

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 October meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Invocation: Chairman Tillery asked everyone to please stand in remembrance of Al Lewis, the mayor of Lyons, who lost his battle with cancer earlier this week for a moment of silence. Commissioner Cason Gave the invocation.

Chairman Tillery thanked Cody Dixon and Johnny Moser for getting everything cleaned and ready to go for the meeting held at the fire department.

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

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Minutes of September 15, 2015 Regular Board Meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.

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PARTICIPATION:

Chris Jones, Lyons Center Road stated that he has problems with the way the land was being divided at the end of Ezra Taylor Road. Mr. Chris Jones presented pictures and three plats. He continued to explain that they discussed they were dropping it back to 68 feet and will put drainage, curb and gutter at the curve. Mr. Chris Jones states that the county is taking more land on his side of the Ezra Taylor Road for paving purposes than the land across the road from his home. Since they surveyed his land, Mr. Chris Jones stated that he has made a police report that gas has been poured under his garage door. Chairman Tillery thanked him for bringing his concerns to the meeting but also reminded him that we have done three different designs on his behalf. Mr. Chris Jones still insisted that he would like for the county to take equal parts from each side of the road. Chairman Tilley requested that Mr. Chris Jones was to make sure that his lawyer was aware that he was directly talking to the commissioners. Mr. Chris Jones replied that he would.

Luther Caraway, 166 Deer Run Road, has lived at this residence since 1980; had three issues to discuss. The first issue was that Mr. Joey Joiner has .088 acres available to the county to purchase and place a park for the children of Normantown to use. Mr. Nobles stated they were looking into purchasing land and building a small park for the children to play in. Second, He

could not understand why the roads have not been paved. Commissioner Nobles stated that the grant that was applied for to pave these roads was turned down this year. The plan was to see the results from the grant and see why it was turned down and reapply for the grant next year and by next October we should know if we got the grant for these roads. Third and last, there is a pine tree that was struck by lightning and needs to be removed. Mr. Joiner allows the fireman to park in that area and for the exchange of parking on his property (whether it being on his property or the fire department) the pine tree needs to be removed. Would they help remove the tree? Manager Jones said that if the tree was on the fire department's property that it would be removed.

Joey Joiner requested that two fence posts be put back at the corner marker of his land. He believes some of the former fire department employees moved the posts. Johnny Moser will address this issue and get them placed back at the corner marker of the property.

Development Authority: None

Department Reports: None

Consideration of Firefighter Property Management Program with Georgia Forestry Commission

Manager Jones explains that this is a contract for the firefighter property program, where they are acquiring a generator for us. He needs the board's approval to sign this agreement and in-turn we will get a generator for our Fire Department.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the signature for the Firefighter Property Management Program with Georgia Forestry Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointment to the Toombs County Department of Family and Children Services Board

Donnie Mann's term has expired with the Toombs County Department of Family and Children Services and they would like for us to reappoint him on the Toombs County Department of Family and Children Services Board.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to reappoint Donnie Mann to the Toombs County Department of Family and Children Services Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration Lease Agreement with State Properties for Department of Juvenile Justice

This is an Annual lease between Toombs County and State Properties for the Juvenile Justice. Their rent will stay the same as last year. The board needs to approve the signing of the lease.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the lease agreement with State Properties for the Department of

Juvenile Justice and for the figures to stay the same. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Maintenance Agreement for Four (4) Lifepak®

Manager Jones stated that this is an annual contract and it will cover all repairs and maintenance for the Lifepak® equipment. The cost went up twenty dollars since last year. The board needs to approve the signing of this maintenance contract so it may be executed.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the contract for the maintenance on the four Lifepak® for EMS. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Purchase of Tables and Benches for Grey's Landing

Manager Jones states the next item is the approval for purchasing tables and benches that will be placed at Grey's Landing. The cost is \$ 6,977.77 and will be paid out of SPLOST funds.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to purchase the tables and benches for Grey's Landing, to be paid out of the SPLOST account. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of transmission re-build on CAT 140H Motor Grader

Manager Jones requested the approval for the cost to re-build a transmission on the 140H Motor Grader. The total repair cost is \$ 22,669.14 and will be paid out of Roads and Bridges General Fund account to Yancey Brothers.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the re-build of the transmission on the CAT 140H Motor Grader, to be paid out of the Roads and Bridges General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Toombs County Board of Education for Use and Maintenance of the Football Field and Facilities at Toombs Central.

Manager Jones presented the Intergovernmental Agreement with Toombs County Board of Education. We have used the football field and their facilities for quite some time but we have never had an agreement with them. We are planning on the prison crew doing some renovations to those facilities. We would like for the board to approve this contract on the contingency that the Board of Education would approve.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Toombs County Board of Education for the use and maintenance of the football field and facilities at Toombs Central School. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding with Toombs County Board of Education on Board of Education's use of 2005 Freightliner Truck Tractor

Manager Jones presented the agreement between Board of Education and Toombs County. The Board of Education has asked if they may use the 2005 Freightliner Truck Tractor that resides behind the EMA building. Basically the Freightliner will stay at the EMA building until the Board of Education needs to use the vehicle. The board needs to approve this Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Education.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Toombs County Board of Education with the amended motion to allow Chairman Tillery to execute and sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Grant Application for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank

Manager Jones presented the Grant Application for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank. They have Grant funds allocated to them through the legislature every year and this past year the rules changed and some of the money had to be distributed outside of Metro Atlanta. He recommended that the board approves the application so we may receive some of the funds.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the grant application for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank. Chairman Tillery stated that we are applying for 1.1 million to be used for Ezra Taylor Road. Manager Jones confirmed the 1.1 million. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval for Purchase of a 2015 John Deere Gator for the Toombs County Recreation Department

Manager Jones would like for the board to approve a purchase of a 2015 John Deere Gator for the Toombs County Recreation Department for \$ 5,950.00 to be paid out of SPLOST.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to purchase a 2015 John Deere Gator for the Toombs County Recreation Department and for it to be paid from the SPLOST account. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Change Order on resurfacing Lent Stephens Road

Manager Jones stated this is for the change order on resurfacing Lent Stephens Road. Previously we had approved repairs to be made on Dixon Lake Road, Cadillac and Lent Stephens Road, and awarded the contract to McClendon Enterprises. They have come back for a change order upon more inspection and have come to the conclusion that the base is adequate and does not need to be replaced. They have suggested that we take the overrun money and add additional funds so that they could do a complete overlay of an inch and a half of asphalt on Lent Stephens. For additional funds of \$ 60,000.00, they could do all of the repairs and the entire Lent Stephens Road, rather than patching some

of Lent Stephens. Striping would be extra. This is a basically about a 2 mile stretch of road. If approved we would use SPLOST funds to pay for the change order.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to authorize the change order to re-surface Lent Stephens Road and pay with the SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval
on Clearing and Grubbing
of Utility ROW on Ezra
Taylor Road**

Manager Jones said McClendon Enterprises has an invoice for Clearing and grubbing of the Utility ROW for Ezra Taylor Road. Normally the utility companies will contract out this work, instead the Altamaha EMC has asked for us to pay directly to McClendon Enterprises for the work they are doing. This will be paid with the SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles for the clearing and grubbing of the Utility ROW on Ezra Taylor Road by McClendon Enterprises to be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously. Manager Jones added that if we were rewarded the grant money, then it would be paid from those funds and not SPLOST.

**Consideration of Approval
Portable Radios for
EMA/Fire**

Manager Jones stated this is for the approval of 10 Portable Radios, plus extra batteries for EMA and Fire Department. They will be purchased from HUB Electronics at the costs of \$ 6,110.00 and will be paid with SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the purchase of 10 Portable Radios for EMA/Fire. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval
for Purchase of a Mobile
Limb Cutter**

Manager Jones: consideration of purchase of a mobile Limb Cutter. As you know our current limb cutter has been down more that it has been working over the last twelve months. This Mobile Limb Cutter that we are looking at, attaches to a front end loader and the diamond bush cutter is attached to it. The quote is from Yancey Cat for the price of \$ 222,297.00 to be paid with SPLOST funds. We will take the current Kubota tractor and use it for grass cutting because the hydraulics cannot handle the limb cutter.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to purchase a Mobile Limb Cutter, to be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval
for a Public Works Building**

Manager Jones has received bids for the design and drawings for a public works building. We received two, one from Richard Hill and another from a company

out of Macon. Richard Hill was the lowest bid. Richard Hill has done several buildings in our area. These drawings will show the electrical, plumbing, etc. of this building at the cost of \$ 22,500.00 to be paid with SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the design and drawing bid for a Public Works Building from Richard Hill. SPLOST funds will be used to pay for the design and drawings. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report

Financial Report

Manager Jones has been working with everyone on their budgets. In the next few weeks we should have some numbers we can start looking over. LOST collections were down by 7 % for the month and 2.79 % down for the year.

EMS Report

EMS had 630 calls for the month; 4,700 miles for the month of September; Year-to-date 4,400 calls and 168,000 miles Year-to-date. Commissioner Cason asked how many were the normal amount of miles. Manager Jones responded, "It has steadily increased in the last couple of years. "

**Miscellaneous
Election Board**

Manager Jones presented a Resolution for the appointment for the Board of Elections. This is to re-appointment of Kathy Milligan, Ann Powell, Sonny Pittman, Jr., Troy Reddick and Donnie Mann to the Board of Elections. We will revisit the attendance expected for the board members at a later date.

Kathy Milligan expires December 31, 2018; Ann Powell and Hoyt "Sonny" Pittman expires December 31, 2017, Troy Reddick and Donnie Mann expires December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the re-appointment of Kathy Milligan, Ann Powell, Sonny Pittman, Jr., Troy Reddick and Donnie Mann to the Board of Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Report:

Vice-Chairman McCormick: Please keep Al Lewis and the Benton Family in your prayers.

Commissioner Dixon: No Report

Commissioner Cason: Thank you for giving me your support.

Commissioner Nobles: I want to thank the Fire Department for letting us use your building tonight. Thank you for cleaning it up and getting it ready for us. I will be absent at the November Meeting. Tommy Thompson and I will be at the Solid Waste Association of Georgia held at the Lake Lanier Islands Resort in Buford, GA.

Chairman Tillery: Thank you to the Fire Department for preparing for our meeting tonight. One thing I noticed when I did my closing on my house that I bought, I had to prorate

my taxes and I notice that my taxes were reduced by two dollars and I appreciate the commissions for making this happen.

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 6:30 pm.

Michael Blake Tillery, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk