

TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COURTROOM A

June 16, 2015

5:30 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- PRESENT:** **BLAKE TILLERY, JEFF MCCORMICK, ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DENNIS DARRIEL NOBLES, HOWARD KAUFOLD, JOHN M. JONES, HELEN HARRIS, AND GAIL WIDNER**
- Call to Order:** Chairman Tillery called the June meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
- Invocation:** Chairman Tillery asked everyone to please stand and give a moment of silences in the remembrance of the Sheriff of Montgomery County, Sheriff Ladson O'Conner who lost his life in the pursuit of a fleeing suspect. Vice-Chairman Jeff McCormick gave the invocation.
- Following the invocation, Chairman Tillery gave details of the visitation and funeral arrangements for Sheriff O'Conner.
- Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda: Vice-Chairman McCormick amended the agenda, stating that the consideration of Declaring Center Voting Precinct Excess Property and approval of Quitclaim deed to Center Baptist Church, should be addressed as United Methodist Church instead of Center Baptist Church. So recorded.
- Commissioner McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to accept the agenda as presented with the above corrections. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes**
May 19, 2015: Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.
- Employee of the Month:** The Employee of the month is Jonas Blakewell, one of our volunteer Firemen. Jonas was awarded a 50.00 dollar gift certificate to any local restaurant of his choice. He chose Super Buffet in Vidalia.
- Public Participation:** None.
- Development Authority**
Department Reports: Bill Mitchell reports that the Spec Building is finished this month and the punch list has been completed. Last Wednesday there were two requests by consultants working on the behalf of Projects Lion King and Kettle and Michelle got the needed information together by Friday at

Noon. We also sent some commercial information to Big Box operation about what we have to offer as a community. For the past couple of months we have discussed Waste Management and we are waiting on test results to see if this will be a profitable venture. We have two marketing trips coming up for possible prospects. Our board meeting will be held this Thursday at Noon.

Department Reports:	None
Presentation of 2014 Audit by Mauldin & Jenkins:	David Irwin, Chief Auditor gave an overview of the 2014 Audit. He stated that the audit went extremely well. Manager Jones and his staff do a great job throughout the year addressing issues as they arise. Mr. Irwin encouraged the commissioners to read the MDA (Management Discussion and Analysis report) on page four.
Presentation of Pavement Management System by Hofstadter & Associates:	Our engineering firm will give a brief presentation of a proposal in the workshop tonight. Chairman Tillery tabled this issue until the workshop later tonight.
Consideration of Approval to Purchase of a Motor Grader for Public Works:	Manager Jones stated that there are two bids in your packet. He recommended that we purchase the Caterpillar 12M3 Motor Grader from Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$230,216.00 to be paid from SPLOST Funds. Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to purchase the motor grader. Motion carried unanimously.
Consideration of Approval to Purchase New Ambulance for Toombs-Montgomery County EMS:	Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to purchase one (1) 2015 Type I EXCALIBUR '149' SERIES Ambulance, built on a 2016 Chevrolet HD3500 V (4X2), DRW, Diesel Chassis, from Custom Truck and Body Works, Inc., in the amount of \$ 131,194 dollars. The funds will be taken from the SPLOST account. Motion carried unanimously.
Consideration of Approval of Bids on Scott Drive:	This will be to apply a triple surface treatment to Scott Drive which is a half of a mile dirt road north of Vidalia. Manager Jones would like for the board to extend the bid acceptance until next Wednesday, June 24 th at 5:00 P.M. Basically we did not receive any bids due to health problems within their company.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to extend the bid acceptance until June 24th, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Approval of Road
Repair Work:**

Manager Jones states there is some work needed on Dixon Lake Road, Lent Stephens Road and Cadillac Drive. Due to the extensive cost, our financial policy requires us to do certain types of bidding. After talking with legal counsel, it has been determined that we need to do public advertising for these bids, so my suggestion is to table this consideration.

This Consideration was tabled.

**Consideration of
Approval of Proposal
by Moses Grass Company
For grassing on Landfill:**

Manager Jones states the grassing done by Moses Grass Company on the landfill was necessary to prepare for the EPD Audit that occurred last week. The Audit went very well and they were pleased overall. He asked for the Board to approve the invoice in the amount of \$15,500, to be paid to Moses Grass Company out of the Landfill funds.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to pay the invoice to Moses Grass Company out of the Landfill funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Approval for Bulldozer
Repair at Borrow Pit:**

Manager Jones states that the undercarriage on the bulldozer at the Borrow Pit needs to be replaced. Cat has quoted No. 40883-1 in the amount of \$ 8,073.14 to do these necessary repairs. The funds would be taken from T-SPLOST funds.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the repair of the undercarriage on the bulldozer, with the funds being taken from the T-SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Declaring Center Voting
Precinct Excess Property
and approval of Quitclaim
Deed to United Methodist**

Manager Jones said with the different voting precincts being closed we are reviewing how we may dispose of them. He asked the board, that if the adjacent owners do not object to it, for us to issue a Quitclaim deed to the church for this property.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to issue a Quitclaim deed to Center United Methodist Church for this property, if there is no objection from the adjacent owners. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Approval of Liability
Insurance Policy:**

Manager Jones: The next item is the Liability insurance premium cost for the upcoming year. This proposal is in the amount of \$ 174,180.00 dollars of that amount, \$ 30,028.00 is for Fire insurance coverage. This proposed amount is 14,000 dollars under budget. He asked the board to approve purchasing this insurance at this price from Bishop Durden Insurance.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the purchase of Liability Insurance from Bishop Durden Insurance Company in the amount of \$ 174,180.00 dollars and will be paid out of the general funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation of
Proposed Ordinance
Policy:**

Manager Jones presented the first draft of the ordinance policy, According to Chairman Tillery we have no policy to adopt an ordinance. Such a policy would allow for proper vetting of proposed ordinances and allow proper time to seek public input before the adoption of a county law. Vice Chairman McCormick suggested that two board members form a committee as a team to propose a process on how an ordinance should be handled.

Vice-Chairman McCormick offered to be one member of this committee and Chairman Tillery said he would be the other. This committee will submit a final proposal in the July meeting.

This issue was tabled.

**County Manager Report:
Financial Report:**

County Manager John Jones gave the financial report for the Month ending May 31, 2015.

EMS Report:

EMS had 598 calls in the month of May, 74 in Montgomery and 524 in Toombs County, with a total of 16,935 miles in May. Total Gross Revenue was \$182,000 for the month.

**LOST
Collections:**

Local Option Sales Tax collection was down by 5.7 % from May of 2014, Year to date, we are at a 1.2% increase from the prior year.

**Bid Date for
Ezra Taylor Project:**

Manager Jones stated he would like to set a bid date for acceptance on the Ezra Taylor project. Our engineers suggested a bid date of August 18, 2015 at 11 AM. Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the opening seal

bids for Ezra Taylor project on August 18, 2015 at 11:00 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

T-SPLOST

Band one and Two:

Band one will end soon (12-31-15). The bands were divided into three bands with a certain number of years in each band. January 1st begins Band two. The Department of Transportation is ready to start taking applications on Jan. 1st, but we have to have the designs before the applications can be accepted. I would like to give the engineers permission to begin those designs in August of this year. The roads are Donald Anderson, Mt. Moriah, Providence, and Marvin Church Road.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to move forward on the road project slated for 2016 (Band Two) for the purpose of fast tracking, after receiving permission from Georgia Department of Transportation. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner

Comments:

Commission Nobles: I appreciate all County Employees, please be careful in this heat, try to stay cool and drink plenty of water.

Chairman Tillery asked for everyone to keep Montgomery County in your thoughts and prayers, also a Hugh Thank you to Sheriff Kight, he has been over in Montgomery County most of the time and supplied resources as needed. He is truly a community servant.

Adjournment:

Chairman Tillery stated if there is no other business I would like to ask for a motion for adjournment, we will reconvene in about ten minutes for the workshop session. Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn ad reconvene in ten minutes for the workshop. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Blake Tillery, Chairman

Attest:

Helen Harris, County Clerk

**Work Shop
Pavement Management
10 Minutes after the Adjournment**

Hofstadter & Associates

Pavement Preservation – A.T. & T. and Electrical must move their Utilities. There are three steps in Pavement Management.

**Chad Hofstadter:
Step One:**

There is Data Collection - grading your roads and inserting it into software, utilizing the preservation and maintenance. Data collection can be simple or complex. You can go through and do it quickly or go into more detail but roads change from year to year and maintenance needs to be continues because of the changes. It should be graded every three to five years. If you utilize pavement management software this goes into more detail.

Step Two:

Preservation Maintenance - Extend you pavement life. Instead of just putting down and waiting fifteen years then you go into complete reconstruction of the road. Studies have been done and you could potentially save seven to ten dollars per square yard in future spending by spending one dollar today to preserve your roads. There are many way to maintain your roads, it can range from Crack seals, surface treatments, to overlays and it is Hofstadter's jobs to determine which is the best treatment for that.

Step Three:

Asphalt Recycling. There are three processes. Hot in Place Recycling (HIR), Cold in Place Recycling (CIR) and Full Depth Reclamation (FDR). The full depth reclamation is the only one that goes down into your base; the other two are just asphalt.

(HIR)

Taking up the asphalt and heating up to 300 degrees and processing it where it can be put into augurs, rejuvenate it where it comes out of the back of the machine and apply it back to the road surface. This goes about two and a half inches deep.

(CIR) The Cold in Place process goes about one and a half inches deep verses the Hot in Place with two and a half inch deep.

(FDR) This gets the asphalt and rocks below the asphalt. It is optional but in some cases, a thin layer of concrete is applied before the reclaimed asphalt and rock is placed back down.

The Miller Group out of Metro Atlanta has this type of equipment. You need ten thousand square yards, which is a little less than a mile to make it cost effective. Cold in Place is about ten dollars a square yard.

The recycling process is about 20,000 to 30,000 dollars per mile on your residential roads. By rating your roads, we take pictures; we drill, and core to see exactly what type of road surface you have. Then give you our professional view on how to approach your pavement management.

Adjournment: Chairman Tillery asked for a motion to adjourn if there are no other questions. Chairman Tillery made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dixon. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Blake Tillery, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk