TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A

October 17, 2017 5:30 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### **PRESENT:** **DAVID SIKES, ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, HOWARD KAUFOLD, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.**

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Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called the October 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.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Sikes asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular

September 19, 2017 Board Meeting that was held on September 19, 2017.

Regular Board Meeting:

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 19, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

October 6, 2017 Special Chairman Sikes asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes for the Called

Called Meeting to Set Meeting to Set the Millage Rate that was held on October 6, 2017.

Millage Rate:

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Minutes of the Called Meeting held on October 6, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports: Lynn Moore, EMA Director: Mr. Moore explained that given the State of Emergency Declaration by President Donald Trump and Governor Nathan Deal during Hurricane Irma, there are FEMA Funds available for certain reimbursements for eligible nonprofit which includes hospital, colleges, universities and electric membership co-op. For the organization I have just listed, I will not have anything to report; these individual organizations will present their bill to FEMA for reimbursement for their work that was done. Board of Education, Museums, and Libraries the opportunity to file for reimbursement is open until November 14th, 2017 to get a request in for public assistance. Mr. Moore appreciated Chairman Sikes and Manager Jones for their attendance during our FEMA / GEMA drill. When the two FEMA evaluators were leaving, they made the comment that they were impress that the Mayor of Lyons and the City Manager of Lyons, the Mayor of Vidalia and the City Manger of Vidalia, Chairman and County Manager were in attendance. They stated that normally they do not see the government authorities that normally make the final decision during a disaster or storm, actually attend the drills. We are expecting Toombs County to receive an A + on our drill performance.

Drew James, Director of EMS: There were 526 calls for service and the ambulance service drove 22,129 miles for the month of September. On Friday nights we provide medical coverage for our High School games. Through last Friday night, the ambulance service has covered 20 of our area high school games, including one cheerleading competition at the Onion Classic at the Vidalia High School System. We have recently formed partnership with Oaks Baptist Church in Lyons. Their youth groups reached out to the ambulance service to provide the care bags that contain the basic necessities, such as a bottle of water, can supplies, crackers, toothbrush and paste. Each of the ambulances carried two of these care bags. In the fall and winter months, they plan to add a blanket to these care bags. Another event coming up this weekend; on October 21st Lowes of Vidalia will be hosting a Community Safety Day. Mr. James encouraged kid as well as adults, to attend this event.

Development Mr. Mitchell stated that the Toombs-Montgomery Leadership will be holding an Authority Report: education session on October 26th, 2017. This session takes a look at educational issues opportunities on both the state and local levels. Topics include identifying the challenges that are facing our educational system, both from a funding and a delivery point of view. The Youth Leadership will tour Montgomery County on Thursday, November 30th, 2017. It will cover business, industry, agriculture, government and education in Montgomery County. The next Toombs County Development Authority meeting is Thursday, October 19th, 2017 at noon. This meeting is a joint meeting, so it will starting at 11:30 to discuss the options for President going forward into next year. On our spec building, project Walnut, Michelle and Mr. Mitchell met with the Project Manager in Atlanta yesterday and is working with that group that is interested in our spec building. There will be a Ribbon Cutting for Rialto at their new location on 120 Jackson Street, Vidalia, GA; held on Tuesday November 7th, 2017 at 11:00 AM and lunch will be held after that.

Public Participation: None

Consideration of Manager Jones stated that the property owners have requested a portion of Lawson

Request to close a Road to be closed; this portion of the road enters into their property. There was a

portion of Lawson Public Hearing held at 5:00 PM today. The property owners were the only ones that

Road: attended that meeting, there was no one that spoke in opposition. The next step is to vote at the next Regular Meeting, which is this meeting held tonight.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the closure of a portion of Lawson Road that is owned by the landowners. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones explains the next item on the agenda is the consideration of a revolving

Approval of loan that the Development Authority manages. The principle loan would be in the

Development amount of $ 196,049.43; this is renewing their existing balance of $ 96,049.43 which is

Authority Loan – current as of September 28th, 2017. US Energy Sciences, Inc. is requesting the US Energy extension of $ 100,000 of the $200,000 loan. In the packet, Michelle has prepared a

