

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PRESENT: **BLAKE TILLERY, JEFF McCORMICK, ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.**

Call to Order: Chairman Tillery called the November 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: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2015 Regular Board Meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee of the Month: Don Collins, who has worked for Roads and Bridges for 26 years, was chosen for the November Employee of the Month. Mr. Collins will receive a gift certificate from Chatters Restaurant.

Chairman Tillery recognized Bill Mitchell, President of the Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce & Development Authority, for being named the 2015 recipient of the Rip Wiley Award for Professional Excellence by the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA). Chairman Tillery added "Mr. Mitchell, You are our Favorite!"

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: **None**

Development Authority: Mr. Bill Mitchell announced how proud he is to work with and to see the progress we have accomplished in Toombs County. The next Development Authority meeting will be held on 11-19-15 at Noon at the Chamber. The Chamber has \$ 573,000.00 available funds at this time with very good interest rates for Loans. There are two food processing companies that are interested in our spec buildings.

Department Reports: None

Consideration of 2016 Beer and Wine Licenses: Mr. Jones presented the three renewals of Beer and Wine Licenses for the County for the year of 2016. All three have supplied the check list of requirements checked off. It is up to the board to vote on them individually or to vote on them as a whole.
Janis Mart/Hazara, Inc.;
Pop's General Store;
Dennis Sport Shop:

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to accept all three renewals for Beer and Wine Licenses for the year of 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tillery asked Manager Jones to verify that last year we changed the ordinance and sent out reminders. Manager Jones responded, "Yes, this is correct."

Consideration of Employee Longevity Awards: Manager Jones stated that it had been a tradition in the past years to recognize the employees with a Longevity Award. For one year of longevity \$ 200.00; for 9 to 12 months \$ 150.00; for 6 to 9 months \$ 100.00; 3 to 6 months \$ 50.00; and 0 to 3 months \$ 25.00. This is a one time, once a year award that has been budgeted and will be paid out of the general fund.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to award the longevity awards to the employees for the year of 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Disposing Excess Property: 2003 Freightliner; Used Television Manager Jones stated that he would like to dispose of two items that are not needed. The first is a 2003 Freightliner that was acquired from the Georgia Forestry. We purchased several of these freightliners and have dispensed them among the departments. This is an extra one that we do not need to keep. The second item is a large, heavy television that was located in my office. Before this property can be disposed of, the policy requires the board to declare it excess property and to approve the disposal of the items. The freightliner will be advertised on www.govdeal.com and the television would go to the highest bid made by any employees that may want the television.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to dispose of the 2003 Freightliner and the used television. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointment of Third Member to Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission: Manager Jones stated that the Heart of Georgia needs to appoint a third member to be on their board. One has to be an elected official and owns his own business and Blake Tillery satisfied that requirement. Previously the board had appointed John Jones to be on the board. If you would like to reappoint John Jones to that board, you must reappoint him in a form of a vote. John Jones was asked by the commissioners if he would accept the position and he accepted.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to

appoint Blake Tillery and to reappoint John Jones to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Proposal for Collection and Transport of Residential Household Garbage and Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Centers: Manager Jones stated that bids were asked to be submitted for collection and transporting Solid Waste. Two bids were received, one from Republic Services and the other from Ryland Environmental out of Dublin, Georgia. In the packet John Jones prepared a spreadsheet showing a side by side comparison. The proposal were defined in the proposal as 3.1 - Solid Waste collections from the centers, this is to supply solid waste containers at our solid waste collection centers and transporting them to our landfill. Republic was \$ 120.00 per pull; Ryland's was \$ 125.00 per pull. 3.2 - The one un-manned site at Petrose site. Ryland was the cheapest on this. 3.3 – Curb side. Republic \$ 18.00; Ryland \$ 20.00 to \$ 23.00 per resident. 3.4 Solid Waste recyclables. Republic \$ 120.00 per pull; Ryland \$ 125.00 per pull in Toombs County. If it was transported to Dublin, Georgia the \$ 205.00 per pull. The final was the franchise fee for residential pickup. Republic placed no value on that and Ryland was 10 % of residential fee less the tipping fee they would be charged at the landfill, as stated in Section 3.3 of the RFP. For a comparison, Manager Jones used 200 curb side pickups. Based on that Manager Jones said that Ryland would have a franchise fee of approximately \$ 5000.

With no questions asked from the Commissioners, Manager Jones made a recommendation to award the contract to Republic Services.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to award Republic Services the contract for the Solid Waste collection and recycling centers.

