TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A February 28, 2017 5:30 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### PRESENT: DAVID SIKES, ALFRED CASON, DARRIEL NOBLES, JEFF McCORMICK, HOWARD KAUFOLD, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Sikes called February 28, 2017 meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. Chairman Sikes asked Vice-Chairman McCormick to give the invocation.

**Invocation:** Vice-Chairman McCormick gave the invocation.

**Approve Agenda:** Chairman Sikes stated he had been asked to amend the agenda to include the bids on an ambulance, to be voted on after the Public Participation. He asked for a motion to accept the amended agenda.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the amended Agenda, with the amendment of adding the ambulance bids that have been recently received. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Sikes requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular **January 17, 2017 Regular**  Board Meeting held on January 17, 2017.

**Board Meeting:**

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Minutes of the January 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented. The Motion carried unanimously.

**Development Authority**  Mr. Bill Mitchell announced the Youth Leadership graduations coming up on **Report:**  March 6th at the Vidalia First United Methodist Church, start at 8:00 P.M. The Adult Leadership graduation will be held on March 31st. The Development Authority Meeting will be held on March 16th at noon. There are three ribbon cutting events coming up; Pineland Internet Security on March 1st at 4:00 P.M., Season’s Design Center will have their ribbon cutting on March 7th at 4:00 P.M. and Tarantinos’ Italian Grill will hold their ribbon cutting event at Hawk’s Point on March 14th at 11:00 A.M.

The Development Authority Board rejected a proposal for a Solar Farm Company. The proposal was for a seventy five percent reduction in ad valorem tax for twenty five years. The Development Authority requested a bond to be part of an arrangement that would cover any clean-up cost of the end of the lease.

**Department Report:** **Mr. Larry Stephens** with the fire department at the Marvin Yancey Volunteer Fire Department came forward and described the Fire truck that was home recently purchased. An overhead projector displayed the images of the Fire truck as well as the 5000 gallon water tanker. Recently Marvin Yancey and Cedar Crossing went through a water shuttle test for the districts they covered. The commission received a printout received from our Consultant, Skip Starling, showing the results from the water shuttle test. Even though the results from the water shuttle were extremely good in grade, we were advised by Skip Starling that we needed the equipment to be stored in an enclosed building with a heater. The volunteer fire department comes before the commission, asking for help in furnishing those buildings to house the equipment. One additional building is needed at the McNatt Falls Station and the other at the Marvin Yancey Fire Department. There is a concrete slab ready and available for the building to be built on the Marvin Yancey Fire Department. Manager Jones already has received one bid to construct these buildings and there are plans to get at least two more bids.

**Mr. Wayne Brantley** announced that he appreciated the support that was given to their Volunteer Fire Departments in the South Part of the County. We were told that our water shuttle test has the lowest times in the United States that Skip Sterling has seen. Mr. Brantley explained that Cedar Crossing Station, they would like to extend their building by sixteen feet for the housing of the Tanker.

**Manager Jones** gave the EMS Department report for Drew James. The EMS Service had 600 plus calls for service and had driven 17,803. miles in the month of January.

**Public Participation:** None

**Presentation by Pine**  Mr. Milligan gave the presentation for the Pine Country R C & D Council. In **Country Resource**  current the current capacity of being the Executive Director, he was proud to be **Conservation and**  a residence of Toombs County and he appreciated everything that the **Development**  Commissioners did for the county. He wanted to bring to the Commissions **Council, Inc.** attention, that since the year 2012, Toombs County had not paid their membership dues. Pine Country R & C Council would like for the Commission to consider reinstating their membership. Pine Country R C & D Council is a 501(c) nonprofit organization that was structured to utilize the southern water conservation needs. The dues are $ 300. per year.

Chairman Sikes thanked Mr. Milligan for his presentation and announced the Commission would discuss the renewal option and get back with him.

