TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A

March 21, 2017 5:30 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called the March meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Invocation: Commission Cason gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

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

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the February 28, 2017 minutes.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Development Authority Mr. Bill Mitchell announced the Leadership Toombs-Montgomery Session which Report: includes class member presentation of story boards followed by graduation that will be held on March 31, 2017, Friday from 8:30 AM until 2:00 PM.

Toombs-Montgomery Youth Leadership applications for the New Year will have a dropped off dates of March 29th and 30th. Toombs County Development Authority will meet Thursday, April 20, 2017 at noon. Showcasing Toombs-Montgomery deadline for auction items is April 13, 2017. Cinco de Mayo will be on May 5, 2017. The Sovereign Project is still active and hopefully they will choose Georgia to locate the business in.

Georgia Power is conducting a study on Solar Panels across the State of Georgia. The ongoing project of placing solar panels in our county has being going on for five or six months. Our county has suitable land that is located near the Nuclear Plant for ease of transmission lines. One Company is located in Houston Texas and their first proposal was connecting to seventy-five percent of Ad valorem tax reduction for a period of twenty five years, this was declined. Their next offer was a sixty percent Ad Valorem tax relief for twenty-five year period. Typically the Development Authority looks at how many jobs will be brought in; with high investment, there should be high employment before we recommend Ad-Valorem Tax relief. This will be up to a 190 million dollar investment in the community but it only has, long term, five employees’. This company would not require much services ether, so the county and cities would not have a lot of cost associated with it directly. If the county can get a decommissioned bond, so if something happens on this 500 plus acres, for whatever reason, these units become outdated, broken or abandoned, the county would have provisions to have adequate funds to clean up and reclaim the land. These projects are being mandated by the Public Service Commission. We need to have in place the financial arrangements that are suitable in the bond document to guarantee the County’s collection of the yearly taxes, and finally we suggest that Georgia Power make these commitments to these types of renewal community projects.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by and Commissioner Dixon to table this issue at this time. Workshop sessions should be arranged within the next week so there can be a final decision for a response to the Company by April 15th . Motion carried unanimously. This issue was tabled.

Department Reports: Sheriff Kight stated that there were 128 inmates presently housed with 31 on probation and parole. In the month of February there were 128 registered inmates and 138 inmates released; the daily inmate population was 135 inmates. Southern Correction Medicine that supplies healthcare saw 187 inmates. There were 224 hours for transportation and 56,057 miles for the month of February. 911 dispatched about 3,753 calls; 1,135 were Toombs County calls. There were 259 traffic stops made for the month of February. Commissioner Dixon asked how many Deputies were available. Sheriff Kight replied, “We have 28 deputies in total.” Commissioner Nobles asked out of the 27 alarm security calls, how many were false alarms?. Sheriff Kight replied, “Most all of them, but we always respond because most of the time the residence are not at home.” Commissioner Noble asked Sheriff Kight about Work Camps and his thought on those. Sheriff replied that it is something we need to look at doing but I have talked to other Counties that have work camp programs. The problem you have is when you send them out to work, like the twelve we already have, they have to be separated for the other inmates, also we have a lot of threats made by other inmates putting pressure on them to bring contraband back into the jail. This make it necessary for the inmates to be stripped searched when they come back into the jail. The closest County jail we could visit would be Statesboro that has a work camp program.

Director Drew James reported that in February there were 559 calls and over 30,000 miles driven. The service appreciates the approval of the remount on the truck # 5500. Dir. James, Captain Jonathon Holland, and Paramedic John Braddy made a trip to Jefferson, North Carolina the 14th of March to get a factory tour of 1st Priority plant. This is the company that was awarded the remount bid. We were very pleased with our visit. They will stand behind their product. The turnaround time is expected to be sixty to seventy five days. The chassis is already there and in about every two weeks we are going to do a face time conference to save on the expense of travel. In the Commissioners packet there is the EMS Consultants, our billing system partner, and they have provided us with a quarterly in house audit to measure performance, compliance, and quality of reimbursement. The community outreach project, April being the Autism month for April awareness, the EMS Department will be wearing uniformed multicolored shirts in the first week of April. Jim Jones will be presenting a two hour class to instruct us on the event of a call that would involve an Autism child. The department also has a few parents that will come and share their experiences they have had with daily chores and so forth with their children.

Jason Edenfield, County Extension Agent, gave a presentation entitled The Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development from the University of Georgia. In the year of 2015 the Toombs County Gate Value was 129.8 million, if you include the landscape businesses it would bring the value to 132 million. Vegetables represent 56 % of the total agriculture production in our County. There are 15,641 total jobs generated from our agriculture farming. For a full detail of the information that was covered at the meeting, go to their website: [www.caed.uga.edu](http://www.caed.uga.edu)

Public Participation: None

Consideration of Extending Manager Jones stated, if you remember last year Wayne County had a problem with

The Moratorium on Land- Coal Ash and we felt that it would be best to place a hold on any land fill applications Fill Applications for six (6) that may arise. The board is asked to extend that Moratorium for another six (6)

Months: months.

Commissioner Nobles made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to extend the Moratorium on the Landfill applications for an additional six months. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Changes Manager Jones was asked by the board to look into the County Ordinance on

to the County Ordinance regulation of on-site sewage management systems. In the year 1993 there was

Adopted on Regulation an Ordinance adopted, Regulating Installation of Site Management Systems and James of On-Site Pope, who is with the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission was contacted to see Management what the basis of this Ordinance was for. Basically this was an Ordinance that FEMA Systems: asked the counties to adopt. The issue is that the county has been asked about the one hundred flood zone that is under the Ordinance, Section A. We have been asked for exemption from the one hundred flood zone. There will be new regulations coming from the EPD on this subject in the later part of the year.

Commission Nobles stated due to the fact that the EPD will be publishing new regulations that he recommended that the commission table the issue until the EPD had made the changes in their regulations.

Commissioner Nobles made a Motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to table this issue until the new regulations from the EPD were published. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval The invoice for the bricks that is needed for some of the renovation is in the amount of

For Bid for Bricks for $ 5,308.14 and will be used at the baseball field at Toombs Recreation Department. Recreation Department The invoice will be paid with Special Local Option Sales Tax if approved.

Commissioner Dixon made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the invoice for $ 5,308.14 for the bricks being used at the baseball field at South Toombs Recreation Department and to be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

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of Bids for Additions to which went exceptionally well. Those tankers need to be placed in a heated

Marvin Yancey Fire facility. There is another bid that we have not yet received, so Manager Jones asked

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Transportation Plan: Vice-Chairman McCormick asked Chairman Sikes to explain the process of Triple Service Treatment. Chairman Sikes explained there are three layers of rocks which are measured in different sizes. It is basically three layers of emulation and stone and this turns a dirt road into a hard surface. This process will buy fifteen years before you have to overlay it. This process is a thirty percent cost verses paving a road. This will be a competitive bid process because there are three companies located within 120 mile radius from us. Two of the three companies are sixty plus year old companies in good standings.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve and send out for bids. Motion carried unanimously.

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2017 CDBG application roads that run into our county and they have asked for our County to consider giving a For Largo Drive and Ashley Letter of Intent to participate in the paving costs for the sections of road in Toombs Drive: County. It is sensible that we work together with them to pick up that difference and to complete the portion of the two roads with pavement that is in Toombs County. The Letter of Intent is to participate in their CDBG application. This is just the application; the grants are awarded in August or September of this year. The board is asked to approve the Letter of Intent to send to the Board of Commissioner of Montgomery County, for a single addendum line item in their bid process. This will not have any effect on our CDBG application process. The single addendum line item gives our board the option to accept or reject the bid for our portion of the roads.

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Commissioner Nobles made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Letter of Intent to Montgomery County. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones stated that Moses Grass Company plants the grass at the Landfill

For Grassing at the Land- to keep us in compliance with the coverage that is needed. This invoice is included in

Fill: the Commissioners packet coves the cost of the grass at the landfill. This would be paid from the Landfill Funds.

Commissioner Dixon made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the invoice in the amount of $ 23,637.50 to pay Moses Grass Company for the work done at the landfill for coverage and to pay from Landfill Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Dates for Manager Jones stated that he did not have any a tentative dates set, but the

Work Sessions for Long Commission needs to meet on planning the long range plans of the Court House,

Range Plans on Buildings: Jail, and Detention Center. There are three consultant companies that will be presenting to the board. The board has expressed that the meeting should be separate from the Commissioners Regular Meeting. These meeting/workshops will be open to the public to attend. In these workshops after the consultant companies give their presentation, there will be time for question and answers. All three of the consultant companies are located in Georgia. One company is based in Savannah, one is in Thomasville and the other in Macon Georgia. There is nothing for the board to vote on, this is just informational only.

County Manager Report:

Financial Report: Manager Jones stated that the County is doing well with the expenses in the M & O budget. EMS showed a slight profit last month. The Landfill is on budget. The Local Option Sales Tax was down 1.5 percent for the month of February. We had discussed with Tommy Thompson to change out the front end loader boxes at Petross with the roll off containers. By going to the roll off containers, it should about double our capacity. Republic has assures us that there is room for these new containers. This is a trial bases and the containers actually cost less than the front end boxes. So if this works this could lower the cost of operation. We are still looking for an acre and a quarter of land in that area, so that we can close the last unmanned sight. The demand is high so we certainly need a Convenient Center in that area. In this same area we have an ISO fire rating of ten because there is not a Fire Station in that area. If we can find the land it will be a combination of Convenient Center and a fire station.

Other Miscellaneous The Volunteer Fire Department at Cedar Cross invites everyone to open house on

items: March 26th from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM at their station celebrating their 30th

Anniversary. They were established in March of 1987 as a Volunteer Fire Department. Everyone is invited to drop in and enjoy the Celebration.

Standing Committee: None

Report:

Commisssioners None were given by the Commissioners.

Comments:

Chairman Sikes: Chairman Sikes stated that another meeting has come and gone quickly. The second meeting took forever to get here and the third one was here before we knew it. It has been a great time so far and I am getting an opportunity to go across the state and do continuing education to get my Commissioners Certification. What a great shape our County is in and what great people we have in this County; it is not by what we have done, but what we have done together. As long as we stay unified and as long as we stay in a group this County will continue to set examples for everyone else in the state; it is a great thing to be a part of.

Manager Jones continued to say, we have a Public Hearing Meeting scheduled prior to our April 18th Commissioners Meeting, so we should delay in holding the Commissioners Meeting at the Normantown Fire Station until May 16, 2017.

Executive Session

Real Estate: Was not held.

Adjournment: Chairman Sikes ask for a Motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM

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