

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called the June Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Invocation: Commissioner 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 approve the June 19, 2018 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the May 15, 2018 February 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

Regular Board Meeting:

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimous.

Development Authority:

Michele Johnson thanked everyone who was able to attend the ribbon cutting for The Perfect Scoop in Vidalia. On Monday, the 25th of June, Michele will be at the GMA Conference in Savannah, to help celebrate Toombs County receiving the Corner Stone Community Status with the Great Promise Partnership. Toombs County is one of seven to receive this status. The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 26th at 8:00 AM. There are revolving development loans available to those who want to expand and grow. Michele is going to resubmit the Regional Application to the Public Service Commission for Universal Service funds that will be used for the upgrade of the natural gas infrastructure. This will be for the Counties of Emanuel, Montgomery, Toombs, Tattnall and Wheeler; it is due July 1st. A meeting is scheduled with Conger LP Gas to discuss the needs for the Industrial Park. The next meeting will be at Noon this Thursday.

Department Reports:

Mr. Drew James, Director of EMS, reported for the month of May, the Department answered 651 calls for service and drove 30,142 miles on our fleet of Ambulances. For our Community outreach, we will be supporting the Winshape Camp at Sally D. Meadows School. We will be providing two jump bags as well as an Ambulance for the AC Unit, for the mid-afternoon. We will have about 450 campers that will be attending. We are proud that we can support the youth in our area. We hope to have everything in place by January for our EMS Youth Academy. This has been a program that we have been successful with for ages thirteen to sixteen years old. This gives an example to the youth to what happens from the time the call is received at E-911, to what the EMT's and Paramedics do, as well as how extrication are done, the fire department, Air Evac, and after the patient is received at the Emergency Department, how the Nurses and Doctors handle the emergency.

Employee Recognition:

Chairman Sikes stated, tonight we are recognizing Mr. Alvin Hitchcock. Alvin served as a Commissioner for three terms; that's twelve years. In 1999 Alvin became the go-to-man with the title of Public Building Supervisor for an additional nineteen years. Overall, that is thirty one years of service for Toombs County. Tonight we would like to present Alvin Hitchcock a plaque which reads, In Honor of Your Service, Alvin Hitchcock for Toombs County Georgia, Years of Service 1987-2018 In grateful Appreciation for years of Outstanding Service and Devotion, presented this 19th day of June 2018 by the Toombs County Board of Commissioners.

Pictures were taken with the Commission and several people in the audience spoke on Alvin's behalf of his accomplishment during his service and how his smile around the Courthouse would be missed after he retires.

Chairman Sikes, added, It has been said that the lake house is calling him more often than not, and we hope he fully enjoys his retirement. Thank you again for the thirty one years of service.

Public Participation:

None

**Consideration of
Emergency Repair at
Human Resources
Building:**

Manager Jones stated that the unit that cools approximately sixty to seventy percent of the building was beyond repair. Manager Jones contacted each Commissioner to explain the emergency in replacing this unit. Mr. Alvin Hitchcock contacted several vendors for a quote on the replacement of the unit and Alexander Brothers were the only vendor who could replace the unit within a few days. This building houses the Superior Court Public Defender, Juvenile Justice and the VA. Manager Jones asked the Board to ratify this invoice for \$ 11,230 and pay with SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to ratify the invoice from Alexander Brothers to replace the HAVC in the Human Resource Building, in the amount of \$ 11,230 and pay with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Awarding Bid on
CDBG Street &
Drainage improvement
to Pendleton Creek
Road, Deer Run Road
and Oscar Cruz Road:**

Manager Jones stated that there were two bids for the CDBG Street and Drainage project. McLendon Enterprises, Inc. for \$ 637,991.69 and Southeastern Civil, Inc for \$ 834,088.05. Our engineers, Hofstadter & Associated recommend we accept the lowest bid which was received from McLendon Enterprises, Inc. We will utilize \$ 500,000 from CDBG Grant, with the balance to be paid with SPLOST Funds.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to accept the bid submitted by McLendon Enterprises, Inc. for \$ 637,991.69; recommended by Hofstadter & Associates. \$500,000 from CDBG Grant, with the balance to be paid with SPLOST funds to complete this paving project. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Bids
For Roof Repair at DFCS
Building:**

Manager Jones explained that the roof on the Department of Family Children Services Building has a metal roof with an addition to the building that has asphalt shingles. The portion of the roof that is asphalt has been in need of repair for some time now. Mr. Alvin has patched so many times until it cannot be patched any longer. We have been working with the State trying to get a new DFCS building built, meanwhile we need to replace the asphalt shingle portion of the roof. We received several bids and the lowest bid was from DBM Construction of Lyons in the amount of \$ 11,500 with a thirty year shingle. DFCS pays the County rent and at the end of the year the coming years rent is based on the prior year's expense, so we will recoup the money back next year in 2019. We would like for the Board to approve the bid submitted by DBM Construction in the amount of \$ 11,500 to repair the roof and for the repair to be paid with SPLOST Funds.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to award the job to DBM Construction in the amount of \$ 11,500 for the roof repair on the DFCS Building and to use SPLOST Funds to pay for the repair. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Ratifying Invoice
For additional
Repairs on C & D
Compactor:**