**Consideration for the**  Manager Jones stated the next item was the consideration of the bids presented

**Purchase of a New**  from 1st Priority Emergency Vehicles in the amount of $ 121,565. and Custom **Ambulance:** Truck & Works in the amount of $ 132,110. Director Drew James has recommended the board approve the purchase of the Ambulance from 1st  Priority Emergency Vehicles in the amount of $ 121,565., to be paid from the SPLOST funds.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to accept the bid from 1st Priority Emergency Vehicles in the amount of $ 121,565., to be paid from the SPLOST funds. The Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of**  Manager Jones stated the next item was the consideration of closing of Colson

**Request for the**  Lane. Mr. Harold Milligan has requested that this road be closed. Impact **Closing of Colson Lane:** statements have been received from EMS, Code Enforcement, Roads & Bridges, and Toombs County Board of Education Transportation Director and there has been no indication that there is a negative impact on closing this road. No one lives on this road. The board will need to entertain a motion that the road is not used to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it. Once this motion is made, seconded and approved we can begin the next step.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick that the road does not serve a substantial public purpose. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Change**  Manager Jones stated the next item was the consideration of a change order to

**Order to Project 2016-** Project 2016-R&B-VAR-001 - Bridge Aprons and Road Repairs. This project has

**R&B-VAR-001 (Bridge** been very successful but to correctly get this project completed there had

**Aprons and Road Repairs):** to be an additional $ 13,547.40 applied as a change order which brings this total package to $ 64,239.36 in total. The funds will come from the SPLOST fund.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to accept the change order to project 2016-R & B-VAR-001 (Bridge Aprons and Road Repairs) in the amount of $ 13,547.40 to be paid from the SPLOST account. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Jones added that DOT had met with him and Chairman Sikes about the replacement of the bridge located on Green Tippett Road. The state plans to replace that bridge in two years. The project is funded by the state.

**Consideration of**  Manager Jones stated the next item was the consideration of authorization of

**Authorization to Seek**  seeking bids on Seal Coating and Striping Cedar Crossing Community and

**Bids on Seal Coating**  Toombs County Board of Health Parking Lots. Both of these parking lots are in

**and Striping Cedar**  great need of repair.

**Crossing Community**

**Center and Toombs**  Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason

**County Board of Health**  for the County Manager to seek bids on seal coating and striping for Cedar

**Parking Lots:** Crossing Community Center and Toombs County Board of Health Parking Lots. The Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of**  Manager Jones stated that back in July of 2014 the board voted on a policy **Approval of Revision** that determined and categorize various dirt roads for potential paving.

**to Toombs County**  One of the major plans to accomplish that goal was to pave as many dirt **Dirt-Road Rating Form:** roads as possible to reduce the cost of maintaining the dirt roads. There are two major obstacles to that end and that was the Right-of-Ways and overall cost. Based upon this, we need to re-design the form to give a greater weight to these two components.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles for the approval of revision to Toombs County Dirt-Road Rating Form. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of**  Manager Jones stated the next item was the consideration of approval of

**Approval of Sealed**  armour coating identified in the year one of ten year pavement improvement

**Coating of Year 1 of 10**  plan. Barnhardt Group rated our paved roads and identified the roads in **Year Pavement** need of repair by rating them by PCI (Pavement Condition Index). By doing **Improvement Plan:** maintenance on the paved roads before they deteriorate this will cut down on the overall cost of repair. This will include thirty two roads in the year 2017. This budget for this portion of the plan has a budget of $ 706,435. Utilizing $ 650,000 funded by the State – LMIG (Local Management Improvement Grant) and the remaining funds will be from the SPLOST funds. The board needs to approve for the seeking of bids and give authorization to begin the approval of the armour coating for year one of the ten year plan and resurfacing of Bostwick Circle.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to seek bids for the armour coating and resurfacing of Bostwick Circle, year one of the ten year, pavement improvement plan to be paid from LMIG funds ($ 650,000) and the remaining cost will be paid from the SPLOST funds. The Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of**  Manager Jones stated the next item was the consideration of approval of traffic

