

**TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

**LARGE COURTROOM**

**NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

**5:30 PM**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT: MICHAEL BLAKE TILLERY, DENNIS DARRIEL NOBLES, ROY LEE WILLIAMS, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, HOWARD KAUFOLD, JOHN M. JONES AND BELINDA WHIRLEY**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Tillery called the meeting to order.

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

**Approve Agenda:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the

**October 21, 2014** minutes of October 21, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Employee Recognition:** None.

**Public Participation:** None.

**Development Authority Report:** Bill Mitchell, Executive Director of the Development Authority gave an update on events of the Development Authority as well as the Chamber of Commerce. The Development Authority will hold their monthly meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at noon. The Spec Building should be complete by the end of November and several companies have shown an interest.

The Vidalia High School will host a Robotics Program Demonstration for local economic development professionals including representatives of the Toombs County Development Authority, Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, Toombs County Board of Commissioners, Lyons & Vidalia City Council, Southeastern Technical College, Georgia Department of Labor, and Georgia Department of Economic Development.

In conclusion, Mr. Mitchell informed the Commission of the Chamber Connection to be held on November 13, 2014 from 5:15pm to 7:00pm.

**Department Reports:** Barry Brown, Director of E-911 appeared before the Commission to inform them that the upgrade on the E-911 computer system has been completed and the new system came online 11:00 this Tuesday morning. The Commission thanked Barry for a job well done.

**Presentation of Petition to close a section of Adams Hammock Road:** County Manager, John Jones presented the Commission with a petition to close a section of Adams Hammock Road. He said "The next step will be to get impact statements from the County Board of Education Bus Route Coordinator, the Toombs County Road Department Supervisor, the County Ambulance Director and the County Code Enforcement Officer. Following a determination of the Commission that the road serves no substantial public purpose; land owners will be notified, signs will be placed on the effected roadway notifying the public of the potential closing and it will be advertised for two weeks in the legal organ. A public hearing will be held for final vote and declaration that the road shall be abandoned."

**Presentation of Petition to close a section of Bud Jordan Road:** Mr. Jones also presented the Commission with a petition to close a section of Bud Jordan Road which will follow the County Guidelines as presented above to close a County Road.

**Consideration of Beer & Wine Application:**

- Benton Lee's – 2014
- Dennis Sport Shop – 2015
- Pop's General Store – 2015

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve all three applications. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote with Commissioner Williams abstaining.

**Consideration of Bid** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to

**Award Recommendation for paving a section of** approve the lowest bid of McLendon Enterprises, Inc. with a price of \$278,276.25 for paving a section of Glynn James Road. Motion carried unanimously. This is our 2014-2015 LMIG Projects.

**Consideration of Approval Management Services Inc.:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the contract with Utility Management Services, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval of Technical Service Support Agreement on 4 LifePak Machines:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Technical Support Agreement on 4 LifePak Machines to be paid from EMS Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval To Purchase Radios:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the purchase of radios for Cedar Crossing and Marvin Yancey Fire Departments to be paid from SPLOST Funds at a cost of \$10,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval of Recommendation of Appointment to Board of Assessors:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to appoint Kendall Brantley to fill the unexpired term of Edwin "Sonny" Odum, which will expire at the end of 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to re-appoint Gary Tapley for a six year term to begin January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Appointment of Mr. Wayne Smith to Toombs County Board of Family and Children Services** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to appoint Mr. S. Wayne Smith to the Toombs County Department of Family and Childrens Services for a term that began on July 1, 2013- June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Appointment of Mrs. Marianne McMillan to Toombs County Board of Family and Children Services:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to appoint Mrs. Marianne McMillan to the Toombs County Family and Children Services for a term beginning July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Support Letter for the Sunshine House:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the letter of support for the Sunshine House. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution on** Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the **Expenditures of Insurance** Resolution on

Expenditures of Insurance Premium Tax Proceeds. Motion carried **Premium Tax Proceeds:** unanimously. The expenditures are as follows:

Fire Protection	104,840
Trash Collection	434,152
Animal Control	71,519
Code Enforcement	41,164

Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report Financial Report:** County Manager Jones gave a Financial Report for the month ending October 31, 2014. Budget is running on schedule and LOST collections are up.

**EMS Report:** Manager Jones informed the Commission that there were 453 calls last month. Also, the EMS is going to be conducting a Self Assessment to identify strengths and weaknesses in the program.

**Animal – Rescue Agreement on Public Property:** Jones informed all that the Legal Council is currently working on this and it should be ready at a later time.

**Up-Date Budget Preparations:** All departments have been given budget request and most of those have been turned in.

Jones also gave a list of buildings and the improvements to be made. There needs to be a vote on the \$25,000.00 for the courthouse improvements.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the additional building improvement expense of \$25,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Altamaha Regional Commission Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Miscellaneous Items:** Jones told the Commission that the walk through for the Mercy Clinic was held this morning. The City of Lyons has already issued a letter of occupancy so following the punch out they should be able to move in. They are looking at having an Open House around the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to give employees longevity bonuses the same as last year. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Appointments To the Hospital Authority:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the following appointments to the Hospital Authority for a three year term beginning January 1, 2015- December 31, 2017:

1. Reid McArthur – Vidalia
2. Willis NeSmith – Lyons
3. Larry Threlkeld – Vidalia

Motion carried unanimously.

**Standing Committee Reports:** Commissioner Dixon thanked the Road Department for the work they have done for the Chamber of Commerce and the Development Authority.

**Commissioners Comments:** Commissioner Nobles said that the Landfill is coming along good. Commissioner Nobles and Mr. Tommy Thompson have been at the SWANA Meeting this week in Augusta. They still would like to visit the landfill in Hampton County which is making methane gas to run all their equipment. Also, Commissioner Nobles reminded everyone of the 9<sup>th</sup> District Meeting to be held at the Lyons Depot on November 19, 2014 from 10:00AM- Noon. Lunch will be served. Commissioner Dixon also wanted to thank Barry for the great job he has done with the new E 9-1-1 system.

Chairman Tillery also thanked Mr. Barry Brown for a job well done. He spoke at the Kiwanis Meeting this morning and tried to update them on everything that is going on in the county. He also wanted to remind everyone that this Commission has approved to pave the first county road in nine years.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to go into recess and come back to an executive session to discuss potential litigation and personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to go into executive session.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to end executive session and return to regular session.

Following the executive session Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the revision of the County Manager's Contract.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to allow the attorney to answer the law suit on behalf of the Commission and the Tax Commissioner.

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Dixon made motion seconded by Commissioner Nobles to adjourn at 8:00PM. Motion carried unanimously

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**Michael Blake Tillery,**  
**Chairman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Belinda R. Whirley, County Clerk**