Sciences, Inc.: summary of the agreement. The Development Authority recommends that the Board approves this loan.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the loan for US Energy Sciences, Inc. because of the recommendation made by the Development Authority for US Energy Sciences, Inc. in the total amount of $ 196,049.43. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of The engine in truck # 5578, a 2013 Chevrolet ambulance, with over 268,000 miles has Replacing EMS a blown engine. With the exception of the blown engine, this ambulance is in good Ambulance Engine: shape. The Public Safety Committee and EMS Director James recommend we replace this engine. Considering this recommendation, Manager Jones recommended accepting Paul Thigpen Dealership’s bid of $ 12,454.36 to replace the engine and to use the SPLOST funds to pay for the repair.

Commissioner Dixon asked if this unit had been refurbished before. Director James replied, “No sir, this unit was bought new.” Chairman Sikes added that it was a 2013 year model in good condition order, other than the blown motor.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Paul Thigpen Dealership, in the amount of $ 12,454.36 to replace the engine for EMS ambulance, unit number 5578. and SPLOST fund be used to pay for the repair. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones wanted to present this into two parts. The Board has previously

Approval of Repairs approved a purchase order in the amount of $ 6,378. to turn the pins and bushing on the D6 Dozer at the the D6 Dozer at the landfill. Once the repair was underway, it was discovered that the Landfill: pins and bushing needed to be replaced at the additional cost of $ 4,207.48. If approved the additional amount will be paid from the Landfill funds. Secondly, while it was under repair status, the equalizer bar and the left track needed to be repaired also. This repair cost was quoted as $ 9,956.81. A D6 dozer cost well over $ 250,000 brand new so it is the recommendation that we do these repairs. Manager Jones asked the Board to break this request into segments. One is to extend the cost of the repair of the pin and bushing in the amount of $ 4,207.48.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commission Cason to approve the additional cost to replace the pins and bushing on the D6 dozer at the landfill. The repair cost of $ 4,207.48 will be paid from the Landfill account.

Chairman Sikes stated the second portion of this, is the repair of the equalizer bar and the left track of the D6 dozer in the amount of $ 9,956.81. This keeps the traction of the rollers on the bottom of the tracks, which controls the turning and traction on that piece of equipment. This repair will actually keep the roller tracks from coming off of the dozer. The repair on this portion is $ 9,956.81. Chairman Sikes requested a motion on this as well.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the repair of the equalizer bar and the left track on the D6 Dozer in the amount of $ 9,956.81 at the Landfill. Landfill funds will be used to pay for the repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones explains that he received a bid from Georgia Fence Wholesale Inc. in

Approval of Fencing the amount of $ 24,134.33 for the fencing at the baseball field at Toombs Recreation

at Toombs Recreation Department. This price is just for the cost of the fence, the Department of Corrections

Department: will be installing the fence. The galvanized fencing has been removed and this will be a black coated fence for the entire baseball field. This will be paid out of SPLOST funds if the Board approves.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the fencing at Toombs Recreation Department in the amount of $ 24,134.33 from Georgia Fence Wholesale, Inc with SPLOST funds paying for the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones explained that the 15 ton, split system has problems for the last couple

Approval of HVAC of months at the Detention Center’s Kitchen and Dining area. This unit has a primary

System at the and a secondary, the secondary was not working and then last week the primary

Detention Center stopped working; therefore it became an emergency repair. We had two

Kitchen and Dining quotes on the repair; one from Rivers A/C in the amount of $ 35,470. and the other bid

Area: from Alexander Brothers in the amount of $ 27,050. Manager Jones then contacted the Commissioners to get approval to start on the repair and was granted permission to start the repair immediately. Manager Jones would like for the Board to ratify what we have previously discussed to accept Alexander Brothers in the amount of $ 27,050. for the repair of the Detention Center Kitchen and Dining HVAC unit. Jail funds will be used to pay for this repair. Jail funds are collected on fines, so this repair is not paid for by property taxes.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to ratify the approval of the purchase of the HVAC for the Detention Center Kitchen and Dining Area from Alexander Brothers in the amount of $ 27,050. with Jail funds to pay for the repair. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of The copier in the Solicitor’s Office, which was given to them by the previous occupier of

