

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called the March Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. We appreciate everyone being here tonight and with the beginning of harvest of the onions, there are bags of onions in the back need the door way and you are welcome to take one bag as you exit from the meeting tonight.

Invocation: Vice-Chairman McCormick 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 approve the April 17, 2018 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the March 22, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

March 22, 2018 Regular Board Meeting: Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the Minutes of the March 22, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimous.

Employee Recognition: None

Development Authority Michelle Johnson announced the upcoming meetings for the Chamber: First, the Chamber is still accepting applications for the Leadership Toombs-Montgomery Youth Leadership; the deadline for accepting the nominations is May 15th. Toombs-Montgomery Youth Leadership applications are available at the local schools. Showcasing Toombs-Montgomery, it will be held Friday May 11th, 2018. Georgia 2030 will be held on Thursday, August 9th. April 2018 meeting will be Tuesday, April 24th at 8:00 AM in the Chamber and Development Authority Boardroom.

Project “Apple Cart” is still ongoing. Project “Fact” is a new prospect. RFI was submitted March 29th. This is a wet wipes and sanitary napkins establishment. Real property investment is to be determined; personal property investment of \$ 10 Million with 104 new jobs and competitive wages, averaging \$ 16.64 per hour plus benefits by 2022. Project “Gingerbread” is ongoing, RFI # 1 submitted on February 21st. RFI # 2 was submitted on April 12th. This food processing plant would be a \$ 65 million investment and 200 new jobs in five years. The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, April 19th at 12:00 noon in the Chamber and Development Authority Boardroom.

Department Reports: Manager Jones spoke for Drew James: Director James was busy with the multiple service calls that were occurring during the meeting. EMS Consultant has a new software package to help with processing claims and the service is very pleased with the change. There will be a new ambulance proposal submitted next month.

Public Participation: Chairman Sikes introduced the new County Administrator for the Department of Family and Children Services. Rose Morris came forward and introduced herself and explained her duties and the Counties that they covered. She gave percentages of the population that received benefits and presented the Annual Report.

Tommy Rollins came forward and explained that he appreciated the chance to serving on a committee last year that discussed land use in Toombs County. The proposal was presented in five locations of the county and the people express their option and did not want to continue any further discussion, so we listen to the community and dropped the subject. I have been asked if that is why I am running for Commissioner of District Four and I assure them that is not the reason. All three of us that are running for a Commissioners seat, as I have told them and others, we were

friends when we started the campaign and we will be friends with the Campaign is over. Thank you gentlemen for what you do.

Randall Clark came forward and stated that he had a lot of people asking him what the Commissioners Meetings consist of and what is going on. He asked if the Commission would publish information where the public would know what occurred in the Commissioners Meeting. Chairman Sikes stated that Kathy Hilt reported in The Advance newspaper and Zack Fowler presented issued on South East Georgia Today, as well as the Commission publishes the Minutes of the Meeting after they are approved, on www.toombscountyga.gov website.

Chairman Sikes stated that if there were no others in the audience that would like to speak, Mr. Manager, Will you read the next item.

**Consideration of Bids for
Excavator for Public
Works:**

Manager Jones had given the Commissioner pictures of the major break in the arm of the Excavator in their packets. With the condition of this machine and age, it is in our best interest to purchase a new Excavator. A bid was received from Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$ 214,450 for a new excavator. The Commission is being asked to approve the purchase of a new Excavator for the Public Works Department and to be paid with SPLOST. Also, to declare the old Excavator as Excess Property, to be sold through a sealed bid process.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the bid for a new Excavator, received from Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$ 214,450 for the Public Works Department, to be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to allow Manager Jones to declare the old Excavator as Excess Property, to be sold through a sealed bid process.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to allow the Manager to sell the old excavator through a sealed bid. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Repair on
Compactor at Landfill:**

Manager Jones stated that the center hitch bearing on the compactor for the C & D has failed. Yancey Brothers has given a bid of \$ 27,028.11 for the repair and the Landfill funds would be used to repair the Compactor. The Board is being asked to approve this repair.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to bear the expense of the repair on the compactor at the landfill in the amount of \$ 27,028.11 from Yancey Brothers and will be paid with Landfill funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Ratification for two
Addendums to
Fencing Purchase:**

Manager Jones explained to the Commissioners that the addendums to the fencing purchase order is for two places. When they removed the fence around the old Roads and Bridges Building it exposed the back side of the EMA Building. The second area that the fence at the Toombs Recreation Department on the Football field. The hardware is lying on the ground, the drainage ditch needed to be complete before the fence could be put in place. Both fence jobs can be done by Central Fencing Company in the amount of \$ 5,319.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to ratify the two addendums to the fencing purchase order from Central Fencing in the amount of \$ 5,319. This will be for 344 feet at the Recreation Department Football Field and 96 feet the end of the EMA Building that was left exposed since the removal of the Road Department's Structure; paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Addendum to Road
Repair Purchase Order
for Courthouse Parking
Lot:**

