TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A

 November 15, 2016 5:30 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### **PRESENT: JEFF McCORMICK, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.**

Call to Order: Vice-Chairman McCormick called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and stated that he was filling in for Chairman Blake Tillery who is at Senate Orientation in Atlanta Georgia, so Chairman Tillery will not be with us tonight. Commissioner Nobles is at the Solid Waste Association of North America, along with Tommy Thompson who is our Landfill Operator. Commissioner Darrel Nobles is the Chairman of the Landfill Committee and they’re looking at best practices that can be implemented in our County.

Invocation: Commissioner Alfred Cason gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda: Vice-Chairman McCormick asked if he could entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes Vice-Chairman McCormick asked if he could entertain a motion to approve the October 18, 2016 minutes from the Regular Board Minutes from October 18, 2016.

Board Meeting:

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 18, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports: Vice-Chairman McCormick recognized Carrie Alligood our Election Supervisor. Vice-Chairman McCormick commended all of the workers that worked on the historic election that we just have. Ms. Alligood stated that they have a 60.78 percentage turnout for the election this year. There were 15,146 voters were registered in our County. There were 3,740 people go to the voting precincts on the Election Day.

There were 700 ballots mailed out and received back 622 ballots. There were 4,842 people that voted in the 21 days of advance voting. Ms. Alligood did note that if early election voting continues to grow in numbers, there would be a need to expand their office for any easier flow of voters. She explained that there was nowhere to wait to vote after they finished the signup process. Also, there was a need for new voting machines. They received one new voting unit from the state and it is a newer style of unit that they presently have. The new unit is much lighter in weight and uploads of information to the state was much faster. Hopefully, in the near future the County could purchase a couple more of this style of units. Vice-Chairman McCormick asked what the comparison of voters’ turnout was compared to the past elections. Ms. Alligood stated that we have more votes registered this election than ever before. In the past we only had about 1,000 advance votes compared to this election of 4,842 advanced voters this year.

Vice-Chairman McCormick asked Mr. Lynn Moore from EMA to give his report. Mr. Moore stated that Hurricane Matthew was a major incident along the East Coast. Initially the Red Cross said we could not have any shelters in Toombs County because the Governor had placed us in the area that the storm could hit. We do have Good Samaritan Shelters; he had numerous churches in the area that offered to set up a shelter. To be a Red Cross Shelter, you have to be established before a storm is upon us. Mr. Moore is working with the Churches in our area, so in the event another storm comes to the East Coast, we will have these designated Red Cross Shelters in place. Next he explained that public assistance program that GEMA/FEMA would reimburse our County for any clean up from a storm that we were a part of. With the public assistance program we should receive reimbursement for clearing trees from the roads and the power lines. Mr. Moore thanked the staff of the EMA, Road Department and Sheriff Department for the efforts in restoring our power and road systems. In compliance with our EMA Mutual Aid Agreement, we furnished generators to Jekyll Island and Bryan County in Richmond Hill. Vice-Chairman McCormick stated that he was appreciative of Mr. Moore’s work and the reimbursement would give money back to the County to pay for the man hours.

Vice-Chairman McCormick stated the next department would be presented by our Chief Jailor, Bobby Smith. Currently to date there are 129 inmates. In the month of October there were 147 arrests, 144 released and a total of 116 housed inmates. Southern Correctional Medicine had 291 inmates that needed medical treatment. There were 6,654 miles recorded for transport, with a total of 348 hours in manpower. Commissioner Dixon asked if he knew why the numbers were up in the month of February and March. Mr. Smith replied that most of time it seemed that there were a lot of homeless people that simply needed a meal, medical treatment, and warm place to stay, so they find a reason they can come to jail.

Drew James, EMS Director gave his report on the month of October. There

 Was 619 calls for service and the total millage was a record for the year, they actually broke 31,000 miles in the month of October; year-to-date is 6,641 calls.

Mr. James continued to say they support their local sport teams by giving standbys on Friday night games that are in our area. There was only one game that the service could not standby due to ongoing emergency of a vehicle accident in the County.

