

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** **ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, TOMMY ROLLINS, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.**

**Call to Order:** Vice-Chairman Dixon called the January 15, 2019 meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Cason gave the invocation.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes** Vice-Chairman Dixon asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the  
**January 15, 2019** Regular Board Meeting held on January 15, 2019.

**Regular Board Meeting:**

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2019. Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Development Authority**  
**Report:**

**Michele Johnson** stated the Chambers calendar had a Ribbon-cutting for Cookie Boss Bakery, 202 south Victory Dr., Lyons – Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 4:00 PM. There will be a Chamber Board Meeting on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February at 8:30 AM in the Chamber and Development Authority Boardroom. Toombs-Montgomery Youth Leadership (TMYL) Graduation – Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Workshop 2020 Census will be held on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Middle Georgia Regional Commission, Macon. The Leadership Toombs-Montgomery (LTM) Economic Development Session will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2019. The Development Authority will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon in the Chamber and Development Authority Boardroom. The existing industry luncheon with Trane will be Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the Chamber and Development Authority Boardroom. On Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> the Opportunity Zone Seminar will be held at the Albany Technical College. Georgia Housing Conversation will be held Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Georgia Aquarium, Atlanta. Save the date for the Community visit to Port of Savannah on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Infrastructure Updates are as followed, The Authority received confirmation the Universal Service Fund (USF) docket was approved by the Public Service Commission (PSC) on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and includes approximately \$ 4.7 million for our regional natural gas infrastructure improvement project. Paul Teague, Atlanta Light Gas (AGL), will be asked to provide an update at the next regular monthly meeting. The Authority continues to negotiate with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) regarding the U.S. Highway 1Bypass Project at the Toombs Corporate Spec Building site. GDOT seems agreeable to helping protect the integrity of the Community's investment in the building and site via design changes.

**Department Reports:**

**J. James**, EMS Director, for the month of January there were 612 calls for service and 28,446 miles placed on the fleet of our ambulances. On March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a 16 hour training course, Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC). This training course prepares our staff to handle a massive casualty or an active shooter. This program is offered to only 24 students in the state of Georgia and we were fortunate to get six of our staff members enrolled into the training. The training will be funded by a grant that we received from EMS Association in the amount of \$ 8,000. This money comes for the super speeder fines and we are excited to have six of our members to be a part of this class. We extend special thanks with the partnership with Southeastern Tech and our department that will host this training class.

**Public Participation:** None

<b>Consideration of the Approval of the Following Beer &amp; Wine Licenses:</b>	<p>Manager Jones stated that there were two re-newals for Beer &amp; Wine License; Benton Lee's Steakhouse and Pop's General Store. There is one new Beer &amp; Wine Application that has been applied for John's # 2. All three applications have complied with the Beer &amp; Wine Ordinance and we recommend that the license be approved. Manager Jones asked for the commissioners to vote on them individually.</p>
<b>Benton Lee's Steakhouse -</b>	<p>Vice-Chairman Dixon asked if there was a motion on Benton Lee's Steakhouse. Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the renewal Beer and Wine Licenses for Benton Lee's Steakhouse. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<b>Pop's General Store -</b>	<p>Vice-Chairman Dixon asked if there was a motion on Pop's General Store.</p> <p>Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the renewal Beer and Wine Licenses for Pop's General Store. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<b>John's # 2 – NEW LICENSE –</b>	<p>Vice-Chairman Dixon asked if there was a motion to approve the new license for John's # 2.</p> <p>Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the new license for Beer and Wine Licenses for John's # 2 located in the Center Community. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<b>Consideration of Resolution to Apply for FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):</b>	<p>Manager Jones requested the Commissioners to approve the Resolution for the road improvements at Emanuel Circle, Lyons, GA, Victoria Circle and Lake Drive North of Vidalia. We are asking the Commissioners to approve the Chairman to sign the Resolution for the CDBG grant.</p> <p>Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve Chairman Sikes to sign the Resolution to Apply for FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<b>Consideration of Appointment of Engineer for FY 2019 Community Block Grant (CDBG):</b>	<p>Manager Jones stated that in the packets there was a list of engineer's who applied and all scored well. We are recommending that the Board approve Hofstadter &amp; Associates as the engineer for the FY 2019 CDBG.</p> <p>Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to appoint Hofstadter &amp; Associates as the engineer for the FY 2019 CDBG Grant. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<b>Consideration of Proposal from Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission for Preparation of Toombs County Joint Comprehensive Plan and Service Delivery Strategy Update:</b>	<p>Manager Jones stated the letter from HOGARC with their proposal in the amount of \$ 16,000 for the preparation of the Toombs County Joint Comprehensive Plan and Service Delivery Strategy Update. The Service Delivery Strategy Update and Joint Comprehensive Plan is due October of 2019 and is required by the Department of Community of Public Affairs. We have already had one public meeting on this issue and there will be several more to come. The cities and the county have agreed to split the \$ 16,000 bill by the population of each of the cities and county. We asked that the board approve this from the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission.</p> <p>Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the proposal from the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission for the preparation of Toombs County Joint Comprehensive Plan and Service Delivery Strategy Update that is due October of 2019. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<b>Consideration of Proposal from Solid Waste Plan Update:</b>	<p>Manager Jones stated that a proposal had been presented by Nick Overstreet, Vidalia City Manager, to prepare the Solid Waste Plan Update. In the past the HOGARC prepaid the update in the amount of \$ 10,000. Mr. Overstreet worked with the Regional Commission and will be able to prepare the update and by</p>

