

March 18, 2014

**TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COURTROOM-AMARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>,  
2014**

**LARGE**

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

**Approve Agenda:** Vice Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes: February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Board Meeting** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**February 18, 2014 Workshop:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Workshop minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Called Board Meeting:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the minutes of the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, Called Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee of the Month:** Charles Tad Bryant was introduced as employee of the Month for March, 2014. Mr. Bryant was awarded a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to J & B's Steak House in Vidalia, Georgia.

**Public Participation:** Mrs. Vicky Tillery came before the Commission representing the Toombs County Area Ministerial Association. Mrs. Tillery requested that the Commission and everyone present participate in the “Day of Prayer”, Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 6:30PM here on the Courthouse Grounds. There was a general consensus from the Commission to honor her request.

Steve Bryant from the Normantown area came before the Commission to inform the Commission that their Noise Ordinance is being violated. He explained that there have been loud explosive sounds that are so loud it is shaking the neighborhood. Mr. Bryant went on to say that the sound goes off like a bomb or a sonic boom. It is a very alarming type explosive causing the windows in our homes to rattle. We as a community would like to ask if you could amend your Noise Ordinance to address this problem.

Mr. Skeeter Toole also spoke on the problem out in the Normantown area. He believes someone needs to investigate and see if it is all legal because it is very loud and sounds potentially dangerous.

In addition, Karen Brumelows an NRA Training Instructor who lives in Normantown made the comment that the sounds were frightening to her. Her entire home would shake and items would actually fall off the walls. Also, she has an unexplained broken window in the front of her house that she believes came from the blast. “Sometimes you’d think you’re in a war zone with bombs going off,” she said. She has called the Sheriff’s Department on several different occasions. She is worried about the children.

Michelle Cox, of the Mel Blount Youth area has had similar problems in the past.

Chairman Tillery said that several of the county’s ordinances and policies are under review, and promised that the Sound Ordinance could possibly be moved to the top of the list.

Michelle Cox addressed the Commission to find out what kind of system was being used in regards to choosing which roads are paved first.

Vice-Chairman McCormick said that contrary to belief that there was a list from previous administrations; no list has been found by the current Commission. He went on to say that there are only two roads in the county slated for paving at this point. They are Glenn James Road and Ezra Taylor Road, because they were East -West connector roads that provide direct passage for emergency and responding vehicles. We will be looking for connector roads and going forward from there. We gather information from the Road Department, Sheriff’s Department, and EMS to make these decisions.

**Development Authority Report:** Michelle Johnson appeared before the Commission to give a report on the Development Authority as well as the Chamber of Commerce. She informed

everyone that the next Development Authority meeting is Thursday at Noon and directly following the meeting they will have a pre-construction meeting for the new spec building.

The Development Authority is still working on a new web-site project. Therefore, we hope to be featuring a new web-site and a new building by September.

Also, the Authority is working with two local businesses; they are Truax Veneer Company, Inc. and US New Energy Sciences, Inc. and the Commissioners will be reviewing some revolving loan application for us tonight.

Michelle went on to inform the Commission that Bill would not be at next month's meeting either because he will be at consultants meeting in Dallas Texas.

The Chamber we will have a ribbon-cutting on Thursday at 11:00 AM for the Jody Hill Agency.

Also, the Chamber is hosting the Leadership Toombs –Montgomery 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Friday at 6:00PM. The Chamber will be accepting nominations for the new Leadership-Toombs Class through May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Therefore, if there is anyone that you would like to nominate call and ask for Michelle and she will take care of it.

**Approval of Toombs County Revolving Loan Fund: Advanced Veneer Technologies, Inc.** Commissioner Dixon announced the applications for Truax Veneer Company, Inc. and US New Energy Sciences, Inc. Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the loan for Truax Veneer Company, Inc. Commissioner Dixon abstained from voting. Motion passed 3-0.

**Approval of Toombs County Revolving Loan Funds – US Energy Sciences/CHAL Holdings:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the loan for US New Energy Sciences/CHAL Holdings. Commissioner Dixon abstained from voting. Motion passed 3-0.

**Easter Egg Hunt E.E. Foundation Lenton Brown, Jr.:** Lenton Brown appeared before the Commission to request that the County participate in the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. It is a Community Easter Egg Hunt and it is free to the children. It has been going on for 35 years.

**Approval of closing of Grandma Collins Road:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to close Grandma Collins Road. Motion carried unanimously.

**Brandi Payne-Public Defender Middle Judicial Circuit FY 2015 Budget:** Brandi Payne came before the Commission to present their part of the budget for Public Defender Middle Judicial Circuit for FY 2015 Budget.

This budget is based on population and is due to an increase in retirement cost.