The EMS service had a couple of community outreach programs they attended. Lowes in Vidalia has an annual Safety Kids. We attend this event to help children understand the purpose of our service and to show them the equipment on our ambulances. A lot of the times we find the adults learn more about our service than the children. Slides were presented to the audience to show EMS’s participation at the Safety Kids event. The other event in October is when a reserved ambulance is decorated for Halloween. We do our trunk or treat at our station one located on Maple Drive in Vidalia. We have our on duty staff, as well as volunteer personnel that will donate their time to decorate the back of the ambulance. As you see on the slide, that is presented, we have our own little pumpkin head patient lying on a stretcher, intubated with an NG tube. This has always been a big hit with the community. This year we have approximately 2000 kids come by and that is a conservative estimate.

Mr. James stated the next two slides don’t give justice to the impact of wearing pink shirts. For the past two weeks the staff of our ambulance service has been wearing pink shirts, honoring and bringing awareness to breast cancer month. We do ask our crew members to make a ten dollars donation to wear their shirts on duty; there was one hundred percent participation. We are proud to announce that we donated to the Meadows Regional Cancer Center approximately $600. We may extend this drive for donations beyond our community next year. During transports we have been asked from other nurses and staff how they could get one of the pink shirts we were wearing. We appreciate you for all of your support and if there aren’t any questions, this concludes my report.

Vice-Chairman McCormick thanked Drew so much for his work.

Vice-Chairman McCormick stated the County Manager John Jones was going to give a report for the Clerk of Court and our Building Supervisor. Manager Jones stated that the Clerk of Court was in Savannah for training on a software system that supplies paperless filing through-out the state. Basically there report consist of the different courts that the clerk of court office handles, which are, superior court, state court, juvenile court, custodian of records; which are divided into Real Estate, Civil, Criminal, and Jury. The real estate division provides receiving, indexing, maintaining and recording of the deed, plats, Liens and UCC financial statements. As of October 31, 2016, Toombs County Real Estate Division processed 2,869 deeds; 86 Plats; 1,055 UCC financial statements; and 2,180 leans.

The Civil division provides filing, storing, retrieving civil court records. As of October 31, 2016 there were 628 Superior Civil Court Records filed; 58 State civil cases filed. The Criminal Division which provides filing, storing, and receiving criminal court records, such as warrants, indictments, accusations, and sentences for all felonies in superior court, misdemeanors in state court, they processed 165 Superior court felony cases; 1,285 state cases misdemeanors cases. Court cost, taxes, fines and fees are collected monthly and are disbursed to different agencies during the month. As of October 31, 2016 the real estate division had collected $ 235,181 in filing fees and taxes. The civil division had collected $ 219,100 of court cost in civil payments in garnishments and the criminal division collected $ 178,039.91 in fines and fees. The Grand Jury is coming up in November. In addition to these courts, the Clerk of Courts also maintained the Board of Equalization, that is considered like a Court because you have to have hearings and so forth for that process. The Board of Equalization is appointed by the Grand Jury. The Grand Jury selects the people that serve on that Board of Equalization. This Board of Equalization will hear any appeals of value by the Assessor’s Office. In November there will be two people that will be coming off of the Board of Equalization. During the Grand Jury Sessions they will be re-appointed or they may appoint two new members to the Board.

Manager Jones continued with an update on the Buildings. The Health Department will be having a State inspection on their building on November 30, 2016 and there were some lights that were not working and there were no suitable replacements for the ballast, therefore we started looking at replacing these lights with LED lighting. If we go to LED Lighting there is a long-term cost savings. To replace the 144 lights, the payback will be 1.62 years. This is for the cost of the LED bulbs. The next step is to see the cost of the wiring for the LED Lights. If the overall payback is three years or less; it could be beneficial for Courthouse to change to LED lighting as well.

Development Authority Vice-Chairman McCormick stated that if there were no objection, he would like

Report to ask Mr. Bill Mitchell give his report because Mr. Mitchell needed to attend a ribbon cutting event and open house in Vidalia, tonight. With no objection for the Commission, Vice-Chairman McCormick gave the floor to Mr. Mitchell for his report.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the Commissioners had a list of nominees so that one could be elected for the Vidalia position to fill on the Development Authority Board and hoped they would take action on that.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the Leadership Toombs-Montgomery Government would be held on Wednesday the 7th of December. This is a review of the interrelationships of City, County, State, and Federal Governments. How they affect our lives and the key issues that are facing us.

Toombs-Montgomery Youth Leadership- Government and Education was held on Tuesday November 15th, 2016 from 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM. This session covers the government and education in Toombs and Montgomery County.

