanked Mr. Mitchell for his leadership this past year.

**County Manager Reports:**

**Financial Report:** Manager, John Jones presented the Financial Report for the month ending January 31, 2013.

**EMS Report:** Mr. Jones gave an EMS Report. There were 473 calls for the month of January. The revenues were \$357,674.33 with expenditure of \$140,526.54 with a net of \$217,147.79

**Update on New EMS Building:** Manager Jones gave an update on the new EMS Building. The building is finished and the furniture has been ordered. There are a few issues that have to be addressed and then we can schedule for the grand opening.

**Beer & Wine Applications:**

- Country Pantry (Maheshkum Patel) – **Sheriff Denied.**
- Normantown Grocery (Dan Patrick) – **Approved.**
- Cedar Crossing Grocery (Sangita Patel) – **Approved.**
- John’s Country Junction (John E. McDonald) - **Approved.**
- LaJoya Mexican Store (Joel Salgado) – **Approved.**
- Grocery Store (Jim Paul Davis) – **Approved.**

Commission Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Beer & Wine Licenses that have been signed off on by Sheriff Kight. Commissioner Williams abstained from voting. Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

**Total Quality Management Program:** Manager Jones presented Commission with a Total Quality Management Program. A committee will be formed and this team will make recommendations to the manager for a more efficient operation at the lowest possible cost to Toombs County Tax Payers. The committee membership will be employees who have been here the longest and those working on the front line. Hopefully they will start meeting as soon as next month.

**Payroll Direct Deposit:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve payroll direct deposit at a cost of a \$25 monthly fee to the bank and a one-time cost of \$2,500.00 for the computer module. Motion carried unanimously.

**Return of Commission Chairman’s Phone/ Funding Commissioner’s Breakfast:** Manager, John Jones informed the Commission that the current Chairman, Mr. Blake Tillery is having his county phone cut off and will be using the money saved to have County Commissioner’s Breakfast again. Hopefully, we will be starting the breakfast next month on meeting day.

**Approval of Bank Account Resolution:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Bank

**Approval of Contract with Cities to Conduct Elections:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Contract with the cities of Lyons, Vidalia, and Santa Claus. Motion carried unanimously.

**Bid Proposals on Backhoe for Road Department:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Bid of Yancey Brothers at a cost of \$8,162.09. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Pharmacy Deductible Reimbursement:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the reimbursement of pharmacy deductible of \$250.00 for county employees only not family. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Purchase of Fire Truck:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the purchase of a fire truck in the amount of \$14,000.00 to be paid from SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

EMA Director, Lynn Moore stated that the truck will be used by rural fire departments. "I think it behooves the county to buy it." Moore said. "For myself and Johnny Moser, we appreciate ya'll taking this action. This will bring us up to speed with fire trucks. With this, we probably won't have to buy another truck any time soon. Chairman Tillery said "ya'll have done a good Job."

**Monthly Meeting Date Change:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve to change the Commission Meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month to begin March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Recognition:** Several employees were recognized. Danielle Brinson was recognized as Employee of the Month and given a \$50.00 gift certificate to J&B's Steak House. Others being recognized for years of service were: Charles Bryant – 20yrs service with Tax Assessors Office. Next, Preston Denmark & Justin Galbreath for 10yrs service with the Sheriff's Department.

**Appointment of County Attorney:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to re-appoint Howard Kaufold as County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of Altamaha River Partnership Representative & Alternate:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to appoint Ingrid Vann as the representative and Richard Williams as alternate for the Altamaha River Partnership Program. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Bids for Landfill Excavator Repairs:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Bid of Yancey Brothers at a cost of \$8,162.09.

**Standing Committee Reports:** Vice-Chairman McCormick thanked the Road Department for the good job that they have done this past week fixing roads during all this rain we have been getting.

Commissioner Dixon thanked Johnny Moser, Fire Chief for the good job he has been doing.

Commissioner Williams had no report for Recreation but thanked God for the rain we have been getting.

Commissioner Nobles reported that he went to school in Athens to be a certified landfill operator.

**Commissioners Comments:** Chairman Tillery asked that management take a look at bond forfeitures for the County. There may be some money for the County to collect on those.

The State has visited our Tax Commissioner's office and they have suggested that our commercial properties are evaluated low according to the State of Georgia. We are looking at a re-evaluation for those properties. Some will go up and others may go down. We will likely see a reduction in some of the rural properties and individual property taxes as well.

**Executive Session:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner McCormick to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to end executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

No action taken as a result of executive session.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting adjourned on a motion made by Vice-Chairman McCormick. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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## WORK SESSION

**PRESENT: MICHAEL BLAKE TILLERY, JEFF MCCORMICK, ROY LEE WILLIAMS, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DENNIS DARRIEL NOBLES, HOWARD KAULFOLD, JOHN M. JONES, AND BELINDA WHIRLEY**

**Chairman Tillery called the work session to order.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**1. I. Sheriff's Department**

- a.** Sheriff Alvie Knight, Jr. thanked the Commission for wanting to work with them. He gave an overview of his department.

2. **b.** Captain James Page gave an overview of investigations section of the Sheriff's Department.
3. **c.** Captain Barry Brown gave an overview of 9-1-1.

1. **II. Landfill**

1. **a.** Landfill Director, Tommy Thompson gave an overview of the Landfill operations.
2. **b.** Commissioner Nobles gave an update on convenient center in the county.

1. **III. Roads & Bridges**

1. **a.** Road Superintendent, William Fuzzy Swain gave an over view of the operations for the Road & Bridges Department.

1. **IV. Buildings/Facilities/Storage**

1. **a.** Manager, John Jones gave an update on buildings and grounds.

1. **V. CDBG**

1. **a.** Manager, Jones gave an update on the CDBG Grant.

There being no further business the work session adjourned.