TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A

July 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.**

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Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called the June meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Invocation: Commissioner Cason gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

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

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2017 June 20, 2017 Regular Regular Board Meeting.

Board Meeting

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Minutes of the June 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Development Authority Mr. Bill Mitchell announced the Leadership Toombs-Montgomery selection committee made their decision and the acceptance letters were sent out the end of June. The class has until July 20th to accept the offer to be a part of the 2017-2018 class. The Toombs-Montgomery Youth Leadership students received their acceptance letters last week. The selection committee selected twenty two out of forty four applications. Toombs County Development Authority next meeting is Thursday, July 20th at noon. Business Expo: Save the date! The event this year will be held on Thursday, September 28th at the Vidalia Community Center. Registration forms can be obtained from theToombs-Montgomery Chamber Website or by calling the Chamber. Air Evac Lifeteam will be having a Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening on Thursday, July 27th from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM. Ribbon Cutting will begin at 12 Noon followed by a light lunch and tour of the new base. Come and see the new look at 2801 North Street East, Vidalia. The Development Authority is working with Trane. Trane is looking at placing solar panel on top of their roof. US Pet has consolidated and their one hundred thousand square foot building in which they are not using any more; they have moved back into the main part of the building. In September they will make the last one hundred thousand dollar payment and it is a possibility they will have that building up for sale. We discussed the Natural Gas issue in our area last year. Toombs County is at the end of the pipe line and our pressure is sometime weak. Mr. Mitchell stated that he had talked with the seven elective senators and representatives from this region; they are in the process of signing a letter to the PSC. This project is needed; we need more gas in this area. There will be more information about the gas line after we have a conference call with them this coming Thursday.

Department Reports: Drew James with EMS Department, Mr. Drew James stated that there were 629 calls and 15,180 miles driven for the month of June. Pictures were given to the Commissioners to show the new protocol books. This book covers the different type of emergency runs that the service makes. Each employee of the EMS Department is required to review this book from page 1 to 221, for new updates. The next set of photos is of the final view of our new ambulance. First Priority should have that truck ready for delivery this coming Monday. There were two members of our staff, Caption Glenn Taylor and EMT Mike Young that provided standby for the WinShape Camp that was held the last week of June. There were two jump bags that were provided for about six hundred campers and there was a truck there during their peak time of activities. This is just one way we give back to our community. The last attachment is the programs that the service has been working on for the last couple of weeks and hopes to implement this fall. Any where there is a structured fire, the ambulance is going to respond. Once the firefighter comes from the structure that is burning the service will check their vital signs and then our team will clear that firefighter to be return to the structure fire.

Public Participation: None

Consideration of Robert Greene has moved from out from this community and his term expires Appointment of the December 31, 2017. It is the recommendation of the Development Authority to Toombs County replace Robert Greene’s position with Reid Threlkeld. Reid served as the attorney for Development Authority the Development Authority for several years and has since retired. The Development Board to fulfill the Authority requested that we appoint Reid Threlkeld to fill the unexpired term of Mr. remaining term of Robert Greene that will expire on December 31st of this year.

Greene representing the

City of Vidalia:Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to appoint Reid Threlkeld to fill the unexpired term of Robert Greene that will December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Griffin Contracting, Inc. was the low bid on the Triple Surface Treatment bid. The roads

Approval of the Bid from are Indigo Lane, Cardinal Lane, Pinehollow Lane, Evergreen Court, Crabapple Lane,

Griffin Contracting, Inc. CW Driggers Road and Kelley Collins Road. The total price is $ 214,375.33 and will be For Triple Surface paid with SPLOST funds. This is the on-going project in lowering the number of dirt Treatment of Seven (7) roads in Toombs County to converting them to hard surface. These roads are identified Roads: as low cost. This is to fulfill the long term strategic goal of lowering the number of dirt roads. The Board needs to give the Chairman the authority to sign this contract.

Commissions Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to give the authority to the Chairman to sign the contract with Griffin Contracting, Inc. in the amount of $ 214,375.33 and for the Triple Service of seven (7) roads to be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Ellis Wood Contracting was low bidder on the repairs on various roads and bridges.

Approval of Bid from Ellis A contract was approved earlier this year for the high density minerals

Wood Contracting for sealant on certain roads; some of these roads had pot holes that have to be fixed

Repairs on Various Roads before that project can begin. This is a part of the ten year Pavement Management

and five (5) Bridges:Program. The roads are McNatt Falls Road, Chambers Road, Center Subdivision,Pinewood Subdivision, Marshall Pittman Road, and Scott Drive. In addition to that we are doing repairs on CV Mosley and Dewayne Dykes Road. This bid will also include atwo inch mil inlay of the fifty foot bridge aprons on the two bridges located on Old Normantown Road and the three bridges on Vidalia Cedar Crossing Road. The bid was in the amount of $ 121,725. and would be paid from the SPLOST funds. It is broken into two different sections. Schedule A will begin and end in September. Schedule B will be finished mid-December. The Board needs to give the Chairman the authority to sign this contract.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Chairman to sign the contract with Ellis Wood Contracting Company for the repairs on various roads and bridges in the amount of $ 121,725. and to be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones stated that there were two repairs needed. The first one is the repair