Manager Jones stated that Ellis Wood Contracting is completing their contract from last year which consisted of various roads repairs and bridge aprons. Given their availability, there was a request that they provide us with a bid for paving the parking lot at the Courthouse. In addition to this parking lot they also provided a price to resurface the small road that runs next to the Ross Bowen Building that is breaking up. This is just for the road and not the entire parking lot located behind the Ross Bowen

	<p>Building. The total cost is \$ 31,707.50. If approved by the Board, SPLOST funds will be used to pay for this project. This price does not include striping; there will be an addendum later for the striping later.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to accept the addendum to the Road Repair Purchase Order from Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$ 31,707.50, for the Courthouse Parking Lot and the repair of the road located behind the Ross Bowen Building, paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Consideration of Appointments to the Toombs County Department of Family and Children Services:</p>	<p>Manager Jones stated that in the packet there were two appointments that need to be made. The DFCS County Administrator is requesting that the Commission re-appoint Ann Bedingfield, whose term actually expired in June 2017, to be re-appointed with her term ending on June 30, 2022. The other appointment is S. Wayne Smith whose term will end June, 30, 2023. Mr. Smith currently services as Chairman of this Board.</p> <p>Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to re-appoint Ann Bedingfield, whose term will expire June 30, 2022 and to appoint S. Wayne Smith whose term will expire June 30, 2023, to the Toombs County Department of Family and Children Services. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Consideration of Appointment to Board of Assessors:</p>	<p>Manager Jones stated that there had been a vacancy on the Board of Assessors for quite some time. After discussing many names we seem to have a consensus to name Adam Moore to this Board. Adam will be replacing Carl Sharpe who retired last year. Adam had lived in Toombs County all of his life, graduate of Georgia Southern University, is one of the owners of Lark Builders in Vidalia and a resident of Lyons. The Board is being asked to appoint Adam Moore to the Board of Assessors for the term of 01-01-2017 to 12-31-2022.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to appoint Adam Moore to the Board of Assessors. Mr. Moore's term will be 01-01-2017 to 12-31-2022. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>County Manager Report:</p>	<p>The Tire Amnesty program that we had was a very successful event; 44.18 ton of tires were collected. The grant that we received paid for the tires to be disposed of. We will know next year in the fourth quarter if DNR had enough funds to offer the tire amnesty for next year.</p> <p>Manager Jones stated that we had a contract with the Hospital and the Toombs-Montgomery EMS Department. This contract is for the transfers that we make for the Hospital. The County's Attorney has approved this contract. The Board needs to approve for the Chairman to execute this contract with Meadows Regional.</p> <p>Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the Chairman to accept the agreement on Transfers between Meadows Regional and Toombs-Montgomery EMS Department. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Financial Report:</p>	<p>Manager Jones stated that the LOST collection is down for third straight month; year-to-date we are down 2.28 % for the year. The landfill is doing well and EMS is also doing extremely well for the first quarter. For the Maintenance and Operation Budget we are a quarter of the way through the year and we are running at 19% for the budget.</p>
<p>Update on 2018 Federal Funded Off-System Safety Project:</p>	<p>Manager Jones continued to say last year we were awarded the Federal Safety Grant to do the two foot widening on each side of Lyons Center Road, starting at Ezra Taylor Road and going almost to the County Line. Hopefully we can piggy-back on this grant and finish all the way to the County line and to Lyons City Limits. That project was to let June of this year but Manager Jones had not been able to get a confirmation on that. This is a GDOT project and they handle all the funding and all the bidding and everything dealing with the project. Johnson Corner Road and Hwy 178, we finally got the utilities moved and can begin work on that project that should be completed in the next forty-</p>

five days. May 24th we should have all the bids on the CDBG Grant which will pave Pendleton Creek Road, Deer Run Road and Oscar Cruz Road.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioners Comments: None

Executive Session:

Chairman Sikes announced that there would be a ten minute break before the executive session would begin; the Executive session would be on a legal issue. Chairman Sikes ask if there was a motion to go into Executive Session after the ten minute break.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to go into Executive Session after the ten minute break. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Session was called to order by Chairman Sikes at 6:25 PM.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The session ended at 6:56 PM

Chairman Sikes open the floor back to the Regular Session. Chairman Sikes said there were two issues that need to be brought before the Board for a motion.

Chairman Sikes ask was there a motion to accept the resolution of the County of Toombs, Georgia authorizing, approving and directing the employment of Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley, P.C. to represent the county in potential litigation against contributors of Opioid addiction crisis.

Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to accept the resolution of the County of Toombs, Georgia authorizing, approving and directing the employment of Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley, P.C. to represent the county in potential litigation against contributors of Opioid addiction crisis. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sikes asked was there a motion on the purchase of property on Ezra Taylor Road and SR. 280?

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commission Cason to offer an additional \$ 7,500 plus the cost of a curb cut, to complete the purchase of property on Ezra Taylor Road & SR. 280. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

If there is no further business, Chairman Sikes ask for a Motion to adjourn the Regular Commissioners Meeting.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to adjourn the Regular Commissioners Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Chairman, David Sikes

Attest:

Helen Harris, County Clerk