TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A

November 21, 2017 5:30 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

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Call to Order: Chairman Sikes had laryngitis, so Vice-Chairman McCormick led the Meeting. Vice- Chairman McCormick called the November Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Invocation: Commissioner Cason gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda: Vice-Chairman McCormick asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Dixon would like to amend the agenda to add two items to the agenda. Consideration of the repairs needed for the 2004 Caterpillar Motor Grader and the Consideration of an Intergovernmental Jail Agreement with the City of Vidalia these will be added after the appointment on the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission, at the end of the agenda; this was seconded by Commissioner Nobles. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Vice- Chairman McCormick asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the October October 17, 2017 Regular Regular Board Meeting.

Board Meeting

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

Department Reports: Sheriff Kight, Sheriff of Toombs County: Sheriff Kight stated that he appreciated the Longevity Check that the County Employees received just in time for the Holidays. On November 28th at 6:00 PM the Sheriff’s Office will present to all of the area Churches a safety and security overview which will be held in Courtroom A. All Churches are invited to attend and learn of safety developments that could be implemented for their Church safety. There are 110 housed at the jail as of this date; twenty five in which are females. There were 142 arrests, 156 released; and the daily population for October was 124. There were 229 Inmates seen by our nurse. There were sixty two inmates sent to State Institutions for mental rehab, drug abuse or Corrections. Total of 255 hours and 7,037 miles for transport for the month of October. There were 3747 calls came into the E-911 Center; 199 traffic stops.

Development Authority Bill Mitchell introduced Michelle Johnson as the Vice President and stated that she was Report: well versed in the Chambers Activities and will follow suit after his retirement as the President of the Chamber. Mr. Mitchell asked Mrs. Johnson to come forward to explain the coming events of the Development Authority and the Chamber. Mrs. Johnson announced that the Leadership Toombs-Montgomery will be meeting on December 7th (Thursday). This will be 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. The Youth Leadership will be meeting on November 30th (Thursday). This session tours Montgomery County. It will cover Business, Industry, Agriculture, Government and Education in Montgomery County. The next Ribbon Cutting will be at the Peoples Bank in Vidalia, Tuesday, December 5th from 4-6 PM. The Peoples Bank has a new look and has been completely remodeled; hors d’oeuvers and drinks to follow the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Project “Eagle”, The Authority has been working with this project since August. The prospect is considering Toombs County for a Condiment and Sauce Manufacturing Facility. U.S. Energy Sciences (USES) - The new revolving loan was executed on November 17th. U.S. Pet Nutrition (USPN) - The Authority received the final lease payment for the Spec Building #2, Toombs Corporate Center, Lyons, in October. The lease expired October 31st. The Company plans to exercise the option to purchase as specified in the lease agreement. The December Meeting has been rescheduled for December 13th at 12 Noon.

Mr. Dixon congratulated Mrs. Johnson on her becoming the new President of the Chamber and Michelle Johnson stated, “Thank you, I appreciate the opportunity.”

Public Participation: None

Consideration of 2018 Manager Jones explained there were three Beer and Wine Licenses for consideration. Beer and Wine Licenses: All three applicants have met all the requirements needs for their Beer and Wine

Lajoya Mexican Store Licenses to be issued, if the Commission approved.

Fruteria

Dennis Sport Shop: Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve Lajoya Mexican Store, Fruteria, and Dennis Sports Shop’s Beer and Wine Licenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manger Jones explained that in the Commissioners Packet there was the

Appointments to recommendations from the Development Authority Board sent by Michelle for District

Toombs County One and District Three. For the City of Vidalia, District One, they are recommending

Development Authority: Reid Threlkeld and for District Three they recommend Chris Hopkins. The Board of

Authority District 1 the Development Authority recommends the Board of Commissioners to appoint

Authority District 3: these members to their Board to fill these terms.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Reid Threlkeld to the Development Authority Board for District One and Chris Hopkins to the Development Authority Board for District 3. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Probation Manger Jones explained that this Contract is a result of an existing contract with

Service Contract between Judicial Alternatives of Georgia (JAG) with the Magistrate Court of Toombs County. The

Judicial Alternatives of County’s Attorney has looked over the Contract and has approved it. We are asking

Georgia (JAG) and the Board of Commissioners to approve this contract and authorize the Chairman Sikes

Magistrate Court of to sign.