Approval of Copier that office space, has stop working. Wilkes Office supply have given us a price of

for Solicitor’s Office: $ 4,295. for a Cannon printer to replace the old printer in the Solicitor’s Office. If the Board approves, SPLOST funds will be used to purchase the copier.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve of the purchase of one (1) Cannon Copier for the Solicitor’s Office, from Wilkes Office Supply in the amount of $ 4,295. SPLOST fund will be used to purchase the copier. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones stated that this contract was a yearly service contract that covers the

Approval Service Plan four heart monitors that are on the Ambulances. Physio Controls will come and

for (4) LifePak Heart inspected the units and will replace any parts that are needed. The cost is $ 1,728. Per

Monitors for Toombs- unit, for a total cost of $ 6,912. per year. The Board is being asked to approve this

Montgomery EMS: service plan and the service plan will be paid with the EMS Fund if approved.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the service plan for the (4) LifePak Heart Monitors for Toombs-Montgomery EMS Department. The service agreement is with Physio Control in the amount of $ 6,912. and will be paid with EMS Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones explained that there are four extremely old metal frame bleachers at

Declaring Former Toombs Recreation Baseball Field and requested that the Board declare them as excess

Metal Frame Seating property and dispose of the through seal bids. The new bleachers should arrive

at Toombs Recreation tomorrow, October 18th, 2017, and be installed, the new bleachers were previously

Baseball Field as Excess approved by the Board. At this time we would like for the Board to declare the old Property: metal frame seating as excess property and be sold by seal bids.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to declare the former metal frame seating at the Toombs Recreation Baseball Field as Excess Property and for seal bids to be taken on the seating. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones explained that there is a vacancy on the Board of Elections, due to the

Appointment of passing of Mr. Donnie Mann. The local government authority is to appoint someone

the Board of Elections: when the position becomes vacant. The name that has given to us to consider is Gene Jones. Mr. Gene Jones is a resident of Lyons and has been recommended to fill the remaining term of Mr. Donnie Mann. Gene is a veteran and has served in the past as a poll worker for the Board of Elections. The Board is asked to consider Mr. Gene Jones to complete the remaining term of Mr. Donnie Mann on the Board of Elections, which expires December 31, 2019

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to appoint Mr. Gene Jones to the Board of Elections for the remaining term, which will expire on December 31, 2019, for Mr. Donnie Mann. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report Manager Jones stated that the County is slightly under budget on the expenses of the

Financial Report: General Fund, as we go into the fourth quarter.

Solid Waste Manager Jones explained that Republic was going to exercised their right, that is

Pickup Increase: defined in their contact, that allows them to go up in their fees for the roll off services, as of January 2018. The increase will be $ 120. per container to $ 122.70 per container. They use the CPI index for solid waste for the increase. They could have asked for a 5.22 % increase but they only asked for a 2.25 % increase.

Other Miscellaneous We are still working on the Budget for next year. We should be able to get some Items: preliminary numbers shortly to department for review.

Standing Committee None

Reports:

Chairman Sikes: Chairman Sikes announced that there were two Commissioners not present tonight. Commissioner Nobles and Commissioner McCormick; both with health related issues; please keep them in your prayers.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Dixon: Commissioner Dixon told Lynn Moore that only because Lynn was not here in the last Commissioner Meeting that he would like to thank him for everything he did during the storm and he just wanted to tell Lynn Thank You personally for what he does for Toombs County.

Commissioner Cason: Commissioner Cason complemented everyone on doing a great job and would like to add a request that everyone pray for the people of Toombs County. We have a lot of people that are sick in our County that need our prayer.

Chairman Sikes : I missed telling the Road Department in the last meeting how proud I was of them and appreciated all of their hard work during the storm. Mr. Bill Mitchell, I truly appreciate what you do for Toombs County.

Adjournment: If there are no other comments, I am requesting a motion for adjournment.

Commission Cason made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM

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