Toombs County Development Authority had a called meeting this week to make a list of nominees that we submitted to the Commission, so the meeting for Thursday, the 17th of November, at noon, has been cancelled.

There will be a Ribbon Cutting, Face 2 face Global Hair studio, 118 East Meadows Street, Vidalia, Georgia on Tuesday, November 22nd at 4:00 PM

Open House for Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, December 1st from 5:00 pm to 7:00 PM

The Chamber is still in the running for a German Company that produces after market manufacturing products. It had been told that it is between Toombs County and Crisp County (Cordele, GA). There would be 115 jobs with a twenty-five million dollar investment, high tech, high paid. This would be really good for our community. As far as local expansion in our area, we hope this comes to fruition on Thursday.

There is a Solar Farm that could possibly be here. Georgia Power is backing this company; they need a large amount of land to build the Solar Farm on and the Chamber is actively looking for a location in our County.

Mr. Mitchell thanked the Commission.

Department Reports: Vice-Chairman McCormick introduced Blair Barnhardt from the Barnhardt (Continues) Group. A few months ago we entered into an agreement for their Company for pavement management. Pavement management is the process of planning, budgeting, funding, as well as designing, constructing and rehabilitation of our pavement network in our County. Vice-Chairman McCormick thanked Mr. Barnhardt for coming to the Commissioners meeting and giving his report.

Mr. Barnhardt began by thanking the Commissioners for having him give his report. He explained that he traveled all over the country to help Counties save money. According to Mr. Barnhardt, our County had the highest rating of index that his company had reviewed in Georgia. He felt that our County was in a very good position with our road system. After reviewing every road in our County, we were rated with a 71 Pavement Condition Index (CPI). Once the roads were analyzed with the software called ASGM, there are about 450 users internationally.

The engineers will make a short video for the Commission to review but as you improve the County’s road system, it will factor into the index rating of your County roads. So in real time, the software will change your index. This is a great way to look back ten years from now and to see how much you paid for asphalt, in fact there will be a lot of inventory information at hand in this software database. In the review, they produced a 247 page report that showed a PCI of 71, if you continue with your budget of one million dollars a year, you would be going down the curve, well down into the sixties. With a 1.5 million dollar a year, you would be able to maintain status quote; which would keep the County road systems at a PCI rating of 71. Where you would like for your rating to be would be in the range of 84 to 86 PCI ratings. To obtain this higher rating would require a budge of two million dollars a year. This is to give you three options to consider and think about. In the event you received grant money, just by a click of a mouse, you would be able to see where you needed to spend that money. In his summary he explained that each individual type of roadway and each functional class code, whether it is, arterial, collectors, or residential, each get assigned a specific treatment. The Barnhardt Group will work with the County for which are the most favorable treatments. Mr. Barnhardt felt that our County was in great shape and he seldom got to tell that and he was very proud of the Commission for the conditions of the County roads were in at this time. He continued to say that the County has 145 million dollars infrastructure in roads and if you took a two to three percent per year, this is common practice, for infrastructure, and budget this annually, that would place the County in the two million dollar mark per year.

Vice-Chairman McCormick gave a clarification statement that if we have a budget of $1.5 million, this would keep our roads at the PCI rating of 71

which is our current status as of today.

Mr. Barnhardt stated that he would be in this area for the next couple of days and he would be glad to meet or answer any questions the Commission may have.

Public Participation: Vice-Chairman McCormick stated, next on the agenda is public participation. This is the time you may come and address any concerns you may have to the Commissioners. They will take note and listen, so if anyone would like to speak please come forward and give your name and address. Please limit your comments to about 3 minutes.

Tony Zorn: Mr. Zorn stated that they had formed an organization called “Our Land, Our Choice” and he was the spokesperson for this organization. Going forward he proposed their organization would like to help with the public’s views on what the Commission had to decide on. Mr. Zorn has asked Manager Jones to get a binder of all of the Ordinances of the County and give them the opportunity to look over those. If possibly, in the future, ask that the Commissioners change some of the Ordinances that are not necessary.