Toombs County: Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to the Service Contract between Judicial Alternatives of Georgia (JAG) and the Magistrate Court of Toombs County, and for Chairman Sikes to sign the Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manger Jones explained, there is an individual that would like to replace an old mobile

Exception for Existing home with a new mobile home on his property, located at 145 Miles Road at Grays

Site for 100 –Year Flood Landing. The property already has an existing well and septic tank but the Health

Zone Requirement: Department will not issue a permit to hook to the septic tank until the Board approves an exception to the existing Septic Tank Ordinance that restricts the placement of a Septic Tank in a 100-year Flood Zone. In the past the Board has approved an exception the same area. Due to the fact that the old mobile home was connected to the existing septic tank it is recommended that the Board approves this request. Manager Jones continues to state that he is waiting on the Department of Community Affairs to send him a new Ordinance, so that we will not be asked to go through this exercise again.

 Commissioner Nobles made a motion for discussion only. Vice-Chairman McCormick stated that they had a motion for discussion only, was there a second? Commission Cason gave the second to the motion. Commissioner Nobles continued to state that the Commission had been caught between a rock and a hard place on this type of issue before. Commissioner Nobles expressed that the Health Inspector, Mr. Walter White, at the Health Department should be handling these issues and not bring it to the Board to resolve. At this time we are not sure there is an acceptable septic tank located on this property and he felt the Board should not be held responsible for the final decision. Vice-Chairman McCormick stated that he tended to agree with Commissioner Nobles but unfortunately we are caught in between because where would the citizens appeal to the decision, which in-turn would be the County Board of Commissioners. Manager Jones stated that the individual was caught in this dilemma as well and should be given consideration. This 100-year flood zone is a FEMA requirement not a Health Department requirement. Mr. White has stated that the existing septic tank is an approved septic tank and the well is acceptable for use. Mr. Whites only concern is the 100-year Ordinance. Vice-Chairman McCormick set a motion on the table to offer an exception to this Ordinance on this site.

 Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the exception for existing site for the 100-Year Flood Zone requirement. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Declaring Manager Jones stated that there were four vehicles listed in the Commissioners Packets

 4 Vehicles from Sheriff’s that needed to be classified as excess property. These vehicles are not necessarily

Office as Excess Property: drivable; parts have been removed over a number of years. We would like for the Board to classify them as excess property and dispose of them with a seal bid sale.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to declare four vehicles from the Sheriff’s Office fleet as excess property and to be disposed through a seal bid sale. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones stated this amendment is done each year and will increase the

 of Budget Amendment for infrastructure budget by the amount of money we receive from the LMIG Grant money Receipt of LMIG funds: that we receive for that year, which was $ 601,181.

 Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Budget Amendment for the receipt of the LMIG funds in the amount of $ 601,181. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones explained that the AC unit that serviced Courtroom B was installed Of Bids for Replacing HVAC approximately in the year of 1987 and the compressor had gone out. We received two Unit for Courtroom B: bids for replacing the compressor one from Alexander Brothers in the amount of $ 5,680. the other from Rivers was $ 6,854. To replace the entire unit, Alexander Brothers quoted $ 8,950. and Rivers quote was $ 10,638. for a new unit. After talking with our Air Conditioner Consultant that we have on staff, his recommendation was to replace the entire unit, given the age of the unit. We are asking the Board to approve the lowest bid from Alexander Brothers in the amount of $ 8,950. and will be paid with SPLOST funds.

 Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Bid from Alexander Brothers in the amount of $8,950. for the replacement of the HVAC Unit that maintains the HVAC requirements for Courtroom B. This will be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones explained that a new fence was needed at the Toombs Recreation

of Fence at Recreation Football Field. Georgia Fence Wholesalers quoted a price of $ 15,471.07 for the cost of Department’s Football the fence and the Department of Corrections would install the fence. SPLOST funds will Field: be used to pay for the fence if approved by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the fence at the Toombs Recreation Department’s Football Field in the amount of $ 15,471.07 from Georgia Fence Wholesalers. The Department of Corrections will install the fence. SPLOST funds will be used to pay for the fence. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones stated that Jackie B. Lovett Trucking Company hauled thirty seven loads

of Invoice to Lovett of rock to Toombs Recreational Department. Their invoice was for $ 16,022.73 and we