doing so, Mr. Overstreet, will save the county \$ 725.00 and the city of Lyons will save \$ 591. If the board approves the proposal, we will outline the duties and responsibilities including any correction at a future date, if necessary.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the proposal from the Solid Waste Plan Update. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Re-Appointment of John Raymond Turner and Appointing Darriel Nobles to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging:**

Manager Jones stated that a letter was received from HOGARC requesting the re-appointment of John Raymond Turner and to appoint someone to fulfill Gail Widner's, place since she had resigned from the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging Board. We would like for the board to appoint Darriel Nobles to the open position on the board and re-appoint John Raymond Turner. We ask that the board vote individually.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to re-appoint John Raymond Turner and appoint Darriel Nobles to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Appointment of Barry Dotson to the Ochoopee Regional Library:**

Manager Jones stated that Melanie Parker was one of our representatives that was on the Ochoopee Regional Library. She resigned in November of 2018. Barry Dotson has agreed to serve on this board and we recommend to the board to appoint Barry Dotson to the Ochoopee Regional Library Board.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to appoint Barry Dotson to the Ochoopee Regional Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Re-Appointment to Board of Elections:**

Manager Jones asked the board to re-appoint the following members to the Board of Elections, Hoyt S. Pittman, Ann Powell, Kathy Milligan and Troy Reddick and to approve Chairman Sikes to sign the Resolutions.

**Hoyt S. Pittman, Ann Powell and Kathy Milligan:**

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to re-appoint Hoyt S. Pittman, Ann Powell, Kathy Milligan and Troy Reddick to the Board of Elections Board and to approve Chairman Sikes to sign the Resolution. Their term will be from January 01, 2019 to December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval of Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Project Agreement for**

Manager Jones stated Georgia Department of Transportation Band III contract will start at the first of next year. GDOT asked if we would be able to deliver two of the three projects and let them in October of this year. The three projects are resurfacing Lyons Center Road from Vidalia Cedar Crossing Road to the County Line. Widening and resurfacing Five Points Road and the last is New Normantown Road from Emanuel County line to Normantown. We are asking the board to allow Chairman Sikes to sign this contract with GDOT.

**Band III Projects:**

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Project Agreement for Band III Projects and allow Chairman Sikes to sign the Contract with GDOT. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Department of Transportation Offer to Purchase Right of Way on US # 1:**

Manager Jones stated GDOT has made an offer of \$ 14,600 to purchase 5.367 acres from the County for the widening of US #1. The property is a part of the Recreational Department Facility and is not currently used nor is it anticipated to ever be used. We recommend the board to accept this offer from GDOT for 5.367 acres in the amount of \$ 14,600.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to accept the Georgia Department of Transportation Offer to Purchase Right of Way on US #1 located at the Toombs Central Recreational Department in the amount of \$ 14,600. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation of Draft of Proposed Alcohol Ordinance:** Manager Jones stated that this was the first draft of the revision of our Alcohol Ordinance to comply with the Referendums that was passed last year. This has to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup> and this is just a draft and there is no vote needed at this time. The County's Attorney has worked on this trying to blend of the City of Lyons and the City of Vidalia's ordinance with ours. We are trying to be consistent with their Ordinance.

**Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment for 2018:** Manager Jones asked to board to approve the budget amendments for 2018. This will adjust the overage and under budget for some of the departments. This will get the financial reports ready for the Auditors that will be here March 4<sup>th</sup>. We are asking the board to approve this amendment.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approval the budget amendment for 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report:**  
**Financial Report:**

Manager Jones stated the LOST was down by 8 percent from this time last year. This is the first month that should be reflecting sales tax collections on internet sales.

**Miscellaneous:**

GDOT will be here tomorrow to discuss the timelines for Transportation Plan and will hold Public Hearing to hear from the public on what potential transportation we need for Toombs County.

On Thursday we will be meeting Mr. Starling, ISO fire consultant, in Rochelle, GA.

Our Auditors will be here March 4<sup>th</sup> to start their audit on the year 2018.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Cason:** I thank everyone that thought of me while I was under the weather. Thank you very much.

**Commissioner Rollins:** Thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

**Adjournment:** Vice-Chairman Dixon asked if there was a motion for adjournment for the Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

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**Wendell Dixon, Vice-Chairman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Helen Harris, County Clerk**