**Approval of Traffic**  safety plan for 2017. The county has identified various intersections throughout **Safety Plan for 2017:** the county and are proposing for major safety upgrades to these locations. In the packets there are proposals for Stop ad Caution flashing signs, Stop Bars and Rumble Strips at those locations that were identified. The following intersections will be addressed: Lent Stephens Road, Old Norman Town Road and Loop Road, Lyons Center and Aimwell Extension, Lyons Center and Cedar Crossing Road, Johnson Corner and State Highway 56, Marvin Church Road and State Road 147, Cedar Crossing and US 1, Old River Road and Cedar Crossing Road. The estimated cost will be $ 43,000. SPLOST funds will be used to pay for the upgrades.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve spending of $ 43,000 from the SPLOST funds to install caution lights with Rumbles sticks at intersections that are classified as dangerous. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Sale**  Manager Jones stated the next item was the consideration of the disposal of

**of Fire Truck to City of**  excess property. This is a Fire Truck in the inventory of the Toombs Fire

**Lyons:** Department no longer needs. It has a blown engine and the City of Lyons will purchase this fire truck for $2,000.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to sale the fire truck to the City of Lyons in the amount of $ 2,000. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of**  Manager Jones stated the next item was the consideration of declaring one (1)

**Declaring (1) Grass** Grass Tractor as excess property and allowing for disposal. This is a Challenger **Tractor as Excess** Tractor that has been discontinued and the estimated repair would be around

**Property and Allowing** $ 13,000. The recommendation is to discontinue this tractor declared as excess **for Disposal:**  property and for it to be sold by seal bid.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the disposal of one Grass Tractor as excess property and allow it to be sold by seal bid. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Bids**  Manager Jones stated the next item was the consideration of a new Grass

**for a New Grass Tractor** Tractor and Mower. There were two bids for the new Tractor and Mower.

**and Mower:** One bid from Kubota and the other from Lasseter Implement Company. Recommendation to the Board would be to except the bid from Lasseter Implement Company for the purchase of the John Deere 5075E and Mower for $ 40,400. and to be paid with SPLOST Funds.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to purchase a new Grass Tractor and Mower from Lasseter / John Deere in the

amount of $ 40,400. The motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report:** Manager Jones stated for the month of January, we are one percent under

**Financial Report:** budget for the expenses. Collections of Local Option Sales Tax were up by 2.04 % from January 2016.

**Other Miscellaneous Items:** None

**Standing Committee Report:**

**Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Nobles:**  Thanked everyone for the thoughts and prayers for his wife last week. Last week she had some test run and their thoughts were that she had a blockage in her heart. They did a heart catheterization and found no blockage. She will be wearing a heart monitor for the next couple of weeks to see why her heart has an irregular rhythm. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. I’ve been married to that lady for forty six years and I’d like a few more years. Also, I would like for the Commission to consider having the April Regular Board Meeting at the Fire Station in Normantown.

**Commissioner Cason:** Thanked everyone for their hard work and certainly wanted to welcome Brother David as Chairman. I think he is going to be great for us. Welcome.

**Vice-Chairman McCormick:** I was not present in our last Commissioner Meeting due to sickness, but I am better now. Please keep Commissioner Wendell Dixon and his Family in your prayers. Wendell could not be with us tonight because his brother, Mr. Bobby Dixon, Sr. passed away.

**Chairman Sikes:** I will say my life of mine has gone from zero to one thousand in a very short time. I have been to the Capitol in the last two months more than I have in my lifetime. I have ridden this County more times than I have in my entire life. Someone asked me this past week how was it going. I replied, “I hate to tell you, but I absolutely love it!” The opportunity to get the help this many people at one time, is such a great deal. You build bonds and relationships with these men and their wives and with my wife. It is a wonderful situation. I say again as I do always thank you for letting me serve, it is a huge honor to me. With that being said, I need a motion to go into executive session.

**Executive Session:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sikes stated that there would be a short recess before going into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel issues.

Executive Session started at 6:42 PM

**Adjournment:** Chairman Sikes stated: I need a motion to come out of Executive Session.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sikes allowed the doors to be open for any one from the public to enter the Courtroom again.

**Personnel Issues:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to discontinue the services of the South Toombs Recreation Director, Mr. Larry Moore, immediately. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

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**John David Sikes, Chairman Helen Harris, County Clerk**