

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called the December 18, 2018 meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Invocation: Commissioner Cason gave the invocation.

Chairman Sikes stated that one of his top four Commissioners that he had served with is removing his hat from the political arena. He has been the Vice-Chairman in the two years that he had served and he would like to honor him by turning over the gavel and allow him to Chair the Meeting.

Vice-Chairman McCormick thanked Mr. Sikes and fellow Commissioners for the opportunity of serving the County as the District Four's Commissioner. He commended the Commission on how well they worked as a team and reflected past meeting at the ACCG Conferences and how blessed we were at the unity of the team. Vice-Chairman McCormick also appreciated all the hard work John Jones has invested in the County of the past six years.

Approve Agenda: Vice-Chairman McCormick asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

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

Approval of Minutes: Vice- Chairman McCormick asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the **November 20, 2018 Board Meeting** Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Development Authority Report:

Michele Johnson started by advising the Commission on an upcoming Ribbon Cutting on December 19, 2018 for the Lyons Environmental Educational Walking Track at Partin Park at 4:00 PM. On January 8th, 2019 at 11:00 AM there will be a Ribbon Cutting for The Haven in Vidalia. The 2019 Legislative Preview Meeting will be held on January 9th at 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM at the Lyons First Baptist Church. There will be a luncheon instead of Breakfast and she hopes everyone will attend the meeting. On January 10th, the Chamber will host the Toombs/Montgomery Youth Leadership Session; it is Professional Development Day. On January 17th, the Adult Leadership Class will participate in the Health and Social Services Session. The Development Authority has had great project activity; two of the projects are with local expansions. There have been four new groups that approached the Chamber December about the spec building. As far as the Industrial Park, Michele did not have an update on the Regional Natural Gas Application. They expect to hear something in the first quarter of next year; however, they have executed the MOU and Lease agreement with Conger LP Gas to provide propane services to the Industrial tenants at Toombs Corporate Center. The bypass project of US 1 compromised our future expansion opportunities concerning the spec building. After meeting with DOT, they agreed to adjust the plans and meeting the second week in January, we should see the revised plans at that time. Their next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 20th at Noon. Their offices will be closed Monday through Wednesday. Vice-Chairman asked Michele if she would speak about the Resolution about expanding membership opportunity with the Government Authority. Michele explained that the Authority has asked the City Council of Vidalia and Lyons and the Commissioners to approve a Resolution that allows them to expand their opportunities for membership. At this time the Authority consist of seven members, four are residents of Vidalia, two are residents of Lyons and one is a resident of the County at large. Resident is defined as

someone that lives in that district. The Authority would like to expand the opportunity to the individuals that may own a business within the city limits but not necessarily reside within the City Limits.

Department Reports: **Drew James**, EMS Director., came forward and stated that there were 572 calls in the month of November and drove 29,147 miles in the fleet. Last Friday Dusty Finley, Jon Braddy and Mr. James drove to Woodberry, Georgia to pick up the new Ambulance. They are more than pleased with the new unit and the ride was very smooth with the liquid spring suspension that was purchased on the unit. Director James actually has the Ambulance on site and stated that anyone that would like to tour the unit, please do so. Mr. James continued to state that during this Commissioner Meeting, he had the honor in promoting the men and women that has proven to serve the community. The Lieutenant positions that were honored and were filled by Archie Robertson, Jon Braddy and Mike Young. They were presented their badges as Mr. James gave a brief description of their careers. Judge Threlkeld along with Caption Glenn Taylor accompanying, reciting their oaths to the position they have been assigned. Next, Mr. James commended the services provided to the individuals that were promoted to a Captains position. Mr. James asked the Active Lieutenant, Dusty Finley and Ashley Williams to step forward. After given a brief description of each employee, Director James asked Judge Threlkeld to recite the oath of Office for both employees. Judge Threlkeld commended Drew James on his leadership as the Director of Toombs / Montgomery County Ambulance Services. After the Captains said their oaths, they were given their respective badges for their Captains' Position with Toombs / Montgomery County Ambulance Services.

Director James presented Commissioner McCormick with a framed picture with the signatures of the staff members of the Ambulance service and a Challenge Coin for his support. Director James thanked Commissioner McCormick for serving on the Public Safety Committee. We appreciate your commitment to our department.

Public Participation: None

Consideration of 2019 Beer and Wine Licenses: Manager Jones stated that there were five Beer and Wine Licenses in the need of approval. Each of these businesses has met the requirements needed to receive next year's renewal. Please vote on the individually.

Frank's Country Club – Vice-Chairman McCormick if there was a motion on Frank's Country Club. Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the renewal Beer and Wine Licenses for Frank's County Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Big Ma's – Dixon Vice-Chairman McCormick if there was a motion on Big Ma's. Commissioner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the renewal Beer and Wine Licenses for Big Ma's. Motion carried unanimously.

Cedar Crossing Grocery – Vice-Chairman McCormick if there was a motion on Cedar Crossing Grocery. Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the renewal Beer and Wine Licenses for Cedar Crossing Grocery. Motion carried unanimously.

Dennis Sport Shop – Vice-Chairman McCormick if there was a motion on Dennis Sport Shop. Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the renewal Beer and Wine Licenses for Dennis Sport Shop. Motion carried unanimously.