Vice-Chairman McCormick confirmed that it was good that we do have the ability for the public to speak and have input into their decisions. Senator Elect Tillery has a contest for the very same things in the State of Georgia. He has challenged high school students in his district to find any law(s) that are obsolete and should be off the books. Manager Jones told Vice-Chairman McCormick earlier in the day that he was getting the Ordinances together for Mr. Zorn. So again, Vice-Chairman McCormick stated, we thank the citizens when they rise up and speak; it gives the Commission an opportunity to listen.

Vice-Chairman McCormick asked if there were any other public participation; there was none.

Consideration of 2017 Vice-Chairman McCormick stated that the next thing on the agenda was the

Beer and Wine Licenses: Beer and Wine License. There were five considerations and he asked if they

 Pop’s General Store, would vote on them. The five are: Pop’s General Store, Dennis Sport Shop,

 Dennis Sport Shop, LaJoya Mexican Store, Fruteria, and Benton Lee’s Steak House. They have

 LaJoya Mexican Store, completed the check list for being license for the year of 2017. Vice-Chairman

 Fruteria and Benton McCormick stated that he would entertainment a motion to allow them to

 Lee’s Steakhouse: receive the Beer and Wine License for the year of 2017.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to allow all five businesses to be issued Beer and Wine License of the year of 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Allowing Vice-Chairman McCormick stated that the next item on the agenda was the

Voluntary United Way employee’s voluntary deductions for United Way. Manager Jones continued to

Deductions: explain that United Way had asked if we would consider allowing employees to do a payroll deduction, as a voluntary deduction, that would allow the employee to make a contribution to United Way each payroll. If the employee so desired, after it been taken from their payroll check and once a month our accounts payable would pass the money to United Way.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to allow the Counties employee’s the option to a voluntary deduction from their pay, for a contribution to United Way. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman McCormick added the great work that United Way does in our area and it was good to see they far-exceeded their goal for this year.

Vice-Chairman McCormick asked Manager Jones to read the next item.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones announced that the next item was the consideration of approval

of Site Suitability Study on of a site suitability study on a proposed C & D site at the landfill. C & D is for

Proposed C & D Site: the Construction and Demolition material at the landfill. Our current C & D site at the landfill is twelve to fifteen months from being full so before we can expand, we have to get a permit for the EPD allowing the expansion. The first step in doing that is to have a site suitability study. Terracon is the company Hofstadter & Associates has suggested that we use to do that study. Terracon performs the methane monitoring and the semiannual ground water monitoring at the landfill. The total cost is $ 11,500 which will be paid out of the landfill account. This is a thirteen acre site adjacent to the current site at the landfill. This site will allow us 20 more years to handle C & D material, at the current levels of intake. The Board needs to approve Terracon for the contractor in the amount of $ 11,500 to be paid from the landfill account.

 Vice-Chairman McCormick stated that if Commissioner Nobles was here tonight and not at the SWANA Conference, he could add a little more to this.

Is there a motion to approve this C & D site study?

 Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the $ 15,500 fee paid to the Terracon Company to do the suitability site study on a proposed C & D site at the landfill. The funds will be paid from the landfill account. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones stated the next item is the consideration of approval of electrical

of Electrical Improvements improvements for the Toombs Recreation Department. The Department of

for Toombs Recreation Corrections are doing the work at the Recreation Department but they had to

Department: contract out some electrical work that needs to be done and to purchase some electrical items to finish the project. The proposed amount is for $ 8,112.92 to be paid out of SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the $ 8,112.92, to be paid from the SPLOST account, to do the necessary electrical work at Toombs Recreation Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones stated that the next item is for the consideration of Approval of

of two Septic Tank Systems two septic tanks systems for Toombs Recreation Department. The septic

for Toombs Recreation: system was in bad shape at Toombs Recreation Department. The cost is going to be $ 6,000 and includes a grinder that will prevent anything from stopping up the lines to the septic tanks. The SPLOST funds will be used to pay for this improvement.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the $ 6,000 to be paid from the SPLOST account, to install two septic tank systems with grinders at Toombs Recreation Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones stated that the next item is for the consideration of amendment

Amendment to TEC to TEC purchase order for Motor Grader repair. The County has previously

Purchase Order for approved the repair on the motor in this motor grader and during the repair

