TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A

August 16, 2016 5:30 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### PRESENT: BLAKE TILLERY, JEFF McCORMICK, ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, HOWARD KAUFOLD, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Tillery called the August meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Chairman Tillery asked Commissioner Cason to give the invocation.

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

**Approve Agenda:** Chairman Tillery asked for an approval of the July 19, 2016 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Minutes of the July 19, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Participation:** Chairman Tillery announced that the board had a special employee recognition, Willie C. Haynes, Sr., our Chief Tax Appraiser, that has been fighting pancreatic cancer for the past two years. In addition Lt. Elliott Coursey was recognized as he had been through a similar experience with cancer and that it was certainly a pleasure to have him present. He thanked Lt. Coursey for what he does and what it means to our county and our citizen, and then gave him a round of applause. Chairman Tillery read the resolution in honor of Willie C. Haynes, Sr., he then asked the Board to make a motion to adopt this resolution.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to adopt the resolution as read. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Participation:** NONE

**Development Authority** Mrs. Michelle Johnson announced that Mr. Bill Mitchell was on vacation. She **Report:** announced that the candidates have been chosen for the 2016-2017 class. The sixteen names are listed on the Chamber website and Facebook page; first session begins this month.

Chamber Connection, Business After Hour Event: Paul Thigpen Chevrolet – Tuesday, August 23rd from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Location will be held at Paul Thigpen Chevrolet at 202 West First Street, Vidalia; catered by Cal Berry from Berry’s Floral and Catering, sponsored by Paul Thigpen Chevrolet, People’s Bank, Serenity Hospice and Servpro of Dublin, Vidalia, & Claxton.

Business Expo- Save the date: Thursday, September 15, 2016 at Hawk’s Point from 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Deadline to turn in registration form is Friday, August 19th. There are still spots available. Register Today!! Registration form is on the Chambers Website. The Development will meet Thursday at noon.

D**epartment Reports:** NONE

**Presentation of the** David Irwin, Audit Manager for Maulding & Jenkins, gave a brief description of

**2015 Audit by Maulding** the Audit for the year of 2015. Overall it was a good Audit. Mr. Irwin thanked

**& Jenkins:** Mr. Jones and his staff for a job well done.

**Consideration of Approval** Manager Jones stated that the next item on the agenda was the Trespass Notice **of Trespass Notice to be** to be issued by Sheriff Alvie “Junior” Kight for the courthouse. In your packet **Issued by Sheriff Alvie** there is a copy of the Trespass Notice. This Notice will be issued to the

**“Junior” Kight for the** individuals who have exhibited threatening behavior that may have to

**Courthouse:** enter the courthouse for business purposes. This gives the sheriff the right to and instructs the individual on proper notice before entering the property. Manager Jones asked the board to grant Sheriff Alvie “Junior” Kight the authority to issue the Courthouse Trespass Notices.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to give Sheriff Alvie “Junior” Kight the authority to issue the Trespass Notice as needed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** Manager Jones announced that the County had received a check in the amount **Acceptance of Workers** of $ 42,735. as a one-time dividend distribution from the ACCG Workers

**Compensation Dividend:** Compensation Division. We will be publishing this announcement in the paper next week.

**Consideration of Approval** Manager Jones stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the

**of the purchase of 17** the purchase of seventeen bullet resistant body armor vest and 24 external

**Bullet Resistant Body** carriers, using the Workers Compensation Dividend refund that was received.

**Armor Vest and 24** Therewere three bids but the one that they would like to accept is from GT

**External Carriers** Distributors, Inc. in the amount of $ 13,975. and use the proceeds from the

**using Workmen** workmen’s compensation group dividends refunds check to pay for this

**Compensation Group** order.

**Dividend Fund:**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Cason for the approval of the purchase of seventeen bullet resistant body armor vest and twenty external carriers, in the amount of $ 13,975. using proceeds from workmen compensation group dividend refund. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** Manager Jones stated the next item on the agenda was the consideration of the

**addendum DNR/** addendum to the DNR / Contractors Contract for the final parking lot at Grays

**Contractor Contract** Landing in the amount of $ 39,000 and will be paid out of SPLOST funds if

**for final parking** approved.

**lot at Grey’s Landing:**

Vice Chairman McCormick made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Cason for the approval of the addendum in the amount of $39,000. to finish the parking lot at Grey’s Landing; to be paid out SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** Manager Jones stated the next item on the agenda was the consideration of

**Approval of LG Herndon** approval of LG Herndon Farms, Inc. For a Toombs County revolving loan. In

**Farms, Inc for a Toombs** the packet you will find the information plus the recommendation from the **County Revolving Loan:** Toombs County Development Authority to approve this loan. This is a renewal of an existing loan that was previously given to them for Robo Foods. They have reorganized their operation and it will be exclusively LG Herndon’s Farms and the $300,000 will be added to the existing loan.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion and seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick for the approval of LG Herndon Farms, Inc. for a Toombs County Revolving Loan in the amount of $ 300,000. from the Development Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report:**

**Financial Report:** Manager Jones stated that through the month of July we are in good shape budget and expense wise. Local options sales tax collection is up for the third month straight; year-to- date we are still down two and a half percent.

**EMS Report:** Manager Jones stated that in July EMS had 642 calls and approximately 29,000 miles driven. Year-to-date: 178,000 miles and 4300 calls. In a few months the board will be asked to review and approve the bids for a new ambulance.

**Other miscellaneous Items:** On Monday, August the 15th, Roads and Bridges had one of their motor grader engines failed. The invoice to replace this motor is in your packet. The roads department and Manager Jones recommended that the commissioners approve Tractor Equipment Company to do the repair work in the amount of $16,280 which will be paid out of the SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Cason made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the invoice from Tractor Equipment Company in the amount of $16,280.; to repair the motor grader’s motor and the invoice should be paid from SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Another invoice is from Broadtech Solutions. This is for an upgrade on the file server in the Commissioner’s Office. The server has to be upgraded before the necessary upgrades to the accounting software can be completed. The quote is in the amount of $8,798. and if approved, will be paid from the SPLOST funds.

## Vice-Chairman Mccormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve $ 8,798. to Broadtech Solution for the upgrade of the file server in the Commissioner’s Office. The invoice will be paid from the SPLOSTS funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Jones added that next month the Commissioners should have an updated report from the Land Use Committee on the progress they have made in the last year.

**Standing Committee:** None

**Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Cason:** Thanked Manager John Jones and Chairman Blake Tillery for helping with resolving the issue that occurred on Scotts Road.

**Commissioner Dixon:** Thanked Manager John Jones and his staff for the good report received for the auditor. Thanks for a job well done. Ezra Taylor Road is looking good.

**Commissioner Nobles:** Commissioner Nobles was out of town and was not present at this meeting.

**Vice-Chairman McCormick:** Reconfirm what the auditor stated and appreciated the good report given by the audit. He also commended Roads and Bridges on a fine job of keeping the roads in shape.

**Chairman Tillery:** Thanked Jerry and his crew for what they do. Elliott and all the others, we really appreciate what you do and to the tax commission, we will have the tax digest to you soon. Please keep Willie and his family in your prayers.

We will be meeting with the Public Safety Commission on Monday to discuss gas lines. Thank you John for a good clean audit report.

**Executive Session:** There was not a motion to go into Executive Session.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Tillery asked for a motion of adjournment.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Cason. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM

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Blake Tillery, Chairman Helen Harris, County Clerk