

December 17, 2013 Agenda

Toombs County Board of Commissioners Agenda Large Courtroom –
Courtroom A December 17, 2013 5:30 PM Regular Board Meeting
Call to Order Invocation – Approve Agenda Approval of Minutes: November
19, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Public
Participation – Michael Rager & Richard Lawrence- TUMI

– Others

Employee Recognition – Employee of the Year

Development Authority Report

Approval of Contract Extension with Development Authority to 2026

Department Reports

Approval of Anthony Cowart and John M. Jones to Recreation
Advisory Committee

Approval of \$250 Pharmacy Reimbursement for 2014

Approval of 2014 Holiday Schedule

Approval of 2013 Budget Adjustments

Approval to Request Bids for Re-Striping Roads

Approval of 2014 LMIG Project

Approval for County Manager to Request Bids for paving up to 5
miles of roads

Approval for Purchase of Equipment/Employees for Road
Construction Crew

Approval for County Manager to Request Bids for cleaning/maintenance of county buildings

Approval of Payment of Tipping Fee Payment to Landfill

Approval of three (3) appointments to the Hospital Authority

Approval of 30-day extension on Toombs-Montgomery EMS Contract

Approval of 3- Year Contract for Independent Financial Auditor

County Manager Report

Financial Report

EMS Report

TIA Up-Date

Approval of Beer and Wine License:

Jan's Mart – Sheima Musa

Cedar Crossing Grocery – Sangita Patel

Fruteria Rodriguez – Maria Rodriguez

Standing Committee Reports

Appointment of 2014 Committees –

Roads & Bridges

Recreation

Landfill

Public Safety

Appointment of Toombs County Board of Commissioners Vice-Chairman for 2014

Commissioners Comments

Adjournment

Work Session

15 Minutes After Regular Board Meeting

Ochoopee Regional Library - Dusty Gres

Dr. David Kim – Road Access to Rudell Road and GA Highway 280

December 17 2013

**TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
COURTROOM DECEMBER 17TH,**

LARGE

2013

5:30

PM Toombs County Board of Commissioners DECEMBER 17th, 2013 5:30 PM PRESENT: MICHAEL BLAKE TILLERY, JEFF MCCORMICK, ROY LEE WILLIAMS, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DENNIS DARRIEL NOBLES, HOWARD KAUFOLD, JOHN M. JONES, AND BELINDA WHIRLEY Call to

Order: Chairman Tillery called the meeting to order at 5:00

PM. Invocation: Commissioner Williams gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to amend the agenda with the addition of 1) Discussion of County Manager Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the minutes of November 19th, 2013 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Public Participation: Richard Lawrence a representative of TUMI came before the Commission to ask that his company be waived all fees associated with failure to submit their Freeport Exemption. In 2007 TUMI did not file their Freeport Exemption and it cost them therefore they have put extreme measures in place so that this would not happen again.

They had not had any trouble until the week of March 25th, 2013 when their accounts payable clerk came to the courthouse to file the paperwork. Mr. Bob Bays was not in the office so she gave it to one of his assistants. Mr. Lawrence and Michael Rager were in Germany at the time.

Lawrence said they received an email indicating that she had brought it to the county so they were not concerned until they received notice in November that they had not filed the papers until April 3rd, 2013 which meant they were late and it was going to cost them a hefty sum of money.

Mr. Lawrence said he made a trip to the courthouse to see Mr. Bob Bays himself but he got nowhere with him. He said he even asked for the surveillance camera videos but was told the system was not working on that particular day.

After hearing the case, Chairman Tillery asked County Attorney Kaufold if he could check and see if the Commissioners had the authority to waive the fees for the Freeport Exemption. The County Manager and Attorney Kaufold are to report back to the Chairman and if there is anything they can do it will be added to the agenda at the end of the month for the 2014 Budget Hearing.

Lee Burton of Vidalia a representative of the Veterans of the Toombs-Montgomery County area appeared before the Commission to ask if he could get some help cleaning up the Veterans Monument down on HWY 280 at Wal-Mart.

Chairman Tillery told Mr. Burton to let County Manager Jones know what he wants done and we will see what we can do to help.

Employee Recognition Employee of the Year: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to table this item until the Employee Christmas Dinner. Motion carried unanimously.

Development Authority Report: Michelle Johnson of the Development Authority appeared to give a report for Bill Mitchell who is out of town at this time. First of all she recognized Tommy Rollins who is serving his second term and I thanked him for coming with her. As for the Development Authority we are proceeding with our spec building and you should see some dirt being moved around the first part of January.