Motor Grader Repairs: work, they discovered that there were additional repairs that were needed. The Board needs to approve the increase of $ 5,065.32 to complete the necessary repairs; the funds for the additional repair will be paid out of SPLOST.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the addition $ 5,065.32 to the purchase order to TEC for the repair of the motor in the Motor Grader. The SPLOST funds will be used to pay for the additional necessary repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones stated the next item was the consideration of appointment of Appointment of Drew James as Region 9 Representative for the Ambulance Service. There is a Drew James as Region letter in the packet that appoints Drew James as the Region 9 Representative 9 Representative: for the Ambulance Service, in which our Chairman needs to sign, if the Commissioners approve.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve Chairman Tillery to sign stating that Drew James will be the Region 9 Representative, for the remaining year and for the year of 2017, for the Ambulance Service. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones stated the next item is the consideration of approval for

Approval for Chairman Chairman Tillery to sign the annual Agricultural Extension Service Contract.

to sign Annual Agricultural This contract is through Georgia Southern University for a portion of two of Extension Service Contract: their salaried employees budget; in which we help with their salary. The Board needs to allow Chairman Tillery to sign this contract.

 Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to give Chairman Tillery the authority to sign the annual contract budget for salaries for two members of the Agricultural Georgia Extension Service Office. Motion carries unanimously.

Consideration of a Manager Jones stated that the next item was concerning the closing of Colon Request to Close Colon Galbreath Road. It was on last month’s agenda but the Commissioner’s office Galbreath Road: did not have all of the impact statements needed to continue discussion. Since then the Commissioner’s office has received all the impact statements required by our Policy. A letter was received from Mr. Galbreath to close Colon Galbreath Road. This is a short road and dead-ends on Mr. Galbreath’s property. The steps on the policy about closing a road is a followed: a group of citizens or citizen may request the closing of a road in a letter to the Commission; Mr. Galbreath has sent that letter. The letter must contain the name of the road and if they desire to close portion of the road or the entire road. It is suggested, but not required, that all surrounding land owners be notified of the closing. All impact statements are shared with the Board of Commissioners, and then the Board addresses the request. The only motion at this meeting is only to establish this road does not serve a substantial public purpose. If this motion is approved, it does not close the road it will allow the next step to be processed. The next five steps will be to notify all the land- owners adjacent to the road, by letter, that the road has been requested to be closed; placement of signs on the effected roadway notifying the public of the potential closing; advertisement two weeks in the legal organ; and to hold a Public Hearing. Once we receive the comments from the public hearing then at the next Regular Meeting would consider whether to close the road. If closed, the County would not be responsible for continuing the maintenance of the road.

 Vice-Chairman McCormick stated that we have received all the impact statements from the different entities and now we need to make a motion whether or not to proceed with the next step if the road does not serve a substantial public purpose.

 Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to continue with the next steps in closing Colon Galbreath because the impact statements reflected that the road does not serve as a substantial public purpose. Motion carries unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones stated the next item was the consideration of disposing excess

Disposing Excess Property property of a 1981, four cylinder, Motor Grader, Model 130 G. This Motor

1981 Motor Grader Grader has a blown engine and is sitting at the Roads and Bridges area. Due to Model 130 G: the fact of the age of the machinery, we fell that it is not worth placing a new motor into it. Manager Jones suggests that the Board declare it as excess property and to dispose of it. Manager Jones asked the Board to give direction on how to dispose of the excess property.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to declare the 1981, four cylinder, Motor Grader, Model 130 G as excess property and for it to be advertised and sold through sealed bids to the highest bid received. Motion carries unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones stated that in several of the prior Commissioners Meeting that

Ambulance Bids: later in the year there would be the consideration of a new Ambulance. The Commissioners Office has received two bids; Peach State and 1st Priority. The lower of the two bids was from Peach State in the amount of $ 122,907. When we replace an entire ambulance, it usually cost in the range of $ 145,000 to $ 150,000. The Ambulance Service has a box that can be refurbished and will be placed on a new chassis and this is why the two bids came in at a lower price. Discussions have been made with Drew James, EMS Director, and with the Safety Committee, Commissioner Dixon and Commissioner McCormick; all agreed the bid from Peach State, which had the lowest bid, was the best choice. This purchase would be paid out of SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to accept the lowest bid from Peach State, in the amount of $ 122,907, to purchase a new ambulance, placing one of our refurbished boxes on the chassis. The new ambulance will be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carries unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones stated that the next item was the consideration of approval of a

Approval Change change order at Gray’s Landing Park. This is for the pavement overlay on the

Order 1 at Gray’s existing roadway at Gray’s Landing Park. To complete this project, Manager

Landing Park: Jones requested the Board to sign the amendment change order in the amount of $ 14,425 and will be paid out of SPLOST.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the change order at Gray’s Landing in the amount of $ 14,425 for the pavement overlay; paid from the SPLOST funds. Motion carries unanimously.