Manager Jones explained that there was several items that was not included in the original quote but was necessary to finish the repair work needed on the C & D Compactor. This Compactor, new, cost anywhere from \$ 750,000 to \$ 850,000. The additional repair cost is \$ 12,867.92 and we would like for the Board to ratify this invoice and pay with the Landfill Funds.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to ratify and approve the payment of \$ 12,867.92 for the additional repairs needed on the C & D Compactor and pay with Landfill Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Proposal for
Property, Liability
And Auto Coverage
For 2018-2019:**

Manager Jones stated that the next item on the agenda was the renewal on the Counties Property, Liability and Auto Coverage for June 24, 2018 through June 24, 2019. The quoted cost from Bishop-Durden Insurance for the renewal is \$ 189,113. This amount was included into our budget this year. We would like for the Board to approve the insurance renewal with Bishop-Durden Insurance.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the renewal for the Insurance coverage in the amount of \$ 189,113. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Approval Work Detail
Agreement with
Treutlen Probation
Detention Center:**

Manager Jones stated that the County gets two prisoner work detail crews from Treutlen Probation. One crew is assigned to the Landfill and the other crew has been overseen by Mr. Alvin Hitchcock, which does trash pickup and grass cutting. The cost of this is annual contract is \$ 79,000; this twelve month contract can be ended at any time with a thirty day notice. We would like for the Board to approve this contract and allow the Chairman to sign the contract with the Treutlen Probation Detention Center.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the annual contract with the Treutlen Probation Detention Center in the amount of \$ 79,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Request to Close
Ben Wolfe Road
(County Road 068):**

Manager Jones stated that he had received a request from two property owners on Ben Wolfe Road to close Ben Wolfe Road. This road runs from Delma Burke Road to Currie Road. Our policy is to get impact statements from the Code Enforcement, EMS, Toombs County Bus Shop, and the Road Department. We have received the impact statement from everyone with the exception of the Board of Education; she was not able to confirm if there would be an impact before our meeting. The Board can table the request until next meeting or the Board can approve the next step, pending the statement from the Board of Education that the closure does not impact the Toombs County Bus Shop Operations.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to proceed to the next step, pending the impact statement from the Board of Education, that the closure does not impact the Toombs County Bus Shop Operations. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Placing Referendum
On November Ballot
Concerning Alcohol:**

Manager Jones stated the next item is the consideration of place a referendum on the November Ballot concerning alcohol sales.

Chairman Sikes stated that he needed a motion to move that we place the question of distilled spirits sales by the drink, distilled spirits sales at private clubs, Sunday sales package malt beverages and wine and Sundays sales of malt beverages wine and distilled spirits by the drink on the November ballot for the public referendum with a beginning date for each of July 1, 2019 if passed.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to place this on the November Ballot and let the citizens make the decision on the sale of alcohol as described by Chairman Sikes. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report
Financial Report:**

Manager Jones stated the LOST collection is down, compared to this time last year, by 6.65 percent; year-to-date it is down 2.2 percent. Overall, Maintenance and Operation Budget is currently operating about five percent below budget. Both the EMS and Landfill are reporting good cash flow for the year.

Up-Date Road Projects:

A pre-construction meeting was held with Dykes Grassing for the paving of the Bud Jordan, Bobby Williamson and Blaxton Road. They will receive the notice to proceed on June 25, 2018 and they have 365 days to complete the project from that date.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is expected to hold a bid opening later this month for the widening by two feet on each side of the road, for the length of six miles, on the Lyons-Center Road with Funding provided by a Federal Safety Grant.

**Up-Date Normantown
Park Project:**

This project is on its way. The cement slabs are already in place.

Up-Date on Striping Project: The project to stripe 26 miles of county roads is about seventy five percent complete.

Other Miscellaneous Items: The bridge aprons that were scheduled to be done have been completed and the parking lot at the Courthouse was next on their list but the rain came and they had to move onto their next job. It looks like it will be sometime this fall before they will return to do the parking lot that will provide an additional sixty four parking spaces for us.

Standing Committee Reports

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Nobles: Commissioner Nobles announced that he was elected to represent the Ninth District on the ACCG Board of Managers and we are going to hold a meeting on October 24, 2018. The meeting will be held at the Durden Cabin at Partin Park at 4:00 PM. The Tree House will be catering the meal that afternoon. There will be thirteen Counties who will be invited. I would like for our local Commissioners and State Senator would attend.

Commissioner Dixon: Commissioner Dixon said that he went by the new Aquatic Center with the new pool and had taken some pictures of the Aquatic Center, as well as the Pal Theater. Commissioner Dixon said everyone was welcome to look at the pictures he had taken. Both of these are in my district and the City of Vidalia has done a good job on both projects.

Adjournment: Chairman Sikes ask for a Motion to adjourn the Regular Commissioners Meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM

Chairman, David Sikes

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk