

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** **BLAKE TILLERY, ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DENNIS DARRIEL NOBLES, HOWARD KAUFOLD, JOHN M. JONES AND GAIL WIDNER.**

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

**Invocation:** Commissioner Cason gave the invocation.

**Approve Agenda:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles, to amend the agenda, to include: 1) Georgia Department of Natural Resources Boat Ramp Operation and Maintenance Lease, 2) 2015 Defined Benefit Plan Additional Contribution. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Tillery stated that the added items will be after the consideration of Davis Road.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Minutes of August 18, 2015 Regular Board Meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Minutes of August 20, 2015 Called Board Meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2015 Called Board Meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Byron Tyson that lives at 4676 Hwy 297 had a bee sting and requested an ambulance and there was not on available from the Vidalia Station. So they advised him they were sending one from Mount Vernon Station. Mr. Tyson said he felt that we needed more coverage at the Vidalia station. He understands the situation that if the Vidalia Station is on another call, they cannot respond to his call, but still feels that there is a problem with E-911. Chairman Tillery stated that he would have no problem sitting down and explaining how the Ambulance works with Montgomery County after the meeting.

**Development Authority:** None

**Department Reports:** None

**Consideration of MOU between GEMA And Toombs County:** Manager Jones states that this agreement is an annual contract. We need a motion to give the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Chairman to sign the MOU between GEMA and Toombs County. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of  
Appointment to the  
Toombs County –  
Department of  
Family and Children  
Service Board:**

Manager Jones states that he had received a letter asking that Ms. Sandra Williams be appointed to the Toombs County Department of Family and Children Service Board. It is up to our board to appoint or table until next month meeting. Commission Nobles stated that he checked with some people he trusted and everyone told him she was a good person. Commissioner Cason said he knew Ms. Williams quite well and he felt she was a one hundred percent candidate for the position. In fact she worked for this system and retired from it. Chairman Tillery asked if there was a motion.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve Ms. Sandra Williams to the Toombs County Department of Family and Children Service Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tillery requested that Commissioner Cason arrange a meeting with Ms. Sandra Williams to discuss some issues with the Toombs County Department of Family and Children Service Board.

**Consideration for  
Proposal for  
Alternate Water  
Delivery Strategy  
And Drought Study:**

Manager Jones stated in the previous meeting we asked Johnny Moser to come back with a proposal for an alternate water strategy so that we possibly could get a lower ISO rating county wide. The total cost is \$ 12,000.00 to do the study with an \$8,000.00 initial cost. A final report will be given on later that January 28, 2016, at that time the remaining \$ 4,000.00 will be due. Manager Jones recommends that we sign this contract and to pay from the general fund.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the \$ 12,000.00 for the Alternate Water Delivery Strategy and Drought Study to be paid out of the general fund. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of  
Lease Extension  
With USDA**

Manager Jones stated that currently the lease has expired. We previously had a rate of four dollars a square foot, which is one half of the going rate in our area. They have agreed to pay eight dollars a square foot. With the new agreement we would shampoo the carpet in that area during the duration of the lease, other than that the lease stays the same. They have stated that after this three year contract is up, they would need to restructure and would need more space. This three year lease will give us time to plan for an expansion and they would like a ten year lease next time. In the next three years we need to consider incorporating their needs into what we have plan to do or see if there is anyone that would like to build a building to lease for ten years to them.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to sign the lease extension for three years with the USDA. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of  
Proposal for Pipe  
For repair work on  
Davis Road.**

Manager Jones corrected the fact that Davis Road should read Taylor Road. Taylor road parallels to Bud Jordan. With the improvements to Bud Jordan the water will move faster and Taylor Road already has a problem with wash outs, but with new 184 feet of pipe in four sections, it should handle the water flow and stop the wash out. Manager Jones asked the board to approve the \$ 7,895.04 from the general funds under Roads and Bridges supply account.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the \$ 7,895.04 for the placement of pipe on Taylor Road to be paid out of the general funds under Roads and Bridges supply account. Motion carried unanimously.