Michelle informed the Commission that she did a State Progress Report which showed that US Pet spent almost 67,000,000.00 in 2013 and has 300 hundred employees. She will also be doing a yearend report on Chicken of the Sea in February and will report those numbers back to the Commission as well.

The Development Authority's next meeting is January 16th at noon so please come join if you can. As far as the Chamber the Pre-Legislative Breakfast is January 9th, 2014 at 7:30 AM and if you haven't signed up it is not too late. Call the Chamber and Michelle can get you on the list to attend.

Approval of Contract Extension with Development Authority to 2026: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the contract with the Development Authority to 2026. Commissioner abstained from the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Department Reports: The Road Department's Christmas Party will be Friday December 20th, 2013 at noon.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to give as an incentive to each department 5% up to a total of \$3,000.00 of the total audited savings from last year's budget as an incentive to keep cost down. This savings can be spent at the discretion of the department head. The Departments that came under budget for 2012 are:

Landfill – Tommy Thompson

Board of Elections – Carrie Achenbach

State Court Judge – Tommy J. Smith

Financial Administration – Belinda Whirley

Probate Court – Larry Threlkeld

Animal Control – Pete Usher

Roads & Bridges – Fuzzy Swain

Approval of Anthony Cowart & John M. Jones to Recreation Advisory

Committee: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the appointment of Anthony Cowart & John M. Jones to Recreation Advisory Committee.

Approval of \$250 Pharmacy Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman

Reimbursement for 2014: McCormick to approve the 2014 Pharmacy Deductible Reimbursement

of \$250.00 to all employees covered by the Counties' Blue Cross-Blue Shield of

GA Group Health Insurance.

Approval of 2014 Holiday Schedule: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles approved the 2014 Holiday Schedule as presented:

2014 HOLIDAYS

NEW YEARS DAY	JANUARY 1 ST , 2014 - WEDNESDAY
MLK DAY	JANUARY 20 TH , 2014 - MONDAY
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 18 TH , 2014 - FRIDAY
MEMORIAL	MAY 26 TH , 2014 - MONDAY
JULY 4 TH	JULY 4 TH , 2014 - FRIDAY
LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 1 ST , 2014 - MONDAY
VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 11 TH , 2014 - TUESDAY
THANKSGIVING	NOVEMBER 27 TH & 28 TH – THURSDAY & FRIDAY
CHRISTMAS	DECEMBER 24 TH & 25 TH – WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 2013 Budget Adjustments: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the 2013 Budget Adjustments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Request Bids for Re-Striping Roads: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the re-striping of 32 miles of roads. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 2014 LMIG Project: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the 2014 LMIG Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval for County Manager to Request Bids for paving up to 5 miles of roads: Vice –Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve for the County Manger to Request Bids for Paving up to 5 miles of road as part of the LMIG Project Motion Carried unanimously.

Approval for Purchase of Equipment/Employees Road Construction Crew: It was the consensus of the Commission to proceed with this project.

Approval for County Manager to Request Bids for Cleaning/Maintenance of County Buildings: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve for the Manager to send out Request for Bids for Cleaning/Maintenance of County buildings. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payment of 2013 Tipping Fee Payment to Landfill: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the payment of a 2013 Tipping Fee Payment to the Toombs County Landfill in the amount of \$49093.50 for Solid Waste Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of three (3) appointments to the Hospital Authority: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Nobles to approve the three re-appointments to the Hospital Authority of Jeremy Joiner, Howell Collins, and Dr. Robert DeJarnette, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 30-Day Extension Toombs-Montgomery EMS Contract: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the 30 day extension for the Toombs-Montgomery EMS Contract through February 1st, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 3- Year Contract for Independent Financial Auditors: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to

approve the 3-Year Contract for Independent Financial Auditors with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report:

Financial Report: Manager Jones informed the Commissioner that the County is 92% thru the year and are under budget so far. If there are any questions, he will be glad to answer them.

EMS Report: There were 387 calls for the month. 90% were from Toombs County 10% from Montgomery.

TIA Up-Date: Jones reported that the County has received the reimbursement agreement from DOT and next will receive the notice to proceed and then will proceed with construction after right-of-ways have been obtained.

