

August 19, 2014 Meeting

TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SMALL COURTROOM August 19, 2014 5:30 PM **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** **PRESENT: MICHAEL BLAKE TILLERY, JEFF MCCORMICK, ROY LEE WILLIAMS, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, HOWARD KAUFOLD, JOHN M. JONES AND GAIL WIDNER** **Call to Order:** Chairman Tillery called the meeting to order. **Invocation :** Vice-Chairman McCormick gave the invocation. **Approve Agenda:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes: July 15, 2014 Regular Board Meeting:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect that Attorney Kaufold was not present at the July 17, 2014 meeting. Vice-Chairman McCormick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. **Employee Recognition:** No employee recognition at this time. **Public Participation:** David Hartage, Senior Resident Inspector at Plant Hatch gave a brief overview of their job at Plant Hatch. They perform base line inspections of the licensee which is Southern Company to assure that they are operating in accordance with conditions and regulations associated with their license. Terry Findley, Assistant Chief for Toombs County Fire Department reminded everyone that there would be a 911 Memorial Dedication at Partin Park on September 11, 2014 at 6:00 PM. **Development Authority Report:** Chairman Dixon gave the report for the Development Authority. Orientation for Leadership Toombs-Montgomery will be August 21st and August 22nd. The spec building project is progressing nicely with the finished product anticipated by mid-September. The next Development Authority meeting will be August 21st at noon. Chamber Connections will be at the Peoples Bank's new facility in Lyons on October 16th from 5:15 until 7:00 PM. Serving up Toombs-Montgomery will be Thursday, September 11th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There was concern that the two meetings on September 11th were at the same time. (This one and the one for the fire department) **Department Reports:** Skipper Smith, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that the dump site at Petross has been cleaned up and cameras installed. He stated that since the cameras were installed, not a single piece of paper has been dropped. Chess Fountain, Clerk of Court reported the recent burning of the Hancock County Courthouse. He reflected that their courthouse was a heart pine structure unlike ours that is mostly concrete and steel. He stated that the major concern in most courthouses now is water damage either from records stored in the basements or fire sprinklers. His concern for our courthouse is a tornado. Mr. Fountain emphasized that he has four staged redundancy of all current records. The records are backed up at 5:30 each day. All plats have been scanned and digitized from 1954 to present. All real estate documents from 1993 to present and all criminal and civil records from 2001 to present are also digitized. Chairman Tillery questioned Mr. Fountain as to where he would want to be with records at this time. Mr. Fountain explained that most banks want a 40 year title opinion so he feels that he is about half

way on the real estate records. Chairman Tillery stated that he is quite impressed with the record keeping.

County Manager Report Financial Report: County Manager Jones gave the Financial Report for the month of July.

EMS Report : County Manager Jones gave the EMS Report for the month of July. There were 414 runs with 390 being in Toombs County and 24 in Montgomery County.

Approval of EMS Write-Off – Bad Debt: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Medicaid write-off of \$16,597.21. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Donation of EMS LifePak to Telfair

EMS: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to donate the LifePaks to Telfair EMS. Chairman Tillery questioned why Telfair County. Raymond Carroll, Toombs County EMS Director, explained that Telfair is in bad shape financially. Their life packs are 15 years and older. We have 4 newer life packs, 2 purchased through Meadows Regional and 2 by Toombs County. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Work True Screener to City of Lyons: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to donate our Work-True Screener to the City of Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Request For Southside Drive into County Road

System: County Manager Jones forwarded the info required to accept a road into our county road system on June 30th but has not heard anything from the petitioner.

Up-Date on Zorn Development Compliance: The easements needed for the three (3) drain pipes have been received.

Up-Date of Construction of Cells 13-19 at Solid Waste Facility: First request for draw from McLendon Enterprises approved by the engineers was received this week. Payment will be going out this week.

Up-Date of TIA Project – Ezra Taylor Road: Manager Jones and Chairman Tillery met with DOT regarding a problem with the Excel/Decel lanes on 280. Hopefully, DOT in Jesup will approve the changes and not require spending an additional \$150,000.00.

Up-Date of 2014/2015 LMIG Project – Glynn James: Phase II money for the paving of Glynn James should be in hand before the next meeting and should be able to send out proposal for bids at that time.

Consideration of Bid for Transmission for Repair on Dump

Truck: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Williams to accept the proposal from Transpower, Inc for accept the proposal from Transpower, Inc transmission repair for the dump truck in the amount of \$7,747.52 to be paid out of the General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Additional Prison Crew for Solid Waste: County Manager Jones asked for consideration for an additional prison crew for Solid Waste. The cost for the crew would be \$39,000.00 per year. We would have to buy a van at approximately \$15,000.00 plus the cost for lawn mowers, weed eaters, etc. This crew would be doing the convenience van at approximately \$15,000.00 plus the cost for lawn mowers, weed eaters, etc. This crew would be doing the convenience centers and the landfill and would free up the existing crew to do other things.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to hire an additional prison crew for solid waste to be paid out of the landfill account. Motion carried unanimously.

DNR Meeting regarding River Landings: County Manager Jones and Chairman Tillery met with DNR regarding the Altamaha River landings. They are going to do some surveying and get back with us before the end of the year with some plans for possibly adding one or two additional landings along the river. They expressed that they might be interested in doing some cost sharing with us for these additions and other upgrades.

Standing Committee Reports: Chairman Tillery commented on the projects we have going on at this time including the cells at the landfill, Glynn James Road paving, Ezra Taylor Road paving and Mercy Clinic at the Health Department to name a few.

Commissioners Comments: Vice-Chairman McCormick has had many calls questioning when Ezra Taylor Road will be paved. County Manager Jones stated that hopefully by the end of the year we will be able to put the project out to bid. There are still parcels of land that we do not have deeds on and the appraiser is working on them now.

County Manager Jones feels that we will start Glynn James Road before Ezra Taylor Road.

Adjournment: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Chairman Dixon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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Michael Blake Tillery, Chairman
Whirley, County Clerk

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