County Manager Report

Financial Report: Manage Jones explained that the County was on budget, expense wise. The Local Option Sales Tax collection for the month of October, we finished with

a 1.2 percent higher than we did for October last year. Year-to-date we are still down 2.2 percent.

RFQ for Feasibility The next item, Manager Jones continued that he would like some direction on. Study Results: In the past we sent out a request for qualifications for a feasibility study on our Jail and Courthouse. We only got two responses on that which we were not satisfied with. He needs to be a response back to those people and let them know what we intend to do. So he requested a motion from the Board that we decided to reject all proposals.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to reject the qualification for a feasibility study for our Jail and Courthouse. Motion carries unanimously.

Review of Health The next item, Manager Jones explained that this was a review of our Health

Insurance Claims: Insurance Claims and a little about our wellness program. On the overhead page twelve from Shaw Hankins was displayed for the audience to view. There was a graph that showed the month of September had a significant drop from the prior two months as far as the medical/Rx claims. Page thirteen of the presentation showed the rolling trend of the County. As you know, the County started an aggressive wellness program. Out of 176 employees there are 174 participating in the wellness program. There have been a number of employees that have begun to lose weight. The wellness program has shown improvement in our employees health is the past several months. Hopefully, this in turn will allow us to receive better premium rates in the future.

Miscellaneous: Manger Jones also stated that in the packets the Commissioners would find an agreement with Montgomery County to contract services provided by our ambulance services. Three years ago we entered into an agreement with them to provide EMS services for their County. This agreement is expiring as of February 1,2017. Manager Jones discussed with the County Manager of Montgomery, the agreement needed to begin as of January first of 2017 for the renewal. Before you, you have a contact that stated that the renewal will begin in January 2017. There were very few changes made in this agreement. One of which is that either County can opt-out of the agreement at any time. This contract will renew each year with an increase based on the consumer price index for medical services. Montgomery County is obligated to pay for the service and they also pay for an ambulance and a place for the Ambulance crew to be housed in Montgomery County. The Board needs to approve this contract and allow the Chairman to sign the agreement.

 Vice-Chairman McCormick asked Manager Jones what Montgomery County would pay us. Manager Jones replied, “Their County initially will pay $ 196,177 per year. Then in the following year, it will be based on the consumer price index with medical services from the prior twelve months.”

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to allow Chairman Tillery to sign the agreement/contract between Montgomery and Toombs County to provide Ambulance Services for Montgomery County. Motion carries unanimously.

CDBG Grant: Manager Jones stated that our County was awarded the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG Grant). These are federal funds that are awarded by the state. On November 16, 2016 there will be a Public Hearing at 1:30 PM at the Courthouse. Notification of this meeting was advertised in the paper. This meeting will discuss the activities of a Community Development Block Grant for street and drainage improvements in the following locations: Pendleton Creek Road, Deer Run Road, and Oscar Cruz Road. The items that will be discussed at the hearing include: 1) The amount of funds received and a description of the activities. 2) The amount of funds available for each activity and the amount of funds that will benefit low and moderate income persons. 3) The plan, if applicable, to minimize or prevent displacement of persons and the plan to assist persons who may be displaced. 4) Fair Housing laws and Toombs County’s plan to further fair housing. The administrator of the Grant, ALGA and the engineer will be attending the meeting, so they may answer any question the public may have. After this Public Hearing has been conducted, then if there is not any public input, we will proceed to the next step. The engineer will proceed to do the plans and then we will go and get the right-a-way to do those roads and the proper maintenance that is needed. We have tried for two years to get this grant and we finally were awarded the funds. Hopefully in one year we will be completed with this project.

Repair Bills for the Manager requested a few slides to show the need for the following quotes.

