**TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A**

**April 19, 2016 5:30 PM**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

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

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Noblesmade a motion, seconded by Commissioners Dixon to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Recognition:** None

**Public Recognition:** None

**Development Authority** Development Authority report was given by Michelle Johnson. On Thursday,

**Report:** April 28, 2016, we will having our Chamber Connection. This event will be sponsored by Paul Thigpen Chevrolet and will be at the Tree House from 5:15 PM until 7:00 PM. Thursday, May 5,2016 from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM is the Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting for Homers Barbecue. Tuesday, May 10, 2016 is the Grand Re-Opening for KE Butler Jewelers from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Showcasing Toombs-Montgomery will be held on May 13, 2016 from 6:30 to 10:00 PM at the Community Center in Vidalia. Paul Thigpen Chevrolet will have a Groundbreaking event on May 17, 2016 from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

**Department Reports:**  Chief Johnny Moser spoke of the behalf of the evaluation on the ISO inspection that occurred in June 2015. There were four districts evaluated and all four districts received an ISO rating of four. If you were within 1000 feet of a dry hydrant you were classed as a four ISO rating, if you are beyond that you were a class eight ISO rating. We had 25 dry hydrants in 20.1 road miles that we covered. We were evaluated again in January 2016 and we passed all eight test of our water shuttle and drought study. There were five residential areas and three commercial sites tested. The Commercial sites were as follow: Vidalia Onion Valley, Bo Herndon Farms, and Savannah Luggage. At the conclusion of the ISO inspection the Toombs County Fire Department which consist of (4) four fire districts; now have 437.8 road miles with an ISO rating of five which is a 95 % increase in coverage area with this new classification.

**Consideration of the** This is the consideration of the appointment of Dr. Berry Dotson and Mac

**Appointment to WIOA** Jordan.Both have served a number of years on this Board and need to be re-

**Board (Formerly WIA** appointed. The Board needs to approve the re-appointment of these two men **Board) for a two Year** for a term oftwo years beginning with April 19, 2016 until April 19, 2018.

**Term:**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to re-appoint Dr. Barry Dotson and Mac Jordan to the WIAO Board; term starting April 19,2016 until April 19, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** The sheriff’s department has a 2007 Ford F150 4X4 truck that we need to **Declaring 2007 Ford** declare as excess property. We have a letter from the Sheriff stating that

**F150 4X4 as Excess** the truck has an engine problem and will not run; other than that it seems to

**Property to be**  be in good shape. The Board needs to declare this as excess property and **Disposed by Seal Bid:** dispose of the truck by seal bid.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to

declare this 2007 Ford F150 4X4 as excess property and dispose of it by seal bid. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** The next item is to ratify the repair of the excavator at the Landfill. The **Ratifying Boom** purchase order from Yancey Brothers, a Caterpillar dealer, in the amount of

**Repair to Excavator** $ 11,820.28 and will be paid out of the landfill account.

**at the Landfill:**

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to

ratify the purchase order from Yancey Brothers in the amount of $ 11,820.28 for the repair of the excavator at the landfill and for the amount to be paid out of the Landfill account. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** Consideration of approval for the extended warranty coverage on four Stryker

**Approval of Extended** Stretchers used by EMS. We have two invoices from Stryker Corporation, **Warranty Coverage on** because of the different ages of the equipment; one stretcher, will be covered 4 **Stryker Stretchers:** under a two year warranty in the amount of $ 2,134.88. The other three stretchers will be covered under a three year warranty in the amount of $ 7,800. Retail cost for these stretchers cost about $ 15,000 each. This warranty will cover all part and the repair of the stretcher. The company gave us a twelve percent discount because we are going with the two and three year plan. The Board needs to approve the purchase of both warranties and it will be paid out of the EMS account.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to purchase the two warranties from Stryker Corporation that will cover the four Stryker Stretchers in the amount of $ 2,134.88 and the amount of $ 7,800; to be paid out of the EMS account. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration Approval** Consideration approval of Contract with the National Fire Services Office for the

**of Contract with National** ISO Water Shuttle and Drought Study for Cedar Crossing at Marvin Yancey Fire

**Fire Services Office for** Department. This is the same ISO Water Shuttle and Drought Study that **ISO Water Shuttle and** Mr. Moser described earlier in this meeting in which they passed the test and **Drought Study for Cedar**  reduced the ISO rating in those districts that were tested. The total cost to do

**Crossing and Marvin** the study for Cedar Crossing and Marvin Yancey Fire Department is $ 12,000. **Yancey Fire Department:** We need the Board to approve the study where we may move forward. This will be paid from the General Funds of the Fire Department.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the Contract in the amount of $ 12,000 from the National Fire Services for the ISO Water Shuttle and Drought Study; to be paid from the General Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** In your packet you have a complete set of plans for Grays Landing that was

**Acceptance of Alternate** provided by the Department of Natural Resources. The base bid was

**1 to Department of** $137,298.15 with an addition $ 26,292 that the county was to pay under the

**Natural Resources** alternate 1 of the bid. We have done a lot of work already; alternate 1 will get

**Contract for Grey’s** curb and gutter at the Grays Landing project. Manager Jones requested that the L**anding Park.** Board approve the contract and move forward with the contract; with the vendor awarded by DNR for the work. This will be paid out of SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Alternate 1 for the curb and gutter at Grays Landing, in the amount of $ 26,292 paid out of the SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of Court Case –** Manager Jones stated this was the first court case in Toombs County for **Selling Animals** breeding and selling animals without a license and also violation of a stop order

**without a License:** from the Department of Agriculture. With the help of the Department of Agriculture, we were able to make this case. The case was heard in state court and the owner was found guilty of both charges. The outcome of the case was that the individual was placed on probation for 24 months and fined $1,500. They were given 30 days to remove the animals in their possession. Four of their animals could be kept if they were spayed/neutered. In thirty days we will do an inspection to see if they are in compliance.

 Chairman Tillery asked how many dogs were found on the property and William Smith (Skipper) replied that they were about twenty dogs. Manager Jones stated there wasn’t anything to vote on; this was just an update on the case.

**Review of Acceptance** In your packet you will find a copy of the letter from the Superintend of Vidalia **by Vidalia City School** High School. The letter reaffirms the agreement to the terms we have

**System of Terms of** presented to them. Our next step is to have a Public Hearing as close to the site

**Disposing of the**  as possible and to notify the public so we may receive public comments about

**Property at 901 North** the disposal of this property. After the Public Hearing, we will need to hold a

**Street SW, Vidalia,** Called Meeting where the Board Members can discuss the Public comments.

**Georgia:** After those two events, we then can have a meeting to approve the disposal of this property. The Board needs to approve for the County Manager to move forward with the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the County Manager to move forward with the Public Hearing on the disposal of the property at 901 North Street, SW. Vidalia, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report:**

**Financial Report:** Manager Jones stated that our financial report for the first quarter, expenses

were at twenty two and one half percent. We are slightly under budget.

  **EMS Report:** EMS had 606 calls for the month of March and drove 21,000 miles. First Quarter, there was a total of 1070 calls and 46,911 miles driven.

**Financial Review of** In your packet is the Health Insurance Financial review for the year 2015-2016.

**Health Insurance** This year was not as good as the past two years. We should receive our **Plan 2015-2016:** proposed renewal in May.

**Up-Date on Ezra** Drain pipes are being installed on the Ezra Taylor Road. There may be a couple

**Taylor Road and** of days they will have to close Ezra Taylor Road for the placement of the pipes.

**Glynn James Road:** We have asked for a two week notice, so we can notify the public and 911.

Glenn James Road - we are waiting for permits from the Corps of Engineers and should have them shortly.

**Up-Date on** The Department of Corrections will start back working with us next week. They

**Department of**  will finish the Cedar Crossing Community Center and then they will go to the

**Corrections**  Recreational Department at the Toombs Central School to do some work there.

**Construction Crew:**

**Up-Date on Pavement T**he pavement management group arrived last week and started working on our **Management Pavement** roads. In the third quarter we should have a presentation from them on our

**Program:** paved roads and their recommendations.

**Up-Date on Repairs to** All three roads has been completed. There were a few things that needed to be **Dixon Lake Road, Lent** done to Lent Stephens Road but the contractors took care of the problems.

**Stephens Road and**

**Cadillac Drive:**

**Cedar Crossing – Water** The well at Cedar Crossing Community Center is pumping sand and has been for **Well is pulling sand:** some time now. There are two options: One is that we could install a filtering system, but there is no guarantee that would stop the problem. The second option is to drill another well. Mobley Well Drilling has given a bid of $ 6,150. to drill another well, install a new pump and tank. I would recommend to drill another well and pay for it out of the General Fund. The hot water tank will also have to be replaced at the cost of $ 150.00. The Boards needs to approve the Mobley Well Drilling bid to drill another well.

 Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Mobley Well Drilling to drill the well at the Cedar Crossing Community Center in the amount of $ 6,150; paid out of the General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

**Standing Committee** None

**Reports:**

**Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Nobles:** Things are going good. I appreciate Fuzzy (William Swain) and Jerry and all of their crew for keeping everything in order. Johnny, I appreciate everything you are doing to get us better ISO rating. I thank all the employees that we have; you all do a good job.

**Commissioner Cason:** I would like to thank all the department heads for your support that you’ve given us. We thank John Jones for the day-to-day operations and for a job well done. Thank you!

**Commissioner Dixon:** Thanks to everyone for what they do. I appreciate Johnny getting the ISO rating reduced. I know how important it is to our community and we appreciate John Jones.

**Vice-Chairman McCormick:** Thank you Mr. Chairman for all the hard work you do; we appreciate everything that you do. I appreciate Johnny for bringing the professionalism that he has shown. Thanks to the volunteer fire department. For the funds given to maintain the fire stations, you do an incredible job. Next month we plan to come back with a list of roads that need repair because they are deteriorating.

**Chairman Tillery:** First let me thank each and every one of you for reaching out to me last week.

 I appreciate all of your prayers, your calls, the messages and those who stop by my house; even though I did not answer the door, I saw you. I thank you for your kindness shown. This is the best job of my life; I don’t know why I want to leave it. It has been a pleasure serving on this board. There is some business thing as well. First, the Department of Transportation local committee, we have asked them for improvements at Johnson Corner and State Road 178. The General Assembly passed a law and created a Department of Health Family Disability Advisory Council and each county has to appoint one person to this Department. I have a name but I prefer you tell me if you have a name to consider or recommend, that we will put it before the Board.

 I thank the employees that make us look good, Terry, Johnny, Fuzzy, Skipper, Alvin, Jerry; I could go on and on naming people, but this job allows us to look good because of the employees of Toombs County. Thank you for what you do.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Tillery stated: with nothing further I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

 The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM

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**Michael Blake Tillery, Chairman Helen Harris, County Clerk**