

May 20, 2014 Agenda

Toombs County Board of Commissioners

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Large Courtroom

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5:30PM

Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order

Invocation –

Approve Agenda

Approval of Minutes: April 15, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

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May 20, 2014 Meeting

**TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

MAY 20TH, 2014

LARGE COURTROOM

5:30 PM

REGULAR MEETING

**PRESENT: MICHAEL BLAKE TILLERY, JEFF MCCORMICK, DENNIS DARRIEL NOBLES,
JOHN M. JONES, AND BELINDA WHIRLEY**

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

Invocation: Vice-Chairman McCormick gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to withdraw item on Providence Church Road – Public Purpose. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman

April 15, 2014 Regular McCormick to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried
Board Meeting: unanimously.

Employee Recognition: Chairman Tillery introduced May's Employee of the Month is Aurelio Ascencio. He went above and beyond his line of duty according a citizen in Toombs County. He was awarded a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to Shoney's Restaurant in Vidalia, Georgia.

Toombs Area Bible Literacy Project: Mrs. Vicky Tillery appeared before the Commission to tell them about the Toombs Area Bible Literacy Project. "A year ago we committed as a community to hand write the entire word of God from Genesis to Revelations. This project was initiated to encourage this generation to focus on God's word and return to the Christian Principles that has made our Nation great.

The Bible Literacy project's purpose was to spur us to remember God's mighty acts and commands and teach them to our children." This was a collaborative of 25 churches, 3 youth related clubs, 3 schools, 6 Christian organizations, 4 businesses, 3 recreation clubs, 3 families and numerous individuals worked together to complete this labor of love.

Mrs. Tillery officially presented the County with a copy of the Bible to stand just as the stones stood in the Jordan spoke of in Joshua 4 as a testament and memorial to future generations that we honor God and value his word as our guide for life. To help present the Bible were Mary Helen, Holland, and Foster presented the Bible to Chairman Blake Tillery. Chairman Tillery thanked everyone for the work they done in preparing and presenting this Bible to the County. He went on to inform everyone that it will be placed in the Probate Court Vault and anyone who wants to view it, are welcome to come and do so at anytime.

Public Participation: Randy Harden of Hammonds Church Road appeared before the Commission to complain about the maintenance of the dirt roads. He mentioned that he was here with a group of citizens from his community. He informed the Commission that they have trouble with trash on the roads. They do not feel that their roads are being maintained properly and came to see what can be done about it. Mr. Harden went on to say how he appreciated the quick response they got last week but still they do not feel that their dirt roads are being maintained adequately.

Superintendent William "Fuzzy" Swain appeared before the Commission to address the Commissioners and Manager Jones. "I just don't feel that something has been done fair. For the seventeen months that you all have been together, you have complimented others in this county. The Toombs County Road Department and I think I speak for the other employees of the County want to recognize you for a job well done. I would like to present each of you with a \$50.00 Gift Certificate. I would like each of you to stand and accept this token of our appreciation for the job you have done."

Mr. Swain went on to say that he has worked for the county for thirty five years and has never seen a Commission work together as well as the group that the county has now. Thank you gentlemen, we really appreciate all you have done.

Commissioner Nobles said “I just want to say that behind every successful Commissioner there is always a group of good employees that make him look that way. Thank you.”

Chairman Tillery thanked Mr. Swain for all he has done. He also told Mr. Cason that the Commission looks forward to working with him although they regret losing Commissioner Williams as a Board member.

Development Authority Report: Bill Mitchell of the Development Authority appeared before the Commission to thank the Road Department for all they do. He informed the Commission that the Chamber Connection would be on Thursday, June 12th, 2014 from 5:15-7:00PM at Vidalia Medical Associates. Complimentary of Dr. Smith and his staff.

The went on to discuss US HWY 1 Industrial Park where work continues on the Spec Building due to be completed by late September 2014.

In addition, Chicken of the Sea is doing well and above their expectations but their sister company US Pet had to down size about 180 employees but Chicken of the Sea will be hiring some of the worker’s who were displaced from US Pet. US Pet has until October to make their pledges and hoping to meet those by that time.

In conclusion, Mr. Mitchell implied that there is a Company from India that is looking at our area to locate. We should know something for sure in about 15 months.

Department Reports EMA – Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan: Lynn Moore the Toombs County EMA Director came before the Commission to inform them of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Also, Mr. Moore has been working on the radio reception and it is working much better after the tower was rewired. Additionally, they are still working on improvements.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS Week Proclamation Manager John Jones reminded everyone that this week is EMS Week. They will be having a luncheon on Thursday sponsored by the hospital and several local doctors.

Providence Church Road – Public Purpose Consideration: Item was withdrawn by petitioner.

Zorn Land, Inc. – Approval to Accept Roads at end of Marshall Pittman Road: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the acceptance of the roads after Zorn Land Inc. has made all the proper improvements that have been agreed upon and maintained the roads for one year. It was also noted that if improvements are done within 60 days then the one year starts tonight but if it takes longer than 60 days the one year will begin after improvements are complete.