Approval of Beer and Wine License:

Jan's Mart – Sheima Musa

Cedar Crossing Grocery – Sangita Patel

Fruteria Rodriguez – Maria Rodriguez

Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve all the Beer and Wine Licenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of County Manager Contract: Commissioner Nobles praised Mr. Jones for doing a fabulous job and made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to add on another year to his contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman McCormick has enjoyed watching this transition here in the courthouse coming out of Corporate America. Commissioner Dixon reminded everyone that we had the first T-SPLOST Project out on HWY 130 due to Manager Jones.

Standing Committee Reports: None

Appointment of 2014 Committees:

Roads & Bridges – McCormick & Williams

Recreation – Nobles & Williams

Landfill – Nobles & Dixon

Public Safety – Dixon & McCormick

Appointment of County Board of Commissioners Vice-Chairman for 2014: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Williams to re-appoint Jeff McCormick as the 2014 Vice-Chairman of the Toombs County Board of Commissioners and to add Commissioner Nobles to the signature Card to sign checks. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Nobles said the road is about finished at the Landfill and Tommy is doing a good job. Maybe we will get started on some new cells and start taking in some more trash.

Commissioner Dixon commented that he had a good meeting with EMS and had a good Christmas Dinner with the Cedar-Crossing Fire Department.

Vice-Chairman McCormick thanked the Road Department and the Maintenance Department as well. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chairman Tillery thanked everyone and mentioned that for his first year that he learned that what he thought was important turned out not to be and what he thought was unimportant turned out to be what was important. He reminded everyone of the Christmas luncheon Monday the 23rd at noon where the employee of the year will be announced.

Adjournment: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn at 6:30PM. Motion carried unanimously.

**TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

LARGE COURTROOM

**DECEMBER 17TH,
2013**

6:45 PM

TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORK SESSION

DECEMBER 17th, 2013

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

Ohoopsee Regional Library: Dusty Gres appeared before the Commission to ask for funding for the Ohoopsee Regional Library. She explained that it could be money or it could be in-kind as well.

She brought the annual budget and told the commission that they now cover four counties. The biggest issue is money. The state has taken away funds and now

it will not pay as much and it is saying that public libraries will have to get most of its operating money locally.

The county has also cut the Regional Library Board's Budget by 22.5% over the last 5 years.

There are three libraries in Toombs County and Toombs is considered the Regional Home Location.

Gres mentioned that the municipalities have increased their funding while the county has continued to cut their funding but it is possible for the county to help by cleaning the building or paying bills. Anything would help. Changing light bulbs inside and out of the buildings or cleaning up inside and out of the buildings.

Chairman Tillery asked what is the plan of the Regional Library Board? She replied that the only thing she knows to do is to cut hours of operation.

Tillery assured Ms. Gres that he would see what the county could do.

Road Access to Rudell Road and GA Highway 280: Dr. David Kim of the Georgia Eye Institute of Savannah appeared before the Commission to ask if he were to build a road to access the property to his new building could he deed it back to the County and asked that they maintain it?

Dr. Kim along with Dr. Oxley have plans to build an extension of the GA Eye Institute here in Toombs County for their patients who live in this area and the location that has been chosen needs road access.

Fuzzy Swain is going to get with McLendon to get specs on the road and also contact DOT. Oxley said that the road has been deeded to the county and they should already have a survey of the property lines on file.

The county assured Dr. Kim and Dr. Oxley that they are willing to help do whatever they can to make this happen. Everyone looks forward to the possibility of this new office locating in Toombs County.

December 27, 2013 Hearing

**TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PURPOSE ROOM DECEMBER 27,
2013**

MULTI-

9:00AMPUBLIC

**HEARINGPRESENT: MICHAEL BLAKE TILLERY, JEFF MCCORMICK, WENDELL
DIXON, DARRIELL NOBLES, JOHN M. JONS, HOWARD KAUFOLD AND BELINDA**

WHIRLEY.Call to Order: Chairman Tillery called the meeting to order at

9:00AM.**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. The Commission discussed the budget by line item within each department of the county.**Approval of 2014**

Resolution: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commission McCormick to approve the 2014 Budget Resolution as presented. Motion carried.**Commissioners**

Comments: Commissioner Nobles mentioned to the Commission that Emma Venable is the Toombs County Nominee for "The Servant's Heart Award" given by Georgia's Children's Cabinet and Georgia First Lady Sandra Deal. This should be added to agenda for January

21st, 2014.**Adjournment:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn at 10:15AM. Motion carried.

