

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PRESENT: **BLAKE TILLERY, JEFF MCCORMICK, ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DENNIS DARRIEL NOBLES, HOWARD KAUFOLD, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.**

Call to Order: Chairman Tillery called the August meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Invocation: Commissioner Cason gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda: Vice-Chairman McCormick, made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the Minutes of July 21, 2015, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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PARTICIPATION: None

Development Authority: Bill Mitchell explains that the Greater Savannah Regional Alliance, which is composed of thirteen counties in Georgia attended a reception for the state developers of Georgia. Project Lion King asked for us to come to Atlanta to do a presentation. This company has 150 jobs, with a projected \$20 million investment. They were here on the 18th of August and they spent about three hours with us to see our location again. They announced that we were the only site considered in Georgia and we are up against one location in South Carolina. This German Company is very excited about our building. This is their second visit to our location. In the first visit that toured the Chicken of the Sea building and we received good feedback from that visit as well.

Department Reports: None

Consideration of AirMedCare Network Proposal for County Employees: Manager Jones stated that Becky Palmer was here at the meeting to discuss the proposal to make available to county employees to join the network of AirMed Flight. The use of the helicopter is a large expense to the employee in the event that an injury would require transport to another health care facility. There are different levels of enrollment, if the employee elects to join. We would payroll deduct and send to AirMed. Becky said that 55.00 dollars could prevent that large amount that would be charged for their services if needed. One year subscription would be a 10.00 discount for the amount of 55.00

dollars, three year subscription would be discounted twenty dollars, and the five year subscription would be discounted twenty-five dollars.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the Network Proposal for County Employees to have the option to receive the discounted subscription from AirMed. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of TIA Agreement for Band II Projects and Grant Authority to Sign Agreement :

Manager Jones states that this is the TSPLOST projects that will start the band II projects that will start January 1, 2016, ending in the year of 2019. This contract will start the new band of paving.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to authorize the signing of the TIA agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of December 31, 2014 GASB #67 Financial Report for the Defined Benefit Plan and Consideration of Approval of 2015 Contribution:

Manager Jones asked for the approval of the 2015 contribution for the year-end Defined Benefit Plan. The recommended amount of the contribution was \$ 311,008.00. This is an Annual contribution that we make each year. The budgeted was in the amount of \$ 310,000.00, so we will make up the difference of \$ 1,008.00 out of the contingency account to balance it out.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to contribute \$ 311,008.00 to the defined benefit plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Clearing and Grubbing of Phase II of Glynn James Road project:

Manager Jones stated the next item was for the consideration and approval for the clearing and grubbing of Phase II Glynn James Road project. This was broken out from the regular contract on Glynn James Road project because it would not require engineering fees. This will be clearing the right of way for 2.85 miles from Tomlin Road all the way to Johnson Corner Road. McClendon Enterprises has given a quote of \$ 40,563.00 and this will be paid from the SPLOST funds.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to except the quote from McClendon Enterprises for the clearing and grubbing for the remaining portion of Glenn James Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of ATC Telecommunication Contract for Services:

Manager Jones made the statement that the internet services are extremely slow from A.T. & T. We talked to Alma Telecommunications Corp. and they have presented a proposal to take over our phone system and internet access with the exception of E-911. This will give us fiber optic connection and they will run into the court house at no extra upfront cost to us. By approving this contract, it will lower our cost by one hundred dollars a month plus get fiber optic cable ran into our courthouse.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the ATC Contract for Telecommunications Services. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Approval of TSPLOST
Ezra Taylor Road Bid:**

Manager Jones stated that this is for the consideration of approval of TSPLOST Ezra Taylor Road Bid. The morning of August 18th at 11:00 AM, two bids were presented. The bids were from McClendon Enterprises for \$ 2,756,274.55 and Sikes Brothers was the other bidder at \$ 2,777,311.61. Manager Jones recommended that we accept the lowest bid from McClendon Enterprises of \$ 2,756,274.55. The cost will be paid out of SPLOST funds and The City of Vidalia has committed \$ 350,000.00 dollars to go to that that project. At the end of that project we will able to be reimbursed 1.1 million for the TSPLOST project.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the TSPLOST for Ezra Taylor Road Bid. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report:

Financial Report: Presented by County Manager Jones. We are at 58 percent of the year and expenses are at 60 percent and we need to be watching expenses for the next month.

EMS Report: Manager Jones stated that the EMS had 572 calls for the month with a little more than 16 thousand miles on the ambulances.

Ohoopsee Library Proposal: Manager Jones explained the necessary work that is needed on the Library. The Regional Ohoopsee Library would like to apply for a grant with the State of Georgia that would help with half of the repair cost. If they receive the grant they would need for us to commit to give them \$ 20,000.00 and the city of Vidalia to give them \$ 20,000.00 and they would make up the difference of approximately \$ 30,000.00 from their own funds to get the repairs done. They intend to get the roof repair, estimated cost \$ 90,000.00, changing out their lighting system, some computer work and doing some flooring that is needed. This is all contingent if they receive the grant. They will not know if they will receive the grant until sometime in the year 2016.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to commit to giving the Ohoopsee Regional Library \$ 20,000.00 contingent upon them receiving the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Misc. Items

South-East Health Manager Jones states that the South-East Health District has started a

Dept. Proposal: wellness clinic at the health department and needs some renovation. We took bids on the total renovation and received a bid from Harry Moses construction in the amount of \$ 4,193.00. The health department has agreed to reimburse the county as stated in the contract. The County owns the building therefore we have to do the work on it. It will be paid out of general fund and returned to general fund when we are reimbursed.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the contract and permit the chairman to sign the contract for \$ 4,193.00 to Harry Moses Construction for the renovation for South-East Health. Motion carried unanimously.

Bid from Edward Dykes Grassing: The bid from Edward Dykes Grassing is for paving for Scott Drive. This is the triple seal surface with Sand/Seal. This process should be less to pave the road. This is a half mile road that our road department has prepared for the road to be paved. The bid was in the amount of 38,138.50 from Edward Dykes Grassing to be paid out of the SPLOST account.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to accept the bid in the amount of \$ 38,138.50 from Edward Dykes Grassing to pave Scott Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

DFCS Board: Mrs. Nan Wilbanks served on the DFCS board and she has passed away. The Toombs County DFCS has recommended someone to fill that position and we will have that on the agenda for the next month.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fire/ISO Audit: Johnny Moser spoke on the ISO audit that was just conducted. All three of the fire departments that is in the incorporated area, Toombs County, Marvin Yancey, and Cedar Crossing, just went through ISO Audit per the new guide lines. We are being held at the standards of a paid department. We received a good evaluation. Mr. Moser's proposal tonight was a new ISO audit called a Water Shuttle Test. This test is designed for unincorporated areas that do not have pressurized hydrants. He showed the map that displayed 35 areas that have dry hydrants. If you are within a thousand feet of a dry hydrant you get the low ISO rating and everyone else does not. He proposed that Toombs County request another ISO audit (The Water Shuttle Test Audit). This would stop the split ISO rating in our county. We are shooting for a 3 or 4 ISO on the Water Shuttle Test. If we pass this test, there would not be any restriction (such as 5 miles for the fire station or 1000 feet from a dry hydrant). The total cost of this process will be \$ 10,000.00 to \$ 12,000.00. In prospective, \$ 100,000.00 homes insurance would drop 30 to 35 percent if we passed this test.

Skip Starling will give us a proposal that has a contract with National Fire Service Office to do a fifth year drought study and it needs to be done by the first of the year. Vice-Chairman suggested the contract be brought to the next monthly meeting. This issue was tabled until the meeting in September.

Commissioner Comment:

Commissioner Cason: Thank you for all the support that have been given me.

Commissioner Dixon: Thanks for the County Employees, the road department has had a tough time keeping up with the roads with all the rain we have had.

Vice-Chairman McCormick: It is an exciting time to live in Toombs County, with the roads being paved, to our ISO rating, development authority reports, and everything in between, it says in volumes that not only our county employees but our political leaders are together at this particular time are together and we are looking after the better of each community. It is just a great time to be a part of Toombs County.

Chairman Tillery: There is a lot going on. This Thursday we will be setting the millage rate and we will have some reduction in the rate. Drive down to Grays landing and see what the prison crew has done. There is a new roof on the building. You have Glenn James Road will make the agenda on Thursday and Scott Drive and Ezra Taylor Road, the progress that has been made there. Also Raymond, I really appreciate the EMS Report, when I see the number of miles that has been driven, it is astounding how many miles are driven in a month's time. John, I do not know how you do what you do. Every single day I will get an email from this guy late at night, sometime as late as 11:00 PM. I don't know how you manage to stay married and be up there that late. Obviously I have not figure out how to do both of them. Thank you very much. We are indebted to you for all of the things that get done.

Adjournment: If there is no further business, I would like to adjourn at this time.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Michael Blake Tillery, Chairman

Attest:

Helen Harris, County Clerk