TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A

August 15, 2017 5:30 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### **PRESENT:** **DAVID SIKES, JEFF McCORMICK, ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DARRIEL NOBLES, HOWARD KAUFOLD, 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 McCormick gave the invocation.

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

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the July 18, 2017 July 18, 2017 Regular Regular Board Meeting.

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Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Minutes of the July 18, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Development Authority None

Report:

Department Reports: Drew James with EMS Department, Mr. Drew James stated that there were 564 calls and 31,000 miles driven for the month of July. The new Ambulance has been delivered and on the 22nd it will have the state inspection. We are definitely proud of the new power cot stretcher that came with the Ambulance. We will be able to move patients that weigh 700 pounds plus. We applied for and received a grant through GEMS for a First Responder Class. There are sixteen students going through that class at this time, and Captain Jonathan Holland is the chief instructor for this class. This class will meet every Monday and Thursday Night and this course should be completed by the end of September. This will give us sixteen more first responders.

Public Participation: None

Community Service Chairman Sikes announced that he would like to announce the high-lights of Bonnie Presentation: Brantley’s Contributions to the Community and to recognize what she does throughout Toombs and Montgomery County. Bonnie was recognized for the Community Service Leadership in the Safe Kids program. Chairman Sikes read a long list of achievements and awards that Mrs. Brantley had received for the work she has done for our Community. The one she was recently recognized for was the 2017 Worldwide USA

Coalition Award that she received in Baltimore Maryland. Bonnie Brantley came forward and explained how exciting it was to receive the award. Mrs. Brantley also explained the importance of Car Seats, Seat Belt Safety and Fire Safety by placing fire alarms in homes.

Approval of Beer & Wine Manager Jones stated that the Jani’s Market has changed ownership and this is the Application – Kaushik applications for the Beer and Wine Permit. They had meet all of the requirements that

Shah – Jani’s Market: is needed to receive their Beer and Wine Permit. The Board is asked to approve the Beer and Wine License for Jani’s Market.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to grant the Beer and Wine Permit to Kaushik Shah – Jani’s Market. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of A bid has been submitted for Cabinets for the Toombs County Recreation Department

Approval to Purchase by Samples Custom Cabinets in the amount of $ 5,820. The Cabinets would be paid by

Cabinets for Recreation SPLOST funds if approved.

Department:

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the purchase of the cabinets in the amount of $ 5,820. from Samples Custom Cabinets for the Recreation Department at Toombs Central School. The purchase will be paid from SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones explained that the well pump at the Cedar Crossing Community Center has stopped working due from the well pumping sand. The only to resolve this issue

for Cedar Crossing would be to drill deeper until you reach lime-stone. The bid received from Mobley’s

Community Center Well Drilling Company was $ 6,950; this quote is for only drilling six hundred feet. If this does not reach the lime-stone, it will be an additional eight dollars per foot. Next door is the Baptist Church of Cedar Crossing and when their well was dug, it took 960 feet to reach to lime-stone. Currently we have been able to supply water at the Community Center because the Cedar Crossing Baptist Church has allowed us to run a hose from their pump to the Community Center where we could utilized the building. They volunteered to supply water to our well until we could get our pump working again and we are certainly appreciative of that. Taken all of this in consideration, if they were to have to drill 960 foot level, the cost would be $9,830. This repair bill would be paid from SPLOST if approved by the Board.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the repairs done by Mobley’s Well Drilling Company that is needed on the Cedar Crossing Community Center. The funds from SPLOST will be used to pay for the repair. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appproval Manager Jones explained that several years ago we allowed an Architect, Richard Hill Of bid for Construction of out of Valdosta, to developed a set of plans for our new Public Works Building; Richard Public Works Building and has since retired. We took these set of plans and put them out for bid and on July 28th Owner’s Representation/we had a bid opening for that. Bids request were advertized for the building and the Inspector: removal of the old building. T.Q Construction (bid $ 1,031,834.)

With Richard Hill retiring, we did not have anyone to be the project manager of this. Traditionally the architect would be the overseer of the project. Since Mr. Hill has retired we had to find someone else to do that and we have talked to Gray Meredith with Longleaf Builders asked him if he would serve as the Owner’s Representative Inspector and Project Manager of this project. He agreed on a fixed fee in the amount of $10,000.

McDonald Construction was the lowest bid and we recommend accepting the bid from McDonald Construction in the amount of $ 834,000. and to approve the contract with Longleaf Builders in the amount of $ 10,000 for Project Manager and inspector of this project. The timeframe on this project is 210 days from giving the notice to proceed. We have talked with them and we have tentatively talked about September 15, 2017 as the date to for the notice to proceed.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to accept the bid from McDonald Construction in the amount of $ 834,000. to build a new Public Works Building and to remove the old Public Works Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to accept Longleaf Builders, Gray Meredith to be the Project Manager and Inspector of the project in the amount of $ 10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report: Manager Jones stated that the Maintenance and Operating Expense is still 2 % under Financial Report: budget at the end of July. The Local Option Sales Tax collections for the month, compared from last July to this July is down 3 %. The year to date for the Local Option Sales tax is down 8.7 %.

We are currently taking bids for an air condition unit for the kitchen at the jail. This is a fifteen ton unit that is on its last leg; it is operating at half speed at the time. The estimated cost for a new unit is approximately $ 20,000 to $ 30,000.

The paving of seven roads: Indigo Lane, Cardinal Lane, Pine Hollow Lane, Evergreen Court, Crabapple Lane, CW Driggers Road and Kelly Collins Road. They should start this project on Thursday.

The repair project got started this week. The repair work was on McNatt Falls, Center Subdivision, Pineland Subdivision and Scott drive. They will be back in the later part of the year to complete the work needed on the four bridges.

Chairman Sikes stated that it is food safety awareness month with our Corporate Health Partners. You can get on an email list if you are an employee and they have recipes for really delicious meals that are low- fat high protein kind of deal. Please pass this along to your employees.

Standing Committee: None

Reports:

Commissioners Comments:

Vice-Chairman McCormick: Vice-Chairman McCormick stated how excited to see the beginning stages of the new Public Works Building and the removal of the old Public Works Building.

Commissioner Dixon: Commissioner Dixon wanted to thank all of our employees, EMS, Road Department Fire Department, and the Sheriffs Staff for what you do. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Cason: Commissioner Cason wanted to say Amen to everything that has been said. We have a lot of things going on and he appreciated the togetherness that we are getting it done. Thank you Brother Chairman.

Commissioner Nobles: For four years we have been talking about the Public Works Building and he was glad it was getting done. It will remove an eye sore down there on the corner and give the Public Works Employees a more productive place to work, in which he is sure makes them happy. He is very excited about this accomplishment.

Chairman Sikes: Chairman Sikes stated these moments come only ever forth of fifty years, and he was excited to be a part of it. It is truly a great thing for our County.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

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