

January 2014 Agenda

Toombs County Board of Commissioners Agenda Large Courtroom –
Courtroom A January 21, 2014 5:30PM Regular Board Meeting **Call to
Order**

Invocation –

Approve Agenda

Approval of Minutes: December 17, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

December 27, 2013 Called Meeting

Public Participation

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Servant’s Heart Award” given by Georgia’s Children’s Cabinet and
Georgia First Lady Sandra Deal

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participate in the Harvard Model Congress in Boston in February

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Construction

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Commissioners of Georgia on the Occasion of its Centennial

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January 21,2014 Meeting

TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**COURTROOM-AJANUARY 21,
2014**

5:30PMREGULA

**R MEETINGPRESENT: MICHAEL BLAKE TILLERY, JEFF MCCORMICK, WENDELL
HUGH DIXON, DENNIS DARRIEL NOBLES, JOHN M. JONES, AND BELINDA WHIRLEY**

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

Invocation: Reverend Don Moye from the First Baptist Church of Vidalia gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: December 17, 2013 Regular Board Meeting December 27, 2013 Called Meeting: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the minutes of the December 17th, 2013 Regular and the December 27th, 2013 called Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation: Mr. Steve Miller, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club came before the Commission to introduce himself and give a brief update on the mission of the Boys and Girls Club.

Recognition of Emma Venable Toombs County Nominee for “The Servant’s Heart Award” Given by Georgia’s Cabinet & Georgia First Lady Children’s Sandra Deal:

Chairman Tillery and the Toombs County Board of Commission recognized and congratulated Ms. Emma Venable as Toombs County’s Nominee for “The Servant’s Heart Award” given by the Georgia Children’s Cabinet and Georgia First Lady, Sandra Deal. The commission honored Ms. Venable with picture and thanked her for all her hard work and leadership in the community.

Commissioner Nobles thanked Rustin Howard for all her help in making this happen and making the county look good too.

Recognition of Vidalia Heritage Academy Students who will Participate in the Harvard Model Congress in Boston in February: The Commission also recognized a group of young people from the Vidalia Heritage Academy. These students will be representing the community at the Harvard Model Congress in Boston in February. VHA Administrator and Vice-Chairman McCormick introduced the team and said that Vidalia Heritage was the only school in Georgia accepted. 1) Leigha Williams is a sophomore. 2) Brayden Price is a freshman; 3) Kaylee Randolph is a sophomore; 4) Ashley Dawson is a freshman; 5) Ashton Jackson is a freshman; 6) Kayla Martin is a sophomore. Vice-Chairman McCormick reiterated how proud he is of these students.

Development Authority Report: Bill Mitchell appeared before the Commission to give a report on the Development Authority. He commented on the good turn out for the legislative breakfast. The Chamber Annual Membership Meeting is February 6th, 2014 at 5:30PM.

Mr. Mitchell informed the commission of a couple of ribbon cuttings. One is on Friday, February 14th, 2014 at 11:00AM at Parker’s in Lyons. The other is Wednesday, February 19th, 2014 at 11:00AM State Farm in Vidalia.

Leadership Toombs-Montgomery has their next meeting tomorrow morning. It is the education session they will start out at STC and go around to all the local schools.

The next meeting for Youth Leadership is Thursday, February 23rd, 2014. It is Toombs County Day. They will be touring the County.

The Development Authority is working on a spec building. They are ready for the construction. Pre- bid meeting is February 2nd qualifying contractors and February 20th, 2014 will be the bid opening. The building hopefully will be finished by August, 2014.

On a positive note Chicken of the Sea provides the county with scholarship money. They gave \$10,000.00 to the Fallen Soldiers Fund.

Department Reports: Barry Brown of E-911 appeared before the Commission to give an update on the new 911 System. The project is almost complete. Dispatchers are in training this week and the new phone system should go live next week.

Mr. Brown gave a drop dead date of May 1st, 2014 for Montgomery to decide whether or not they want to join Toombs County's 9-1-1 Program. After that date they will have to pay to come back and be part of the Toombs County 9-1-1 Program.

EMS Director, Raymond Carroll appeared before the Board to give a report on EMS. Mr. Carroll thanked the Commission for their support.

He informed all that Meadows Regional Medical Center has given EMS 15 new portable medication pumps. Therefore, we are going to be able to have our own pumps. The medication going out of the hospital with critical care patients can be managed by EMS.

Request from City of Vidalia on Contribution to Amphitheater Construction: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Williams to table until a later date.

Vice-Chairman McCormick and Commissioner Dixon voted no. Chairman Tillery broke the tie by also voting no.

Vice-Chairman McCormick commented that he would like to hear from the City of Vidalia before they go any further.

Bill Torrance informed the Commission that the project started out at \$1,000,000.00 and they cut it down to \$750,000.00. He feels this project is going to be an asset for not only the City of Vidalia but the County as well. Also, this Amphitheater will help with the downtown beautification project. It will be used for a lot of different things. It is located behind the city hall and has a parking lot for up to 80 vehicles and it provides green space. The shelter can be used for concerts and other events.

We are trying to get it finished in time for the onion festival and the street dance. Therefore, we are asking for the county to help finance this project.

Vice-Chairman McCormick asked if the space could be rented. Bill did not know at this time but he does know that it would be there for all municipalities and the county for their use.

Next, Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve a contribution of \$200,000.00, to be funded if appropriate by SPLOST or whatever the appropriate fund should SPLOST not be. Commissioner Nobles opposed the vote. Motion passed 3-1.

Request of Vidalia Convention Bureau: Richard Williams of the Vidalia Convention Bureau appeared before the Commission to ask for some support for the film industry to locate here. Williams requested \$50,000.00 over the next 2 years.

This is a huge industry and I believe it will be good move for the community. In other locations these movies have caused a tourist attraction.

Vice-Chairman made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to table until more information has been received. Motion carried unanimously.

Authority for Tax Commissioner for fine and penalty waivers: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to grant the Tax Commissioner the authority for fine and penalty waivers up to \$2,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Closure of Grandma Collins Road: All impact statements have been received. The Commission will make a decision at the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 18th, 2014.

Approval of Resolution Commending Association of County Commissioners of GA on their Centennial: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Resolution Commending the Association County Commissioners of GA on their Centennial. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution for Call for a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Vote and Inter-Governmental Agreement on the SPLOST: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Inter- Governmental Agreement on the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Motion carried unanimously.

The current Special Option Sales Tax will cease on December 31st, 2014. It needs to be put on the ballot to be voted on if it is to continue.

Chairman Tillery asked for management to find out the total amount raised by SPLOST and how that corresponds to the millage rate. Also, he would like to have a list of everything that has been purchased with this SPLOST.

Commissioner Nobles suggested that this information be run in the paper before the election.

Approval of Resolution to Qualifying Fees: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Resolution to set 2014 Qualifying Fees as follows:

Commissioner	\$180.00
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Board of Education Member	\$ 72.00
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Appointment of Zoning and Sign Ordinance Committee: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to table until there is a revision on the Planning Committee and then bring it back before the Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Re-Appointment of Dr. Barry Dotson to Workforce Investment Act Board: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-

Chairman McCormick to re-appoint Dr. Barry Dotson to the Workforce Investment Act Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Re-Appointment of John M. Jones to Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Board: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to re-appoint Mr. John M. Jones to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Board.

County Manager Report Financial Report: County Manager Jones gave a financial report for the month ending December 31, 2013.

EMS Report: Manager Jones gave a financial report on EMS for the month ending December 31st, 2013. The revenues were \$111,323.20 with expenditures of \$179,937.00.

TIA Up-Date: Mr. Jones informed the Commission that the Ezra Taylor Road Project is moving forward and a meeting with property owners is tonight's work session.

Toombs County Recreation Department request for Building Improvements: The Toombs County Recreation Department has asked for some SPLOST money for building improvements.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the request up to \$6,200.00 provided the Recreation Board obtains 2 more bids. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids for Pick-Up Truck at Landfill: The commission's consensus was to table this until the next regular meeting.

Workshop: Manager Jones discussed a possible workshop to be set on a Saturday. He asked that everyone check their calendars and see when it will be convenient for everyone.

Approval of Beer & Wine License: The following applications for Beer & Wine License were approved by the Sheriff:

LaJoya Mexican Store – Joel Salgado

Country Pantry – Shobhana Patel

Normantown Grocery – Dan Patrick

Big Ma's – Susan Simpson

Frank Country Club, Inc – Susan Simpson

Ohoopsee River General Store & Produce – Stanley Phillip Holland

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the six applications for Beer & Wine License. Commissioner Williams abstained from the vote. Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

Standing Committee Reports: Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Nobles informed the Commission that the landfill road is coming along good. The land has been purchased and the county can now move forward with plans for its use.

Commissioner Dixon asked Mr. Raymond Carroll about the ambulance and Mr. Carroll informed the Commission that it should be delivered sometime in February.

Vice-Chairman McCormick informed the Commission that LMIG Money has been applied for and the county should receive right at a half a million for road paving projects. The 2014 LMIG Project is the paving of Glenn James Road.

Chairman Tillery thanked the departments present at the meeting for the jobs that they do. We really appreciate all you do. Also, we have purchased land to expand the landfill for the next 15 years.

Adjournment: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Work Session

15 Minutes After Regular Board Meeting

Ezra Taylor Road Project Presentation – Hofstadter & Associates

Carl Hofstadter of Hofstadter & Associates appeared before the Commission and the Public to answer any questions or concerns anyone had on right of way easements needed in order to pave Ezra Taylor Road.

Carl gave an overview of the project and why the easements were needed and citizens were given a chance to ask questions and Carl answered questions and discussed in length any issues that were brought up.

Mr. Hofstadter announced that he would be available following the meeting to meet with anyone facing major concerns with giving the easements.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

