TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A

April 01, 2020 8:30 AM

**CALLED BOARD MEETING**

### **PRESENT: DAVID SIKES, ALFRED CASON, DARRIEL NOBLES, TOMMY ROLLINS, BLAKE TILLERY, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.**

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Sikes called the April 01, 2020 meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

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

Chairman Sikes stated that he would like the Agenda to be amended to add an executive session and move the Consideration of Approval of Right of Way Acquisition on Bud Clifton Road to after the adjournment of the executive meeting.

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

Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to accept the Amended Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sikes took a minute to explain that Commissioner Dixon was not able to come today, his brother is very sick in the hospital as far as we know and he has asked for prayer. So please take a moment to pray for Wendell’s Brother as well as Wendell’s Family.

**Consideration of** Manager Jones ask for County Attorney Tillery to explain the SPLOST Resolution. **Approval of SPLOST**  Attorney Tillery explained the Presidential Primary and our SPLOST Referendum **Resolution for**  was originally scheduled for May 24th, the Secretary of State moved that date **to May 19, 2020 Election:** to May 19th, this Resolution is to follow the Georgia Code and formally move the date of our SPLOST election date to May 19, 2020.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Nobles to approve the SPLOST Resolution for May 19, 2020 Election. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** Manager Jones turned this over to County Attorney Tillery to explain the

**Resolution Waiving** Resolution that is being presented on the waiving Penalties for Filing Personal **Penalties for Filing** Property Returns due to declared State of Health Emergency. County Attorney **Personal Property**  Tillery explained that two items that were due on April 1st which are Personal **Returns Late due to**  Property and Mobil Homes. The Toombs County Board of Assessors met **Declared State** yesterday morning and has formally requested that you move the assessment of **Health Emergency:** Personal Property penalties and interest to May 15, 2020; this is not moving when it is due, but to wave the penalties and interest. This Resolution will be waving the penalties and interest until May 15, 2020 on the Personal Property filing. Tax Commissioners Brenda Williams has asked the same to be done for the mobile homes due to the fact some will not be able to pay or they don’t feel safe coming to the Courthouse to pay. This Resolution will waive penalties and interest on both personal property and mobile homes if approved.

Chairman Sikes asked for a motion.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Resolution to waive the penalties and interest on Personal Property and Mobile Home filing until May 15, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** Manager Jones deferred this discussion to County Attorney Tillery. Attorney **Agreement for the** Tillery explained that Toombs County and a private development group was **Construction of**  awarded a contract to build a new Toombs County DFCS building. The way the **DFCS Building:** state builds Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) building now is they don’t have time to build nor do they ask the county to build; instead they contract with private development to build. A private development was awarded to build a new Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) building in Toombs County with a twenty year lease. The Sun Group was contracted to build in our county. The Sun Group asked for a Tax exempt bond and they were directed to the Development Authority. The snag in that is the landlord group that was intended to be the landlord cannot be the same as the developer. The Chamber does not feel that this fits into their mission; but could potentially fit into the County Commission mission because this is health care and quality of life issue. We have been asked if the County would be the landlord. How this would work is to set up a non-profit where the Commissioners would be the members of it. The state would pay the lease to the county and the county would pay the development group. Because this is a hand-off from the State to the Developer Group and at this time there is not an agreement prepared to state this.

This issue was tabled.

Chairman Sikes asked for motion to go into an Executive Session after a five minute recess, to discuss Legal and Real Estate.

Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to go into an Executive Meeting after a five minute recess to discuss Legal and Real Estate. Motion carried unanimously.

**Call to Order -** Chairman Sikes called the April 01, 2020 Executive Meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**Executive Meeting:**

**Adjournment:** After the Executive Meeting was completed, Chairman Sikes asked if there was a motion for adjournment for the Executive Board Meeting.

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

**Consideration of** Manager Jones stated the Right-of-Way on Bud Clifton Road required a Right-of-**Approval of Right-of-** Way Deed for Generation Land Georgia LLC to agree to purchase 10.739 in the  **Way Acquisition on**  amount of $ 15,000. Additionally there is an irrigation easement agreement; **Bud Clifton Road:** there is an existing irrigation pipe that would need to be installed during the expansion and paving of Bud Clifton Road. The expense of placing the irrigation pipe would be paid by the County.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Nobles to approve the Right-of-Way purchase from General Land Georgia LLC and to relocate the irrigation pipe during the expansion of Bud Clifton Road. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 AM.

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David Sikes, Chairman Helen Harris, County Clerk

**WORK SESSION**

**Work Session-Ten (10)** The work session discussed the following:

**Minutes after**

**Adjournment of** There has been discussion on the diversion for taking patients to other facilities.

**Regular Meeting:**

Our updates about COVID-19 are being posted on our website and reported to Southeast Georgia Today for broadcast.

CDC has two updates daily on the web; one is around 12 noon and the other is around 7:00 PM. This reports the amount of the population that has been tested as well as how many are showing positive for COVID-19 and number of deaths.

This Friday will be the dead-line on submitting the RFQ/RFP for the expansion of the Jail and the new Courthouse.

There were eleven RFQ responses for the EMS/EMA building renovation and additional bays for the old annex building that will house EMS and EMA. The Commission needs to review the Companies that show interest and choose a few to interview.

We are still looking for lands to build a waste convenient site to replace the Petross sight that is presently not manned.

A draft needs to be created for what the county expects for the building being built on Bulldog Road and then we can advertise for bids.