TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A

April 18, 2017 5:30 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### **PRESENT: DAVID SIKES, JEFF McCORMICK, ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DARRIEL NOBLES, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.**

Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called the March meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

Invocation: Vice-Chairman McCormick gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda: Chairman Sikes stated the Agenda needed to be amended and then asked if there was a motion to amend the Agenda.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to add the closing of Colson Road as well as adding an Executive Session to discuss real estate. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the March 21, 2017 minutes. March 21, 2017 Regular

Board Meeting: Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Development Authority Mr. Bill Mitchell was not present to present any information.

Report:

Department Reports: Sheriff Kight stated that there were 111 inmates presently housed. Arrest has gone up but our housing in the jail has gone down. There were 265 inmates that the nurse saw in March; there was four inmates that had to be transported to the hospital for treatment, therefore there was cost associated with those four inmates. We have one inmate released on a house monitor. The department visits the inmate house twice a day, which save us from housing cost on that specific inmate. There were 83 inmates transported last month and 9,977 miles on our vehicles for transportation. Calls went up 126 for last month. There were 224 traffic stops. March was a very active month of our Department.

 Commissioner Nobles asked did the monitor report back through E-911 and the Sheriff replied that the monitoring system notifies E-911 and the detective at the same time, for a quicker response.

 Commissioner Nobles asked the Sheriff how he selects the inmates to work on detail. Sheriff replied the inmate must be non-violent and already sentenced. A good example is someone that has not paid child support. This is strictly on a volunteer basis. Each inmate is search for contraband once they return to jail from the daily work detail.

 Director Drew James reported that in February there were 702 calls and over 30,000 miles driven. The Department just heard from First Priority and everything is looking good on the new ambulance. Plans for the Onion Festival coverage are in place and our EMS team is ready for the Onion Festival that is coming up this weekend.

 Chairman Sikes acknowledged Senator Blake Tillery for being present at our Regular Commissioners meeting tonight. Chairman Sikes thanked Senator Tillery for being actively involved with our county and representation in the Senate.

Public Participation: None

Consideration of Declaring Manager Jones stated there were several items that needed to be disposed of. There the following as Excess was one (1) 2004 Truck with 329,218 miles; This truck was used by the grass cutting Property and Dispose by crew and has a blown motor. There was one (1) 2006 Freightliner Dump Truck

Seal Bid: in the Public Works Department that has several problems in the past. There was one (1) Used Goose Neck Trailer that has been welded several times. There was one (1) 2005 Prison Van that the grass cutting crew used. All items will be sold (as-is condition) through a seal bid process.

 Commissioner Dixon made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to declare the four items as excess property and to dispose by seal bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids for Manager Jones placed the quote for a new four door/four wheel drive F-150 in the

Truck for Public Works packet for a new Public Works truck. In the commissioner’s packets the bids that we Department: received are present for your review. The lowest bid was from Vidalia Ford for a 2017 F-150 Ford in the amount of $ 28,299.56; the board is recommended to accept this bid for the purchase of the truck for the Public Works department and would be paid for by SPLOST funds.

 Vice-Chairman McCormick made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to purchase the F-150 in the amount of $ 28,299.56 from Vidalia Ford and pay with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids for Manager Jones stated that the hand-outs before the meeting give the bids that were

Dump Truck for Public received for a 2018 International and a 2018 Mack dump truck. The county has had Works Department: Macks in the past and have been very pleased with them. The Road Superintendent has recommended that we purchase the Mack from TransPower in the amount of $ 121,050 and this dump truck would be paid with SPLOST funds.

 Chairman Sikes asked Manager Jones if that came with a warranty. Manager Jones relied that it came with a three year-150,000 mile warranty. We average between fifteen to twenty thousand miles a year.

 Commissioner Nobles asked if Mack had a buy-back deal. Manager Jones stated that he had investigated the selling price on them. Their buy-back option was for $ 69,000 but we discussed this with some construction companies and we could get a lot more money for it, if we sold it ourselves. This is one of the reasons the Mack was chosen. The Mack trucks is a much heavier duty truck and has a higher resale value. We anticipate in getting $ 90,000 with 60,000 to 75,000 miles on the truck in three years and rotating our fleet out each three years.

 Commissioner Dixon made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the bid in the amount of $ 121,050 from TransPower, paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones stated the approval of FY 1218 contract with the office of Public

Of FY 2018 Contract with Defender which provides services to our county for the judicial circuit. The cost is

Office of the Public based on the population of our county. Our cost did not go up from last year. The

Defender: board has been asked to approve the budget for FY 2018.

Commissioner Nobles made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to accept the contract with the office of the Public Defender. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones stated the repairs for the D6 Dozier was in the amount of $ 5,943.09.

of Repair Bid on D6 Dozier This Dozier is used by the Landfill therefore the repairs would be paid from the Solid

for the Solid Waste: Waste Department funds.

 Vice-Chairman McCormick made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the repair on the D6 Dozier in the amount of $ 5,943.09 for the Solid Waste and for the funds to be paid from the Solid Waste Department funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones stated Toombs County Recreation Department was in the needed for

for Equipment for Toombs recreational equipment, the purchase amount was $ 13,126.55.