At this time the representative from Ryland's spoke up from the audience and stated that their franchise fee is inclusive of all of their services and that would reduce their rate to \$ 112.50 per haul which would give approximately \$ 12,000 a year back to the county.

Chairman Tillery asked the audience to hold comments unless they were first recognized by the Chair to preserve decorum. Chairman Tillery asked if this changed Vice-Chairman McCormick's decision. Vice-Chairman McCormick stated that he still felt that the Republic Services bid was the best choice for our County.

Vice-Chairman McCormick restated his motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to award Republic Services the contract for collection and transport of residential household garbage and solid waste collection and recycling centers.

County Manager Report

- Financial Report** Manager Jones stated the LOST collections for the year-to-date for the month of October is down 6.12 percent, for the year we are down 3.12 percent. We are on target for our expenditures.
- EMS Report** EMS had 591 calls for the month; 17,536 miles for the month of October.
- Miscellaneous-
Ezra Taylor Road:** Manager Jones received a notice from the engineer on the mitigations on the wetlands. In the original budget it was budgeted for \$ 20,000. The actual cost of that is going to be \$ 79,249.00. This is payments for mitigation credits. There is no action needed today, this is just to inform you that we have about \$ 60,000. more expense than we budgeted for.
- Public Works Building:** Manager Jones passed out the sketch of the Public Works Building with the elevations in this first draft. Estimated cost to build this 11,200 square feet building is \$ 582,632. He has a meeting tomorrow to discuss the changes that may help in the cost of the building. Once this building is build and the Public Works Department have been relocated, we could place some gravel in that area and provide more parking for the court house. The prison crew may be cheaper to build if we can wait until they have a time available for man hours.
- Lost Revenue:** Chairman Tillery asked the commissioners if they had any questions. Vice Chairman McCormick asked were the LOST collections down across the board throughout the state? Manager Jones stated that he had not been able to get information from the Department of Revenue to explain the down curve. ACCG has been pushing the Department of Revenue to give us more information. Our first quarter was strong and then the several last months were down. If we still have this downward curve, the property tax will be affected in the following year.
- Tree at Normantown:
Fire Department:** The pine tree that was dead and needed to be removed in Normantown beside the fire department was removed today.
- Bud Jordan Road:** There are some power poles that need to be moved on Bud Jordan's road where we can finish up that road and it will be completed.
- Joe Page Road:** We have done some work on Joe Page Road and finished up on that.
- Tomlin / Blaxton Road:** Currently we are working on Tomlin Road and when we finish we will be moving to Blaxton Road.
- LMIG Grant:** Chairman Tillery asked if there were any other questions from any of the Commissioners. Vice-Chairman McCormick asked about the LMIG grant that we could receive \$ 470,000. We have three different roads that we are considering.

When is the deadline on applying for that money? Manager Jones stated that we have a dead line of December 31, 2015. We have to present a letter letting them know what roads we would use the money for. The turnaround is usually 30 to 45 days. After that they will release some of the money to start the project for design work and bids that are needed. We would have the engineer to go out and give us the condition on all of the roads with cost estimates. Our only requirements are that we match 10 percent of the money.

Standing Committee Reports

Commissioner Comment:

Commissioner Cason: We have a lot going on and I've been exposed to a lot of things from one end of the county to the other end. I feel like we are doing a fantastic job. The Lord is going to let us do a lot of work and make a better county to live in.

Commissioner Dixon: I have heard a lot of positive comments on our dirt roads during all this rain and I want to just say what a good job Fuzzy and his crew has been doing.

Vice-Chairman McCormick: I have had positive calls about the roads. I do believe the same as Mr. Cason, we have a lot of things going on. Mr. Mitchell described some things that are going on. And they are all good things that most counties can only dream about. New cells at the landfill, widening roads, and many more projects, we find ourselves in an incredible position. We should be especially thankful during this Thanksgiving season. We are not where we need to be but we are seeing incredible progress as we move forward.

Commissioner Dixon: Let me add that Manager Jones and I will be meeting with a land owner in Petross to discuss some land for a waste management station. The new ambulance should be in here two weeks from now.

Chairman Tillery: Good to hear that we are closer to getting the Ambulance that is needed. DNR should be coming in at Grays Landing to inspect. Commissioner Nobles is at a SWANA meeting in Greensboro.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Michael Blake Tillery, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk