

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

**Call to Order:** Chairman Sikes called the November 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 Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the November 20, 2018 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes  
October 16, 2018  
Regular Board Meeting:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the October 16, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimous.

**Development  
Authority Report:**

Michele Johnson, presented a report with these upcoming events: The Chamber's upcoming events: **November 2018 Board Meeting** will be held on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. The **Windmill Restaurant Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening** located at 375 Main Street, Tarrytown, Georgia will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 until 5:30 PM. **Montgomery County Middle/High School Ribbon Cutting & Open House** will be held at 100 Faye D. Brewer ST., Mount Vernon, Georgia on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. **Leadership Toombs-Montgomery Government Session** will be held December 11<sup>th</sup>. **Toombs-Montgomery Youth Leadership Health Care and Law Enforcement Session** will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup>. **Southern Honey Hair Salon Ribbon Cutting**, located at 124 Moses Coleman Drive, Vidalia Georgia will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. Development Authority: Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) Monthly Meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup> at Noon in Atlanta, Georgia. **November 2018 Board Meeting** will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon, at the STC's Economic Development Center. **2019 Project Manager Tour Planning Meeting with Georgia Chamber of Commerce** will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 AM

**Department Reports:**

Lynn Moore, EMA Director, stated that we have received some of the reimbursement from FEMA for the equipment used during the storm from last April; they are still debating on whether or not to pay for the volunteer hours. Hurricane Michael in September, we have received everything except the volunteer hours that was turned in. Mr. Moore continues by saying that he would like to share a training event that happened in October. Kristy from Farm Bureau and Chris Hopkins from Lasseter Equipment Group (John Deere), came to one of the fire meetings and asked if there was anything they could do to help keep Toombs County stay safe. With the help of Jason Edenfield (County Extension Agent) there was a three hour training session in October that explained the dangers of the most common chemicals used in this area. An explanation of use and the dangers of each chemical were described in case of an accident. Altamaha EMC presented how dangerous the power lines and components that come along with power, could be life threatening. Also in this presentation the group was shown how to operate a watering pivot (especially how to shut it down); along with some of the fundamental of farm equipment. There were approximately 60 people that attended this meeting which included EMS, the Counties law enforcement, EMA, Fire, Police from Vidalia and Lyons. We appreciate Kristy and Chris for doing this valuable training class. Mr. Moore added that it didn't hurt that a steak dinner was served after the demonstrations.

**Drew James**, EMS Director added that the training was very valuable to the EMS Department and he appreciated the knowledge shared during the training. There were 595 calls for service in the month of October and 27,976 miles were placed on the fleet of ambulances. EMS Members wore their pink shirts on duty during the month of October to support the Breast Cancer Awareness and reached their goal of \$ 750; actually in the last two years the department has raised \$ 1,500 and was donated to the Meadows Regional Cancer Care Center. Custom Works has given a 60 % completion on our truck out of Woodberry Georgia. Mr. James stated that he and Jon Braddy will be traveling to the location to inspect the truck next week. From a command standpoint we have promoted two new Captains and in the December Meeting we would like to have a swearing in ceremony. One of the Captains is Paramedic Dusty Finley, which was named the Paramedic of the Year this past year and Paramedic Ashley Williams was the other chosen Captain. The three positions for Lieutenant have been closed and now we are going through the interview process. By December's Commissioners' Meeting, we will be introduction five new members of our command staff. Mr. James stated he was excited about going into the year 2019.

**Public Participation:** None

**Consideration of 2019 Beer and Wine Licenses:** Manager Jones explained there were two Beer and Wine Licenses for consideration. Both of these are renewals and are businesses that have been operating for a number of years in Toombs County. Their applicants are in compliance with the Beer and Wine Ordinance and we would like for the board to approve each one of them individually.

**Fruteria:** Vice-Chairman McCormick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the 2019 Beer and Wine License for Fruteria. Motion carried unanimous.

**LaJoya Mexican Store:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the 2019 Beer and Wine License for LaJoya Mexican Store. Motion carried unanimous.

**Consideration of Quit** Manager Jones stated that Rayonier Atlantic Timber Company had prepared a Quit

**Claim Deed to Rayonier Atlantic Timber Company – Closing Of Ben Wolfe Road:** Claim Deed for the property that they own on both sides of Ben Wolfe Road, which the Board closed earlier this year, and it has been reviewed and approved by the Counties Attorney. We are asking the board to authorize the Chairman to sign the Quit Claim Deed.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to authorize the Chairman to sign the Quit Claim Deed to Rayonier Atlantic Timber Company for the portion of the property that they own on both sides of Ben Wolfe Road. Motion carried unanimous.