County Recreation

Department: Vice-Chairman McCormick made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the equipment for Toombs County Recreation Department in the Amount of $ 13,126.55 and will be paid from the Recreational Department Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones stated that the changes on the Minimum Health and Safety Standards Administrative Addition for the New Manufactured Homes and Pre-Owned Manufactured Homes were for To the Minimum Health clarification purposes only. There are two changes; one is on page one of the and Safety Standards for document where it defines the enforcement of this ordinance. We would like to add New Manufactured “Code Enforcement Officer”. It already stated that we can designate anyone we Homes and Pre-Owned wanted to do this but by adding this, it should clarify it better. The second is on page Manufactured Homes three where it states the Certificate of Occupancy. The Magistrate Judge suggested Ordinance for that it be added that to seek the Certificate of Occupancy, the applicant must be in Clarification Purpose: compliance with section one through section thirteen. These changes are administrative changes and does not add to, or change any of the requirements that are already in place.

 Commissioner Cason made a Motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the two Administrative changes for clarification purposes in the New Manufactured Homes and pre-Owned Manufactured Home Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report:

Financial Report: Manager Jones stated that the County is through a forth of the year and the operating expenses are at twenty three percent, so we are in good shape so far. The Local Option Sales Tax for the month of March was down from this time last year. It is down one and a quarter percent.

Financial Review of Manager Jones stated that we should be receiving in the next month what our renewal Health Insurance will be starting in July 1st. We had a good year for the claims up to last month and then Plan 2016-2017: we received some rather large claims. By next month we should know what our renewal rates will be for next year. There was a meeting with our Wellness Program this month. We had one hundred percent of our employees to participate in the wellness program, which is almost unheard of. Our Department Heads and Constitutional Officers promoted this and encouraged our employees to participate in this program. Long term there should be great benefits, not only from our health claims but our overall health of our employees.

Up-Date on Application This is a program working with Federal dollars through DOT. Based on the fatalities for FY 2018 Federal and the wrecks that occur in our county, DOT rates our intersections and corridors. Federal Funded Off-System In 2016 DOT rated one of our roads a score of 75 and the next was rated 56.

Safety Project: The higher the number is, indicates the danger. Due to the rating done by DOT, the county has chosen Lyons Center Road for this project. This is the road we have the most accidents on within our county. We should know if we are going to get funding in the next few months for the suggested improvements to this road. If we receive the grant, we will widen Lyons Center road by two feet to each side of the road. This will be a DOT managed project and not a local project, but this project will be with federal funds and not local tax dollars.

Up-Date on Application We can thank Senator Blake Tillery for getting the supplemental budget passed. The for FY 2017 LMIG Safety had allocated money for the county to use in a safety program. DOT has suggested

Program: Johnson Corner Road and State Route 178; changing Johnson Corner Road where it would come into State Route 178 at a ninety degree angle, opposed to the way it is now. By making this change, the traffic could not shoot across State Route 178. We should know in a couple of months if we were approved for the LMIG Safety program.

Other Miscellaneous Hopefully in the next few weeks, we should have the flashing caution lights that the items: board has already approved. We have already gotten the signage and poles; we are just waiting on the flashing lights to come in.

 Earlier this month we found out the Insurance law premium lawsuit that had been filed against the county has been dropped. The attorneys representing the plaintiffs has been filled and accepted by the judge and recorded. Nevertheless, it did cost money and time for our lawyers to defend us.

 Now for the bad news, we had an ambulance blow up an engine this past weekend. With the Onion Festival approaching us, Paul Thigpen Chevrolet has stated that they can have another engine in that truck and up and running by the Onion Festival. The cost of that repair is $ 11,000. We had 120,000 miles on the previous motor that was on this truck. The repair cost needs to be approved by the board and SPLOST funds will be used to pay for the repair.

Commissioner Dixon made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the repair of the engine for the cost of $ 11,000. The repair will be done by Paul Thigpen Chevrolet and will be paid from the SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sikes stated there needed to be a motion on the consideration of the closing of Colson Lane.

Commissioner Nobles made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to table the closing of Colson Lane until it can be studied a little further. Motion carried unanimously.

Standing Committee: None

Report:

Commisssioners None were given by the Commissioners.

Comments:

Chairman Sikes: Chairman Sikes stated, “Here we are at our Onion Festival time, this is our pride of our county. On behalf of the Commission, we would like for everyone to take a bag of onions home tonight.”

 A ten minute break was taken before the Commission went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion on real estate.

 Commissioner Nobles made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to go into Executive Session after the ten minute break. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Real Estate: The Executive Session was called to order by Chairman Sikes at 6:58 PM

 After the discussion on real estate, Chairman Sikes asked if there was a motion to adjourn from the Executive Session.

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

 Chairman Sikes open the floor back to the regular session. Chairman Sikes stated that in the Executive Session the purchase of .8 acres from Joel Joyner in Normantown for the price of $ 8,000. was discussed. He then asked for a motion on the matter of purchasing this land to provide a park for Normantown residences.

 Commissioner Nobles, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to purchase the land from Joel Joyner in the amount of $ 8,000. for a park in Normantown. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Chairman Sikes ask for a Motion to adjourn the Regular Commissioners Meeting.

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

 The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM

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**David Sikes, Chairman Helen Harris, County Clerk**