**Georgia Department  
of Natural Resources  
Boat Ramp Operation  
and Maintenance Lease  
at Gray's Landing**

Manager Jones stated that the Department of National Resources made some minor changes to the original lease agreement they had been sent prior. Due to the changes made in the Contract the board needs to approve for the Chairman to sign the new lease agreement.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to sign the lease agreement with Natural Resources at Gray's Landing. Motion carried unanimously.

**2015 Defined Benefit  
Plan Additional  
Contribution**

Manager Jones explained that in the prior board meeting the board approved the amount of \$311,008.00 for the 2015 contribution. We since then have been informed that we need \$ 314,178.00 for the 2015 Contribution.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the additional expenditure of \$ 3,170.00. This is for the retirement fund that we already have in place. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report:  
Financial Report:**

Manager Jones reports that the cash position remains good through August. We are slightly \$ 1 million above at this time of year in the general fund. Year-to-date we are 2.2% behind on LOST collection compared to this time last year. Operating expense is 1% over what our budget was. Last month it was 2% so we have trimmed that back to 1%.

**EMS Report:**

EMS had 609 calls in August. They drove over 18,000 miles for the month. Our collections for the month were also \$ 7,000 above the prior monthly average.

The revenue from this additional activity will take anywhere from 30-90 days to show up in our bank account. It has been a very busy month for EMS.

**CDBG Application** Manager Jones stated that we did not receive the CDGB grant for this year for the work needed on Pendleton Creek Road, Deer Run Road, and Oscar Cruz Road. In thirty to sixty days we should have the scoring sheet back and once we receive the scoring we will know what we need to work on. I would like for the board to consider re-applying after we have had a chance to review and analyze what we need to do to improve our chances next year.

**Presentation of Petition For Sunday Sales of Alcohol and Petition For Pouring License:** Manager Jones requested that our legal counsel address this. Attorney Kaufold stated that this can only be approved by referendum vote and will have to be placed on the ballot. The board would have to approve it to be placed on the ballot at a later date.

**Other Misc. Items** Ezra Taylor Road start date is September 25, 2015, with a completion within twelve to fourteen months. Glynn James Road is still waiting for the utilities to be moved. Both Ezra Taylor and Glynn James Road are to be paved. Gray's Landing is looking very good. Bud Jordan is waiting on power lines to be moved.

**Commissioners Comment:**

**Commission Dixon:** Thank you Raymond for your department. Our new ambulance hopefully will be delivered in the next month, no later than November.

**Commission Cason:** There is a lot on our agenda but we are getting it done. Thank you. I hope the community is pleased with us.

**Commission Nobles:** I was put in charge of the creating a new ordinance for the building permits and hope to have a draft in the next few weeks. He is glad that we are making the citizen aware of the building permit that has existed since 1996 for the cost of three dollars. We are bound to this ordinance until we have a new one. Hopefully we will have one by the first of the year. I will be representing Toombs County in the October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> at Jekyll Island at the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference as a voting delegate at the General Assembly.

**Chairman Tillery:** Chairman Tillery reiterated that the current cost of a building permit from the 1996 ordinance is \$3. If one was caught without a building permit by code enforcement, the penalty from the 1996 ordinance is \$50 so please get your building permit. We've run into issues where people are building mass homes with sakrete and things like that will cause issues for future home owners and safety issues for occupants. Thank you media for helping us to spread the word about this.

**October Regular  
Board Meeting  
Change Location:**

Chairman Tillery stated that once a year we try to meet at a different location in the county so the October Regular Board Meeting will be held at Normantown Fire Department. A motion is required for this change.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to hold the October Regular Meeting which will be held on the third Tuesday of October at the Fire Station in Normantown. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

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

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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**Michael Blake Tillery, Chairman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Helen Harris, County Clerk**