County Jail: The first overhead displayed was of a temperature control valve that needs replacing at the County Jail. The quote for this item is $ 1,331.35. This valve is on the tilt table that the Jail used to prepare food for the prisoners. This is located in the industrial kitchen of the Jail. The Board needs to approve this and the funds will be paid out of the Jail funds. Jail funds are accumulated by certain fines that are designated for Jail Expenditures and these funds can be used for improvements for the Jail, such as this maintenance.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the replacement of the temperature control valve in the kitchen at the Jail in the amount of $ 1,331.35, to be paid out of the Jail funds. Motion carries unanimously.

The second slide showed a dish washer that was originally placed at the Jail when it was first built. The motor needs replacing in this dish washer. The cost of replacement is $ 1,646.44. The Board needs to approve this repair and the funds will be paid from the Jail funds.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the replacement of the motor in the dishwasher located in the kitchen at the Jail in the amount of $ 1,646.44, to be paid out of the Jail funds. Motion carries unanimously.

Appointment to the Manager Jones stated that Dr. Robert “Bob” DeJarnette has served a number of Toombs County Board years on the Health Department Board of Health and would be stepping down of Health Board: at the end of this year. The Board of Health recommended that the Toombs County Board of Commissioners would appoint Dr. Geoffrey “Jeff” Conner to replace Dr. DeJarnette position on that Board. Dr. Conner’s term would be a six year term, which would be from January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2022. Dr. Conner is also our medical doctor for our EMS Service.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to appoint Dr. Geoffrey “Jeff” Conner to the Board of Health for a term of six years, beginning January 1, 2017. Motion carries unanimously.

Appointment to the Manager Jones stated that Mr. Mitchell had mentioned earlier that the Toombs County Board Development Authority had a call meeting to discuss and to make the

Of Development Authority: recommendation to appointment someone to replace Dr. Reid McArthur, whose term will be expiring December 31, 2016. Pursuant to the Bylaws, the Authority is submitting the following names to the Board of Commissioners of Toombs County for consideration to succeed Dr. Reid McArthur for a five year term. It is their desire of the authority that the Board would consider the first name on the list they have presented in the letter that we received, to represent the City of Vidalia. Their recommendation is that Harry Moses takes Dr. Reid McArthur place on the Board when he rotates off in December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to appoint Harry Moses to the Toombs County Board of Development Authority to represent the City of Vidalia for a five year term starting January 1, 2017. Motion carries unanimously.

ACCG Region 9 Manager Jones stated that he had one more item. The Region 9 ACCG Meeting

Meeting: was held in Toombs County earlier this month. Mr. Cason, Mr. Nobles, Mr. Tillery and I attended the meeting. Basically ACCG and the local legislative body discussed what ACCG’s top priorities are for the coming year, legislative wise. One is the next generation of the E-911 services, because of the rapid changes in the technology; they are looking at additional way to help funds 911. All the 911 services across the state, the 911 fees are not enough to pay for the expense of 911 services. They feel that all of the fees are not being collected on the prepaid phones. Fifty percent of the landline phones are going away. Although the fees are added to your cell phones bill, there is some questions if the fees are being collected on the prepaid cell phones. If the fees on the prepaid cell phones are not collected, they would not be submitted back to the counties and so forth. Another issue was to reform the TAVT program that is going on. There have been some issues on it. Another issue is about the GATE Card, they feel that the privilege of these cards is being abused. The GATE Card allows the buyer to be exempt for paying sales tax on things they purchase. Some of the cards are not legitimate farmers that are using these cards. They would like some reform for the use of the GATE Card.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Cason: Thanks to all of those that play a great part in our workforce, which makes our jobs a lot easier. Our employees have done a great job during the storm and I am very proud of them and just wanted to say Thank You.

Commissioner Dixon: Same thing as Alfred, I would like to thank Lynn at EMA, Drew at the Ambulance Service and the Road Department for what they did during the storm recovery. The storm could have been a lot worse, but it was bad enough. I thank you for what you do for us every day. We appreciate each and every one of you. Please go back and tell of the folks that you work with that we appreciate what they do.

Vice-Chairman I will echoed that and say it is people that makes our community great; is the McCormick: people that works here in the County; the people that work their jobs for the County; for those that come in and participate in the political process, and we’re very thankful for that.

Adjournment: Vice-Chairman McCormick asked, is there a motion to adjourn.

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

 The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM

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**Jeff McCormick, Vice-Chairman Helen Harris, County Clerk**