

**TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
September 16, 2014**

**NORMANTOWN FIRE STATION
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 R. WHIRLEY

Call to Order: Chairman Tillery called the meeting to order with Fire Chief, Johnny Moser welcoming everyone to the meeting at the Normantown Fire Station.

Moment of Silence Chairman Tillery asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Red Wheeler, County for **Red Wheeler:** Web Site Director who recently passed away.

Invocation: Reverend Mitch Bellflower gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to amend the agenda to add executive session at the end of meeting for the purpose of discussing future acquisition of real estate. Vice- Chairman McCormick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick.

August 19, 2014 to approve the August 19th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Nobles abstained from the vote because he was not present. Motion carried 3-0.

Regular Board Meeting:

Employee Recognition: Chairman Tillery recognized Randy Rogers from the Toombs County Road Department as Employee of the Month for September. He was awarded a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to J&B's Steak House in Vidalia.

Public Participation: Charles Cook appeared before the Commission to thank them for coming out to the Normantown Community and showing an interest in this community. Elmer Caraway appeared before the Commission to thank them for bringing their meeting out to Normantown and showing an interest in that part of the County. Also, Mr. Caraway had a few issues to discuss with the Commission. The first being the closing of dumpster sites at Victory Drive and the other being the condition of Ben Boatright Road. He is not happy with the cost of a personal dumpster that was brought out to his house. He was told the cost to dump was \$25.00 but ending up being billed for \$50.00. Secondly, he feels he is chasing a rainbow trying to get Boatright Road Paved. Years ago the citizens here got up a petition to get this road paved and were

told it was put on a list. Now we are told there is no list & new rules apply to getting a road paved. If you could just maybe go out there and put some gravel on the road. Only one car can pass at the time. Someone is going to end up in the ditch or hurt.

Mr. Nobles asked that Mr. Caraway stay after the meeting to talk about the problems.

Betty Lindsey appeared before the Commission to thank them for bringing the monthly meeting to the Normantown Community. She also had concerns about the condition of Ben Boatright Road. The condition of the road has messed up the front end of her truck. The ditches get pulled about every three years and the water just runs across the road and washes it out.

In addition, Mrs. Linsey informed the Commission that she presented a petition to the prior Commission with 100% of the road's residents having signed it and nothing has been done. Also, she assured the Commission that getting right-of-ways from the property owners would not be an issue.

Chairman Tillery thanked everyone for their input and assured them that the current Commission has not seen a road list of any kind therefore, the County Road committee came up with the rating system for paving roads.

Development Authority Report: Mr. Bill Mitchell gave the report for the Development Authority. Chicken of the Sea is getting the \$1,000,000.00 Grant again from DCA on October 1st, 2014. Orientation for State Wide Developer's Day will be October 21st and October 22nd. The spec building project is progressing nicely with the finished product is anticipated by the end of September.

The Fall Meeting of the Toombs County Development Authority will be at 8:00 AM in the morning to discuss several things including a nomination from the committee for two new members to the Development Authority one from Lyons and one from Vidalia.

The community bus tour is coming in and we have been selected to showcase our assets. We are very pleased.

Chamber Connections will be at the Peoples Bank's new facility in Lyons on Thursday, October 16th from 5:15 until 7:00 PM.

Department Reports: Barry Brown, E-911 Director, reported that for the month of August E-911 received 2,583 calls. They actually dispatched out to 1,960 of those calls. Mr. Brown informed the Commission that the new computer system is 90% complete with 10% left mostly for training. He anticipates going live on November 18, 2014.

In addition, Brown reported that the Toombs County office is still receiving emergency calls from Montgomery County residents although that county separated itself from Toombs County months ago. Toombs County Manager, John Jones has met with Montgomery County Manager, Brandon Braddy to get this resolved.

Consideration of Re-Appointment of Raymond Turner To WI A

Board: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to re-appoint Raymond Turner to the WIA Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Herndon Family Properties, LLC Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles approve the Toombs County Revolving Loan for the Herndon Family Properties, LLC.

Toombs County Revolving Loan: Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Dixon abstaining from the vote.

Consideration of McLendon Enterprises for Emergency Repairs on C.V. Mosley

Rd: Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve McLendon Enterprises to fix the repairs on C.V. Mosley Road to be paid from SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) of Toombs

County Board of Commissioners: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) of the Toombs County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Tillery went on to thank County Clerk, Belinda Whirley for her work with the Wellness Program.

Consideration of Closing Green Box Dumpster Sites at Victory Drive, Davis Road and Racket Town Road: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to close the dumpster sites after the Convenience Center opens up on Resmondo Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Mutual Aid Agreement with Cobbtown Fire Department: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Cobbtown Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Toombs County Policy on Electronic Communications and Social Media Policy: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Toombs County Policy on Electronic Communication and Social Media that was recommended by ACCG. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report Financial Report: County Manager Jones gave the Financial Report for the month of August. He informed the Commission that the 2015 Budget request have been sent to Department Heads.

EMS Report : County Manager Jones gave the EMS Report for the month of August. There were 442 runs with 381 being in Toombs County and 61 in Montgomery County.

90 Day Trial Period Trial Period for Public Works 4 Day/10 Hour Day

Schedule: Manager Jones informed the Commissioners that Public Works is on a 90 trial period for a 4 day/10 hour day schedule. If all goes as planned this should produce two more road scrapings per year.

Other Miscellaneous Items: Jones reported that the second draw on the landfill project has been received. Also, the Animal Control Committee and Recreation Committee will meet at the end of October.

Standing Committee Reports: None.

CommissionersComments: Vice-Chairman McCormick thanked everyone for coming out. He has had many calls questioning when Ezra Taylor Road will be paved. County Manager Jones stated that hopefully by the end of the year we will be able to put the project out to bid. There are still parcels of land that we do not have deeds on and the appraiser is working on them now.

County Manager Jones feels that we will start the paving of Glynn James Road before Ezra Taylor Road.

Commissioner Williams thanked all of our Volunteer Firefighters.

Commissioner Dixon thanked Johnny Moser for and the firemen for the job they done at the presentation for 911 at Partin Park.

Commissioner Nobles reminded everyone of the ACCG 2014 Fall District Meeting for District 9 to be held at the Lyons Depot on Wednesday, November 19 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. Lunch will follow.

Chairman Tillery reminded the Commission of a called meeting set for September 25th, at 9:00AM to confirm the millage rate.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to recess for about five minutes before the executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to go into executive session to discuss litigation and future acquisition of property. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to end the executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken as a result of executive session.

Adjournment: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn at 7:15PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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