of repairs to the 322 CL of the 322 CL Excavator. The heat and air conditioner needs to be repaired. The price Excavator and the D6K for the repair is $ 5,966.64. The second repair needed is on the D6K bulldozer. This Bull Dozier: Dozier was purchased a couple of years ago and has 1300 hours on it now so it is time for some maintenance work to be done on it. The price of this repair is $ 5,683.84. Both of these repairs would be done by Yancey Brothers and if approved, both repairs will be paid from the maintenance and operating budget of the Roads and Bridges Department.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the repair to the 322 CL Excavator and the D6K bull dozier be paid from the maintenance and operating budget of the Roads and Bridges Department. Yancey Brothers will do the repairs to both pieces of machinery. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids Manager Jones stated that one of the backhoes needed repair work and decided rather for Backhoe: than repairing it, due to its age, to ask for bids for a new backhoe and trade-in the onethat is in need of repair. We received bids from CAT and John Deere. CAT gave a net quote of $ 92,454. and John Deere gave a net quote of $ 62,750. The Board is requested to accept the lowest bid from John Deere and SPLOST funds will be used to pay for the purchase.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to accept the bid from John Deere in the amount of $ 62,750. and to pay for the backhoe from the SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones explained that there were three bids received on resurfacing Bostwick

of Bid for Resurfacing Circle. One bid was tossed out because it had an incorrect bid bond attached to it.

Bostwick Circle: This left two bids, one from East Coast Asphalt in the amount of $ 229,877. and the other was from Everette Dykes Grassing in the amount of $ 238,479. The engineer, Hofstadter and Associates recommended accepting the bid from East Coast Asphalt in the amount of $ 229, 877 and this will be paid with the LMIG funds, if approved.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to accept the bid from East Coast Asphalt in the amount of $ 229, 877 and this will be paid with the LMIG funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones stated the next item on the agenda was to purchase a new Ford

to Purchase Ford Explorer: Explorer to replace a 2008 Impala with 160,000 miles and has transmission problems. Vidalia Ford gave a low bid of $ 26,032.32; this is with a state contract and will be paid with SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to purchase a new Ford Explorer in the amount of $ 26,032.32 from Vidalia Motors with SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones stated that the roof at the Board of Elections was in poor condition and

Of Bid for New Roof on after Edge Contracting look at making repairs on the roof they stopped and suggested

Board of Elections that the entire roof needed to be replaced. After receiving bids, DBM Construction had

Building: the lowest bid for $ 5,000. This will replace the shingles with architectural shingles, decking replacement and eaves replacement. This repair will be paid with SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Nobles asked if this building belong to the County and Manager Jones replied, “Yes, we own the building and the lot.”

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the bid of $ 5,000 from DBM Construction to replacement of the roof at the Board of Elections Building to be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report: Manager Jones stated that the Local Option Sales Tax collections are down by over

Financial Report: 13.5 % for the month of June and had no explanation for the decline; year-to-date we are down 3.88%. On the M & O budget we are currently at the half way mark for the year; our expense is running at 46.7% of the budget, so we are under budget in our general fund.

Up-Date –

HA5 Treatment Contract: The HA5 Armor Coating Contract will begin the middle of September.

Road Repairs Contract: We have received a lot of positive feedback on the flashing lights and street signs that were installed at the various intersections. That was a part of our safety plan that was approved earlier this year.

CDBG Road Improvements: The County’s attorney has completed the deeds and title certification for the CDBG road improvement project. Our administrator, ALGA, Inc., who will need to prepare the acquisition packets.

Recreation Department The improvements at the Recreation Department at Toombs Central are coming along Improvement: well. They are putting up signs in both locations now. We are beginning the grading of the parking lot at the football field. They are pouring the concrete at the baseball field and the bleachers should be installed by the first of September. We are waiting on a quote from MUSCO lighting for the lights at the football and baseball field. There are serious problems with the light poles; there are holes all in the structure of the poles that are holding up the lights.

Standing Committee: None

Reports:

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Dixon: Commissioner Dixon states that he was down at Gray’s Landing and his grandson really enjoyed playing on the new play ground at the park. It really has turned into a nice park for our County.

Vice-Chairman McCormick: Vice-Chairman McCormick stated as we have gone through the meeting tonight, I wanted to bring to everyone’s attention, we looked at this year’s budget and what we were looking to do in the year 2017 to have fewer dirt roads at the end of the year. Looking at the projects that are here we are moving into that direction and we appreciate your leadership. One point is more or less a personal privilege, one of our local residences, Cassidy Martin, she actually goes to Vidalia Heritage and she is a fifth grader. She won the Soap Box Derby in Lyons and she just won the Grand National Soap Box Derby in Akron, OH today. This is the first time in 29 years that we have won the Grand Nationals.

Commissioner Cason: Commissioner Cason said that he had not had to if opportunity to thank everyone for their support during his wife’s bereavement, just wanted to thank everyone so much.

Chairman Sikes: Chairman Sikes thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight; it continues to be a pleasure and a joy for me to serve this county and everyone here. Thank you for coming tonight to support me (I’m talking to my wife).

Adjournment: Chairman Sikes asked if there was a motion for adjournment.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM

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