Trucking for Hauling Rock: need the Commissioner to approve the invoice to be paid with SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the invoice from Jackie B. Lovett Trucking Company in the amount of $ 16,022.73 for hauling rock to the Toombs Recreational Department; paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Manager Jones explained that it is required by house bill number 146, in this past Of Bids for Insurance for legislative session passed and the Governor signed, requiring a cancer and disability Firefighters Required insurance for all firefighters both paid and volunteer. There were two quotes; one from Under HB 146 (2017): quotes; one from ACCG IRMA (Interlocal Risk Management Agency) Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program and one from Bishop Durden Insurance Company. The lowest bid was from ACCG Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program in the amount of $ 3,272. (billed out on a quarterly basic) and it was almost half of what the other bid was, so the recommendation is that the Board approved the ACCG Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program Insurance bid.

 Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the ACCG Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program bid in the amount of $3,272 per year for insurance for firefighters required under HB 146 (2017). Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Manager Jones explain that this is the third member of that board. Mr. Jones stated Appointment to the that he had filling that position every year and someone should be nominated and Heart of Georgia put in place by January 1st of 2018. Vice-Chairman McCormick stated that John Jones Altamaha Regional has been doing a good job and he suggested that John remain in that position.

Commission:

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles reappointed John Jones to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Added to Agenda: Manager stated this is one of the items added to the Agenda. The County has a 2004

Maintenance for the Caterpillar 140H Motor Grader with a side arm that has a transmission that needs to be

Motor Grader: replaced. The two bids received are from Caterpillar for $ 21,871. and one from TEC for $ 21,290. Caterpillar has a program that will rebuild the entire power train; which would be the engine, transmission, and drive train for $ 99,875. A new machine like this one would cost $ 260,000.; so this is quite a savings. Our Chairman’s opinion is that the best route would be to repair and replace the entire power train. Based on this information, it is recommended that the Board approve the $ 99,875. From Caterpillar to rebuild the entire power train and paid with SPLOST funds.

 Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Caterpillar bid of $ 99,875; paid with SPLOST funds, to rebuild the entire power train. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration for the Manager Jones explained that the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Vidalia

Intergovernmental is identical to the same agreement that we have with the City of Lyons regarding the Service Agreement with jail fund fees and ability to charge of the jail fund fee on certain fines that are handled in

the City of Vidalia: Municipal Court.

 Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Intergovernmental Service Agreement with the City of Vidalia. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report:

 Financial Report: Manager Jones stated that the County is on Budget and LOST funds is down three fourths of a percent for the month; 3.79 percent down from last year, year-to-date.

 Miscellaneous: Manager Jones has contacted the Department of Revenue for the explanation of the LOST funds decrease over the last year but has yet to get a response.

EMS Report: Manager Jones gave the EMS Report for Drew James. There were 603 Calls for the month of October; 31,000 miles driven.

Grinder at the Jail: There will be a bid opening on the grinder at the jail on January 9th, 2017 at 11:00 AM. The cost is expected to be $ 150,000 to $ 200,000 in cost; once installed the City of Lyons will maintain the grinder.

DOT Projects: DOT had proposed a long term transportation program that will be partially Federal funded; cost is $ 250,000 and the local government cost will be twenty percent of that.

 US Highway 1 is projected to start in the Year 2019 and be completed by Year 2024.

Standing Committee

Reports:

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Nobles: Thanked everyone for the cards, prayers, and phone calls during his surgery that had to be done this past month. He and Tommy Thompson will be attending a SWANA meeting held on December the 6th through December the 8th.

Commissioner Cason : Thanks all the department heads and certainly want to Thank John Jones for all of his hard work that he does; he takes all the weight off of us. Thank you John and Thank you to all of my fellow workers.

Commissioner Dixon: Please remember People’s Bank’s Ribbon Cutting event, which will be held on December 5th at 4:00 PM. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Commissioner McCormick: Thanks again to all the employees that make our jobs easier. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. On behalf of the Chairman, he wants to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and he asked for you to keep him in your prayer so that he may regain this voice.

Adjournment: Vice- Chairman McCormick asked if there was a motion for adjournment.

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

Vice-Chairman announced that there would be a workshop to follow the Commissioners Meeting after a short recess.

 The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

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

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November 21, 2017 6:26 PM

WORK SESSION

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

The work session started at 6:26 PM.

The draft budget was presented, no changes were proposed.

The work session ended at 6:54 PM