

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called the October 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 Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the October 16, 2018 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes September 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Minutes of the September 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimous.

Recognition of Gary Tapley's Service to the County: Chairman Sikes stated that the Commission would like to recognize Mr. Gary Tapley for the years of service he has given to our County. Mr. Gary Tapley has served on the Toombs County Board of Assessors since 2002. He and his board members should be commended for their fine services that they have taken, as what I believe, to be one of the best County Assessor's office in the state and no question the best in any rural County. We are deeply appreciative of Mr. Tapley's service and would like to present a plaque to Mr. Tapley for the years of service he has given.

Mr. Tapley commended the staff of the Assessor's office and the employees of the Court- House. He was proud that he was selected to be on the Board.

Department Reports: Drew James, EMS Director, stated there were 607 calls for service in the month of September and 27,325 miles were placed on the fleet of ambulances. As a reminder Saturday the October 27th Lowes of Vidalia will be doing a Safety Day from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Toombs County first responders and Air-VAC helicopter will be on site. Our Ambulance will be there demonstrating CPR on October 31st at 509 Maple Drive, it has been a tradition for the last five years to decorate one of our Ambulances for Halloween Night and pass out candy from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Development Authority: Michele Johnson, stated the upcoming Events for the Chamber were as followed: **National Support Your Chamber Day** would be October 17th, 2018. **October 2018 Meeting** will be held October 23rd at 8:00 AM in the Chamber and Development Authority Boardroom. **The Gathering Place of Lyons** will have a ribbon cutting on November 1st at 4:00 PM, located at 3095 Lyons Center Road. **Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (GACCE) Volunteer Leadership Conference** will be held on November 15th at 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM in Columbus Georgia. **Windmill Restaurant Ribbon Cutting / Grand Opening** will be held on November 15th from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM located at 375 Mail Street, Tarrytown Georgia. The Development Authority meeting will be held on October 18th at Noon in the Chamber and Development Authority Boardroom. Both of our projects (Apple Cart and Flag) as still on-going. The South Georgia Railroad Coalition on October 1st was hosted by our Chamber and gave the Commission a summary of that meeting.

Public Participation: None

Presentation by Nuclear Regulatory Manager Jones introduced Clinton Jones from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and turned the floor over to him. Mr. Clinton Jones introduced himself and explained

Commission:	that he was the new Resident Senior Inspector at Plant Hatch. Each Nuclear Plant in the United States has at least two inspectors that work on-site. Their objective is to keep the Plant in good running order. He gave an overview of his job and his staffs responsibilities.
Consideration of Approval of Development Authority Loan - Georgia Pinestraw, Inc.	<p>Manager Jones informed the Board this is for a request for \$ 150,000 for a \$ 275,000 project. This loan will be used to purchase equipment and will create eight full time, permanent jobs. The equipment that will be purchased with the loan will be used as collateral. The Development Authority has review the paperwork and has approved this loan application as presented.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles make a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Development Authority Loan to Georgia Pinestraw, Inc. in the amount of \$150,000. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Administrative Clarification To Beer	<p>Manager Jones explained there is a need to clarify the distances between the establishment applying for the Beer and Wine License from a Church or School. We are not changing the footage, just clarifying how to measure the distance.</p> <p>Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the changes in the Ordinance on Beer and Wine License for clarification purposes on how to measure the distance required from a Church or School. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Approval of GEBCORP Amendment to the ACCG DB Plan:	<p>Manager Jones stated that ACCG had prepared a Resolution and Amendment for the Defined Benefit Plan for the Employees and the Board needed to approve this plan.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Resolution and Amendment to the GEBCORP Define Benefit Plan from ACCG. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
County Manager Report Financial Report:	<p>Manager Jones reported that the LOST collections were up one percent compared to September of last year. Year-to-date our collections are down 1.4 percent compared to last year. Maintenance and Operation Expense is seven percent under budget at the end of third Quarter. Revenue is expected to be slightly above last year's figures for the year of 2018.</p>
Other Miscellaneous Items:	<p>The widening of Lyons Center Road should begin tomorrow. This project should be completed in just a couple of weeks. A majority of the funds for this project came from a Federal Safety Grant.</p> <p>The State Building Properties may be coming soon to inspect the Department of Family and Children Services building. Their building is old and is always in need of repair. Our Senator has done a great job in getting the State to help us with that project.</p> <p>Manager Jones continued to say that he is very proud of our Search and Rescue team that we have in Toombs County. They are a part of EMA and our fire department. We are a part of the Georgia Search and Rescue Team Eight, which is a Search and Rescue Team that is made up with people from Fitzgerald, Waycross, and Toombs. This Team operates under the National Incident Management group and GEMA requested the Team to respond to the hurricane storm that passed through our State. We sent a couple of brush trucks and three firemen, Johnny Moser, Wendell Harvey and Doug Morrison. One day was spent in Albany and two days in Donalsonville, which was ground zero for Georgia. Their job is to search and rescue for anyone that needs to be rescued and they do a great job.</p>
Standing Committee Reports:	None
Commissioners Comments:	<p>Commissioner Nobles: Commissioner Nobles reminded everyone that next week on Wednesday Night, would be the ACCG District Nine Meeting. There are nineteen counties in Region Nine and</p>

thirteen of them have registered to attend. The meeting will be at the Darden's Cabin in Partin Park, starting at 4:00 PM with approximately 55 people attending. At 6:00 PM the Tree House is preparing the meal and we should have some very informative information presented at this meeting.

Adjournment:

Chairman Sikes asked if there was a motion to adjourn the Regular Commissioners Meeting.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to adjourn the October 16, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Chairman, David Sikes

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk