

July 15, 2014 Agenda

Toombs County Board of Commissioners Agenda Large Courtroom July 15, 2014 5:30 PM Regular Board Meeting Call to Order Invocation – Approve Agenda Approval of Minutes: June 17, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Employee Recognition Public Participation Development Authority Report Department Reports Consideration of Resolution of Appointment of County Legislative Coordinator (CLC) to ACCG Consideration of US Energy Sciences/CHAL Holdings for Toombs County Revolving Loan Consideration of Contractor for CQA Services for Construction of Cells 13-19 at Toombs County Solid Waste Facility Consideration of Contractor for E911 Recording System Consideration of Contractor for X-Ray Security System at Courthouse County Manager Report Financial Report EMS Report Consideration of Maintenance Projects on County Buildings Consideration of Declaration of Excess Property for Disposal Convenience Center Up-Date – Name Change Proposal

Up-Date of Construction of Cells 13-19 at Solid Waste Facility

Up-Date of TIA Project – Ezra Taylor Road

Up-Date of 2014/2015 LMIG Project – Glynn James

Up-Date of 2014 Road Striping Project

Setting Millage Rate Schedule

Standing Committee Reports

Commissioners Comments

Adjournment

July 15, 2014 Meeting

**TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

**LARGE**

**COURTROOM JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

**5:30**

**PM REGULAR BOARD MEETING 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. **Invocation:** Chairman Tillery 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: June 17, 2014 Regular Board Meeting** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the minutes of the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. **Employee Recognition:** Chairman Tillery recognized Hazel Williams as Employee of the Month for July. She was presented with a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to J & B's Steakhouse. She will be retiring from Toombs County as the County Chief Registrar after 12 years of service. Therefore, her fellow workers with Toombs County once again voted to name her Employee of the Month. "Miss Hazel is going to be retiring," said Chairman Blake Tillery. "She has served the county and the citizens well and we wish her the best in her retirement. She is the first person to actually be chosen twice as the County's Employee of the Month." **Public Participation:** Martha Powers, Director of the Ohoopie Regional Library System came before the Commission to give a report on the activities going on in the Library System. She provided reports on local funding per capita for FY 2013. Also, she informed the Commission what Toombs County gives to their communities through their funding:

- 18,260 Residents (64% of Toombs Population) – Library Cards
- 49,136 Visits – Local Libraries
- 62,960 Books – Check Out by Patrons
- 2,766 Reference Sessions – Utilized by Patrons
- 31,484 Computer Sessions – Used by Patrons
- 3,252 Adults, Teens, & Children – Attended 111 Programs

**Development Authority Report:** Michelle Johnson appeared before the Commission to report on the Development Authority and the Chamber of Commerce. She informed the Commission that the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00AM at the Flower & Sugar on Meadows Street in downtown Vidalia. On Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 11:00AM there will be a Ground Breaking Ceremony at the Mercy Medical Clinic next to the Toombs County Health Department. The next Chamber Connection will be on Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 5:15 – 7:00 at the Vidalia Airport. Then on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the Chamber Connection will be held at People's Bank in the Lyons facility. Serving up Toombs-Montgomery will be on Thursday, September, 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Hawk's Nest at Hawk's Point Golf Club.

Ms. Johnson reported that the Development Authority has a few reports on industry. The final progress report was submitted to the state for Chicken of the Sea in May. Submitted was an investment of \$31,000,000.00 against a goal of \$20,000,000.00 in local facilities. They have created 398 jobs against a goal of 310, so we were pleased to submit that final report.

The Development Authority has several new prospects. One is Project Green a new local agri-business. A meeting was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 concerning an expansion project which will result in a \$4,000,000.00 investment and 100 jobs.

There was a meeting scheduled for today with Project Ice Cube, a Company based in China which is looking at the Spec Building to relocate a manufacturing company. There were project representatives and two developers out of Atlanta who came today to look at the Spec Building. Their primary customers are Wal-Mart, Target, Lowes, and Home Depot. Also, a solar-cell industry is interested in the Spec Building. This industry is a \$15,000,000.00 investment with the creation of 200 jobs.

Project Full is an aviation project and they are interested in the 25 acres at the airport and a 130,000 square foot facility. A proposal to this project was submitted on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. In addition, Rain Clinical in conjunction with US Pet has expressed an interest in assuming the US Pet operations at the school and the Board of Education has already agreed to this so that will save some 20 plus jobs that were lost in the downsizing of US Pet. In the area of marketing we have purchased two ads in the Business Expansion Journal for September and October. The Authority is almost complete with their new web-site and sent out links to several of you already. It should be complete by the end of the month.

**Department Reports:** NONE.

**Consideration of Resolution of Appointment of County Legislative Coordinator (CLC) to ACCG:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to appoint Commissioner Nobles as the County Legislative Coordinator to ACCG. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of US Energy Sciences/CHAL Holdings for Toombs County Revolving Loan:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the consideration of US Energy Sciences/CHAL Holdings for Toombs County County Revolving Loan. Commissioner Dixon abstained from voting. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

**Consideration of Contractor for CQA Services for Construction of Cells 13-19 at Toombs County Solid Waste Facility:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve CQA Services for Construction of Cells 13-19 at the Toombs County Solid Waste Facility. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Contractor for E911 Recording System:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the purchase of equipment necessary to complete the E-911 upgrade at a cost of \$18,424.00 to be paid from SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Barry Brown informed the Commission that the upgrade should be complete in September with staff to receive two weeks of training in October before the new System will be activated.

**Consideration of Contractor for X-Ray Security System at**

**Courthouse:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Rapiscan Systems at a cost of \$17,275.00 to be paid from SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report – Financial Report:** Manager Jones gave the Financial Report for the Month of June.

**EMS Report:** Jones gave the Financial Report for the Month of June.

**Consideration of Maintenance Projects on County Buildings:** Manager Jones gave a report on Maintenance Projects on County Buildings and informed the Commission that this was going to have to be tabled until the next meeting due to the fact that he hasn't received all the figures back on the Georgia Correctional Construction Crew.

**Consideration of Declaration of Excess Property for Disposal:** County Manager Jones informed the Commission that the County has 11 vehicles that they would like to declare excess property. The County has one vehicle that they would like to sell to the City of Alamo.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to sell the 2005 Crown Victoria to the City of Alamo for \$3,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to declare the other eleven vehicles excess property. Motion carried unanimously.

**Convenience Center Up-Date – Name Change Proposal:** This proposal was delegated to the Landfill Committee.

**Up-Date of Construction of Cells 13-19 at Solid Waste Facility:** Mr.

Jones reported that the loan closing to construct new cells at the landfill will be held Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at noon. All contracts were to be signed on Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 with work to begin immediately. The construction will take 12-18 months to complete.

**Up-Date of TIA Project – Ezra Taylor Road:** Jones informed the Commission that the final drawings are being finalized for the paving of Ezra Taylor Road. Surveyors are expected to mark where the road is going to be which will show homeowners exactly how the project will look before they sign the final acceptance.

**Up-Date of 2014/2015 LMIG Project – Glynn James:** Jones reported that the staking of property and finalizing the right-of-way deeds is taking place on Glynn James Road. This project will probably be finished before Ezra Taylor Road.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to use 2015 LMIG Money for the second phase of Glynn James Road. Motion carried unanimously.

**Up-Date of 2014 Road Striping Project:** Jones reported that the striping project is going well and there are three roads left for that project to be complete. This was paid for out of the discretionary T-SPLOST Fund.

**Setting Millage Rate Schedule:** Chairman Tillery informed the Commission that the Tax Digest for the county has been completed by the

Toombs County Board of Assessors. Also, the 5-Year History will be printed in The Advance two weeks prior to the setting of the millage rate. Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to set public meeting for July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 9:00AM in the Toombs County Courthouse for the setting of the millage rate. Motion carried unanimously. Manager Jones reminded everyone of the Comprehensive Plan Meeting to be held on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00AM at the City of Vidalia Municipal Annex.

**Standing Committee Reports:** Vice-Chairman McCormick of the Roads and Bridges Committee presented a new Paving Policy to the Commission that he and Commissioner Nobles put together. There was a consensus of the Board to approve the Committee's recommendation on the new Paving Policy.

Commissioner Dixon informed the Commission that he met with the EMS Director and everything is going well in that area.

**Commissioners Comments:** Vice-Chairman McCormick thanked Ms. Powers for her report on the library system and told her that the Commission would be in contact with her.

Commissioner Nobles ask if the Commission would consider having the September Meeting at Normantown Fire Station.

Chairman Tillery informed the Commission that he is excited about The County Road Department moving out to the Landfill and the new Construction crew. Also, he reminded everyone about the fact that there will potentially be several capital murder cases coming up in our judicial circuit and that the county is responsible for the criminal defense costs in these matters which could exceed \$500,000.00 each. This is something that needs to be remembered for the up-coming budget.

**Adjournment:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to Adjourn at 6:40PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Attest:**

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**Michael Blake Tillery, Chairman**  
**Whirley, County Clerk**

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