Appointment to the Ochopee Regional Library System Board: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the appointment of Terry Overstreet to the Ochopee Regional Library System Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of the Lease Agreement for Fiscal Year 2015 for Pineland BHDD Community Services: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the

acceptance of the 2015 Lease Agreement for Pineland BHDD Community Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Public Defender Office – Superior Court: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Public Defender Office-Superior Court Budget.

Acceptance of Re-Striping Contract Peek Pavement Markings: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Re-Striping Contract with Peek Pavement Markings at a cost of \$148,450.00 to be paid from TSPLOST Funds.

County Manager Report

Financial Report: Manager Jones gave the April 2014 Financial Report. He indicated that LOST Revenues are down but everything else is on track budget wise.

EMS Report: EMS had 430 calls for the month of April.

Acceptance of ACCG Inmate Medical Program: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to table until the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Bid to improve exterior of the Courthouse: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the Bid of Chuck Foskey Construction for \$5,269.48. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of the Bid to up-grade EMS Computers: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the bids of Broad Tech to upgrade EMS Computers at a cost of \$8,430.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of New Beer & Wine Ordinance: Manager Jones presented a rough draft of the New Beer & Wine Ordinance to the Commission. Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice Chairman McCormick to table this item until all Commissioners are present at the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Nobles thanked Mr. Bill Mitchell, Attorney Howard Kaufold for all their help in putting this proposed Beer & Wine Ordinance together.

Other Items: Manager, John Jones informed everyone that bids for the timber sale were Opened on May 21st, 2014 at 9:21AM at the Commissioner's Office. The 3 bidders were Gandy Creek, Sands Logging, and Gillis Ag Timber.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the bid of Sands Logging. Motion carried unanimously.

Following the motion Chairman Tillery asked what fund the sale of the Timber would go back into. Manager Jones informed all that the \$64,000.00 would go back into the Landfill Fund.

Manager Jones informed the Commission that June 4th, 2014 is the date of the bid opening for new cells at landfill. May 27th, 2014 is the bid opening for the Mercy Clinic and May 29th, 2014 is the Regional Committee meeting with the cities and county to up-date the comprehensive plan which is due by October 31st, 2014.

In other matters, Jones informed the Commission that he had met with the engineer last week concerning Ezra Taylor Road for final review of plans and that went well.

Also, the county health insurance bids have come back. The current plan will be a 4.6% increase. We have an agent Shaw Hankins and they have come up with a plan that they are using in 10 other counties that will lower our insurance and make us become partially funded. The way this works is the deductible for individual will go from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 and family deductible will go from \$3000.00 to \$6,000.00 but the county will pay the difference if needed for anyone who has met their old deductible. This would save the county approximately \$81,000.00 per year which is a 2% reduction in cost.

Manager Jones and Chairman Tillery agreed that the Wellness Plan that Ms. Whirley has put into place has helped us see this reduction. Chairman Tillery went on to say that at some point we will look at having employees pay a portion of the cost and to avoid this they all need to get involved with the wellness program because there are incentives to them.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to accept the plan that Shaw Hankins has recommended since we are going to offset any increase to the employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager, John Jones talked about the changes for the Procedures for Re-naming Roads. He and the attorney had reviewed the cost of changing the name of a road and \$500.00 is closer to what it actually cost to do that rather than the prior \$250.00 that was presented last month.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion to approve these procedures with one amendment to include in those as notified the US Census Bureau. Motion carried unanimously.

We formed a committee to look at the way we can provide recreation to our citizens economically and what we came up with was a mission statement and identified items that we need to address. We are presenting this to you tonight to look at and get your comments and see if this is the direction you want to go in.

In conclusion, we got the new bids on the AC for the Fire Training Station. Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to go with the bid of Air Tech Heating & Cooling at a cost of \$5,553.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports: NONE

Commissioners Comments: Vice-Chairman McCormick thanked Mr. Swain and Mr. Mitchell for their encouraging words. I really appreciate the job that Mr. Jones has done as well as all our employees.

Commissioner Nobles echoed what McCormick said. He went on to say that when an employee is asked to do something they are Johnny on the spot and that makes us look good. Thank you all for what you do. We appreciate you and it can only get better.

Chairman Tillery asked Barry about the 911 split. Mr. Brown said that they are still getting some calls out of Montgomery County. My instructions to dispatch is if it is life threatening then stay on the phone with that person and if it is not transfer it on to Montgomery County.

Commissioner Nobles asked Mr. Brown if the CAD System was finished and he was informed that it is going to take awhile before this is finished. We are looking at as late as September 2014, which was the scheduled date of completion.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned on a motion made by Vice-Chairman McCormick seconded by Commissioner Nobles at 6:52PM.