**Consideration of Proposal from Cell Tower Solutions for Professional Valuation Services on Cell Tower Equipment:** Manager Jones stated that the Board of Assessors believes that we are not adequately evaluating the cell towers and do not have the expertise in doing so. This is a company they have researched and found that can perform the service of evaluation. In your packets you have the proposal from Cell Tower Solutions. If the board has any technical questions, we have two of the assessors' members in the audience that will be willing to answer any type of technical question you may have. If there are not any questions, we would like for the board to approve this proposal from Cell Tower Solutions.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the proposal from Cell Tower Solutions for Professional Valuation Services on Cell Tower Equipment. Motion carried unanimous.

**Consideration of Declaring Seven (7) Vehicles from Sheriff's Office as Excess Property:** Manager Jones stated these are the vehicles that we have replaced with the previous purchases this year for the Sheriff's Office. These vehicles are being rotated out of their fleet and we would like to declare them as excess property and sell them on a sealed bid process if the board approves.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to declare seven (7) vehicles from the Sheriff's Office as Excess Property and for the vehicles to be sold with a sealed bid process. Motion carried unanimous.

**Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment for Receipt of LMIG Funds:**

Manager Jones stated these are the funds that we receive every year from the state of Georgia and once we receive the funds we amend the budget receipting those funds and the expenditure that we will have. Based on that, we would like for the board to approve budget amendment one for the year 2018 for the receipt of LMIG funds.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to approve the budget amendment for the receipt of LMIG funds. Motion carried unanimous.

**Consideration of Appointment to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission:**

Manager Jones stated that he had received a letter for the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission asking for the board to nominate the third member for the County. Currently that position is being held by me. At this time the board needs to appoint a third member to represent the County that will start at the first of the 2019 year.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCormick to appoint John M. Jones to serve on the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission. Motion carried unanimous.

**Consideration for Bank Resolutions for Morris State Bank and Multi-Bank Securities:**

Manager Jones stated that before we can open any account with any institution, the board has to approve a resolution to authorize the opening of those accounts. Morris State Bank is located in Dublin Georgia. Multi-Bank Securities is a vendor that have been approved by ACCG as a preferred vendor. This will allow us to place money in an interest bearing account until we need them and received a larger interest rate on the funds. They are insured by the FDIC. This resolution will allow us to proceed forward and open those accounts.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Chairman to sign the Resolutions for Morris State Bank and Multi-Bank Securities. Motion carried unanimous.

**County Manager Report Financial Report:**

Manager Jones reported that the LOST collections were up for October by one percent. Our M & O budgeted expenses are still looking good as we go through the last two months of the year. We are close to having our preliminary budget for the year of 2019.

**DFCS Building Update:**

Manager Jones reported that the State has put out an RFP and he had met with a potential contractor this morning and they were planning to place a proposal. The bid is due at the state a week from today. They will then review the bids and name the finalist in Mid-December and in Mid-January they would be making a site visit to the actual location. The proposal is for a 18,000 to 20,000 square foot building. To give you some comparison, the courthouse we are in is 26,000 square feet. Mr. Jones received a call yesterday from a local real estate agent that had someone interested in placing a bid on the project as well. This will be handled through State Properties. We have been working on this for six years.

**Pendleton Creek Update:**

Manager Jones reported that all the rock has been laid on the surface and we did a change order where they will lay asphalt instead of the triple-surface treatment on that road. Hopefully they will do that next week. We still have Deer Run Road and Oscar Cruz Road to complete this project.

**Wellness Program Update:**

Manager Jones stated there is a copy of the October report in your packet that shows the latest winner, who is Mrs. Claudia Gardner who is a member of the Clerk of Courts Office. We had our mid-year meeting with CHP, our wellness program administrator, a few weeks ago. The summary of that meeting is also in your packet. There is also the September 2018 review of the health insurance; this is only one quarter's worth of information since the year starts in July for our health coverage. Once we get an update in January we will have a better view of how things are going and hopefully we will get

a better rate starting July of 2019. There is also the open report for Workmen Compensation; all but two have returned to work.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Dixon:** Wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to thank the Sheriff and his department on what they did Saturday with capturing the suspect in the robbery and murder case that occurred in Vidalia. Thanks everyone.

**Commissioner McCormick:** I am very thankful for our employees who make us as Commissioners continue to look good to a wondering public and was thankful for all the ones that are here tonight. Again, I echo the Commissioners Comments about our law enforcement, the Sheriff's Office in capturing the suspect that is accused of killing this young lady.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Sikes asked if there was a motion to adjourn the Regular Commissioners Meeting. After adjournment there will be a fifteen minute break before starting our Work Session.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to adjourn the November 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 PM.

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Chairman, David Sikes

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Helen Harris, County Clerk