Jani's Mart – Vice-Chairman McCormick if there was a motion on Jani's Mart. Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the renewal Beer and Wine Licenses for Jani's Mart. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Resolution Expanding Membership Opportunities on Development Authority Board:	<p>Manager Jones stated that as Michele has already discussed, this Resolution expand the membership opportunities to more citizens and the City of Vidalia and the City of Lyons have already signed this Resolution. We recommend the Board also approve this Resolution.</p> <p>Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Resolution on Expanding Membership Opportunities on the Development Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Presentation of Georgia Forestry Commission Toombs County Annual Report:	<p>Manger Jones stated that in the packet, you have the annual report given by the Forestry Commission that gave a report on fire calls that has been responded to in the county.</p>
Consideration of Approval of Purchase of a Brush Truck for Toombs County Fire Department:	<p>Manager Jones stated one of the brush trucks that the county obtained from the Forestry Department had transmission and motor problems and needed to be replaced. We were fortunate that Onion City Motors located one for us for the amount of \$ 14,250 and will be paid with Fire funds. The truck that has so many problems will be returned to the Forestry Department. We are asking the Board to approve the purchase from Onion City Motor in the amount of \$ 14,250.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the purchase of a brush truck from Onion City Motors in the amount of \$ 14,250 using fire funds for payment. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Emergency Roof Repair – Toombs County Human Resources Building:	<p>Manager Jones stated that two weeks of rain and wind we have experienced, damaged the roof at the Toombs County Human Resources Building. We placed a tarp over the area until the Insurance Company could come and inspect the roof. The insurance company paid but there was depreciation of the roof, the insurance payment will not pay for the entire repair needed. We received a bid from DBM Construction LLC to do the replacement and repair to the roof in the amount of \$ 15,350. The repair will be paid from the Building Maintenance Budget if approved by the Board. This is an emergency repair.</p> <p>Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the bid from DBM Construction LLC in the amount of \$ 15,350 to repair the roof at the Resources Building. Building Maintenance funds will be used to pay for the repair. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Qualifying Fees for 2019 Elections:	<p>Manager Jones stated, as per policy, before the December Board Meeting, the County Manager, Probate Judge and the Election Supervisor would determine for what election that would be held for the coming year and to recommend the qualifying fees for each. There are no elections for the coming year of 2019 that require for qualifying fees to be set. The School System has called for their special purpose tax that is county wide and will be held in March but there are no qualifying fees associated with that election.</p>
Consideration of Approval for Holiday Schedule for 2019:	<p>Manager Jones presented the holiday schedule for the year of 2019. The holidays are the same as last year holidays for the County Employees. We are asking the Board to approve the holiday schedule as presented.</p> <p>Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the following Holidays for the year of 2019: New years Day, 01/01/2019; MLK Day, 01/21/2019; Good Friday, 04/19/2019; Memorial Day, 05/27/2019; July 4th, 07/04/2019; Labor Day, 09/02/2019; Veterans Day 11/11/2019; Thanksgiving, 11/28/2019 and 11/29/2019; Christmas , 01/24/2019 and 12/25/2019. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Approval for Insurance	<p>Manager Jones stated that this is an annual Resolution that is approved by the Board each year. This Resolution designated where the funds will be budgeted</p>

Premium Tax Resolution: and will be expended by the County Governing Authority for the primary benefit of the inhabitants of the unincorporated area of Toombs County as required by the O.C.G.A. Therefore, the Toombs County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify that no insurance premium millage rollback is required for the tax year of 2019. We are asking the Board to approve this Resolution.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Insurance Premium Tax Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report:

Financial Report: Manager Jones stated the expense side that we are going to come under budget by a couple of percent and revenue is going to be slightly above budget.

Miscellaneous: Manager Jones thanked the Road Department for the work that they did during and after the rain that we had a couple weeks ago. He could not remember any other weekend where the roads were washed out as bad as they were.

Manager Jones stated that he and the County's Attorney had met to begin drafting the new Ordinance to prepare for the alcohol referendums that were passed in the last election. We are trying to replicate what the City Ordinances are to be consistent with the cities as much as possible.

Manager Jones wanted to express how proud he was of the EMS staff. He believes we have the best in the state.

Manager Jones remembers that Commissioner McCormick was the contact person when the County was searching for a County Manager and it sure does not seem like it was six years ago. He appreciates what has been accomplished in the last six years.

Chairman Sikes presented Commissioner McCormick a plaque in honor for his years of service, 2011 through 2018 as Commissioner of District 4.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Nobles: Commissioner Nobles wanted to know how much he had appreciated working with him.

Commissioner Cason: Commissioner Cason appreciated Commissioner McCormick for all of the sound advice and the things he has accomplished for the county.

Commissioner Dixon: Commissioner Dixon remembers going to Jeff and Lisa's wedding and he appreciates all the work he had done for the County in the last eight years.

Commissioner McCormick: Commissioner McCormick acknowledged several employees and all the departments that have accomplished so much in the eight years of his Commissioner appointed duties. He appreciates everyone's hard work.

Adjournment: Vice-Chairman McCormick asked if there was a motion for adjournment.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Jeff McCormick, Vice-Chairman

Attest:

Helen Harris, County Clerk