**Adoption of Toombs County Workplace Wellness Policy:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman to adopt the Toombs County Workplace Wellness Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement between Fire Department of Toombs County and City of Swainsboro:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Fire Departments of Toombs County and the City of Swainsboro. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request for approval of Agreement with Cell Tower Solutions, LLC Assessor's Office:** Vice-Chairman McCormick said he still has some concerns with the wording in this contract. Attorney Kaufold also had concerns with – the contract after reading. Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to table this request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Striping Contract:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the low bid for striping of Southeast Center Line Inc. at a cost of \$132,051.88 to be spent on the striping of 35 miles of county roads and to give the Chairman the authority to sign the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Qualifying Fee Policy:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Qualifying Fee Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of purchase of four (4) Pick-Up Trucks –**

2- Road & Bridges

1- EMA

1- Landfill

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the low bid of Vidalia Ford for the purchase of 4-trucks in the amount of \$109,767.64. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report**

**Financial Report** Manager Jones gave a Financial Report for the month ending February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Also, he informed the Commission that the Audit for 2013 has begun and that sales tax is up.

**EMS Report** There were 278 calls for the month of February. Revenues were \$143,931.87 and expenditures were at \$117,213.55.

**TIA Up-Date** Deeds are prepared for easements and we are waiting on the plats from the engineer which has to be put on CDs. Once we get this done we will be ready for the engineers to begin finalizing permits for the paving of Ezra Taylor Road.

**2014 LMIG Up-Date** The engineer is working on permits for the Glynn James Road. We expect this project to be finalized sometime this year.

**Convenience Center Up-Dates** Resmondo Road is waiting on the deed to that property for that center to begin construction. We already have bids on the fencing and also on an electronic compactor. We need to vote on the bids for fencing and compactor.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the low bid of Garrett Industries Fence Company, Inc. at a cost of \$9,495.00.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the low bid of Nu-Life for the electronic compactor at a cost of \$21,723.00. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Jones asked that the Commission reconsider the striping motion and include where those funds will come from to pay for that project which will be the T-SPLOST (Discretionary) Funds.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice- Chairman McCormick to reconsider the previous motion for restriping and amend that motion to include where it will be paid from. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the low bid for striping of Southeast Center Line Inc. at a cost of \$132,051.88 to be spent on the striping of 35 miles of county roads and to give the Chairman the authority to sign the contract. This project will be paid from the T-SPLOST (Discretionary) Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Jones informed the Commission that upgrades of security cameras on the inside of the courthouse has been done but feels we need them on the outside because of some things that have happened with a court case that spilled over to the outside.

Jones informed the Commission that the Financial Administration Office will be changing their software support but not the software itself. In the future, they will need to update their equipment to have a true file server system. This will be more secure and the cost will be in next year's budget.

**Commissioners Comments:** Nobles commented that he prayed for sunshine.

Dixon reminded everyone that there is a Development Authority Meeting on this Thursday at Noon.

McCormick reiterated his prior comment that there is not a list of roads that we plan to pave.

Chairman Tillery brought up the ACCG Conference coming up and we need one commissioner to do the roll call.

We are trying to update our ordinances and policies. We will be looking at our current Beer & Wine License Ordinance. In the future we will be looking at our Mobile Home Ordinance and also our Animal Control Ordinance.

**Executive Session:** NONE.

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**Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:44PM on a motion by Commissioner Dixon and seconded

by Vice-Chairman McCormick. Motion carried unanimously.

March 2014 Public Hearing

TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS  
2014

LARGE COURTROOM MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>,  
5:00PM PUB

LIC HEARING ROAD CLOSING PRESENT: MICHAEL BLAKE TILLERY, JEFF MCCORMICK,

**WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DENNIS DARRIEL NOBLES, AND JOHN M. JONES Regarding request to close Grandma Collins Road (CR 172)**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Tillery called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Action:** The floor was open for any public comments. There was no public participation.

**Adjourn:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to adjourn at 5:15pm. Motion carried unanimously.

April 15, 2014 Agenda

Toombs County Board of Commissioners Agenda Large  
Courtroom April 15, 2014 5:30PM Regular Board Meeting Call to  
Order Invocation -

Approve Agenda

Approval of Minutes: March 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

Employee of the Month

Special Presentation – Sheriff Kight



Public Participation

Development Authority Report

Submission of Impact Statements on closing Providence Church Road

Approval of Toombs County Policy on Re-Naming a Road

Approval of Scope and Objectives of Animal Control Advisory Committee and Approval of members to the Committee

Approval of mapping services for E911 – Zuercher Technologies

Review of Draft on Planning Commission Ordinance

Review of Draft on Noise Ordinance

County Manager Report

Financial Report

EMS Report

TIA Up-Date

2014 LMIG Up-Date

Convenience Center Up-Dates

Accounting Software Support Contract

Other Items

Commissioners Comments

Adjournment