

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**Call to Order** Chairman Sikes called the June 18, 2019 meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Chairman Sikes gave the floor to Commissioner Nobles. Commissioner Nobles stated that he attended Oaks Baptist Church in Lyons and a couple of months ago we called a new pastor and Commissioner Nobles had asked the pastor to come to the meeting tonight where Commissioner Nobles could introduce Mr. Burton to the community. Commissioner Nobles asked for Pastor Burton to give the invocation.

**Invocation:** Pastor Burton from Oaks Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Vice-Chairman Dixon welcomed Pat Dixon, President of the Toombs-Montgomery Chamber this year.

**Approve Agenda** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the  
**May 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting** Regular Board Meeting held on May 21, 2019.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2019. Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Development Authority Report:** **Michele Johnson** thanked Vice-Chairman Dixon for recognizing Pat. Pat is a visionary go-getter and we are lucky to have her. The Adult Leadership Toombs-Montgomery received twenty-five applications; we hope to announce that class in July. The Youth Leadership received sixty-one applications and we hope to announce that group in August. Michele will be attending the Georgia Association Chamber Executive Members Leadership Conference from July 9<sup>th</sup> until July 12<sup>th</sup>. It is exciting to say that we have two new committee's kicking off and they are the Small Business Council and our Advocacy Committee. This group will be developing our Legislative Agenda but we are looking for opportunity to partner in a system local government; the long range transportation plan for one example. There are a lot of communication network and will be happy to get that type of information to you. With the census coming up, we really plan to push the census 2020 and help educate the community why that is so important. In the Development Authority news, we are pleased to announce the Robin Builders, Inc. Relocation/expansion project to Toombs Corporate Center, Lyons, on May 24<sup>th</sup>. As reported, the company will invest \$ 4.6 million and double employment to 120 at the new location. The regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the Chamber & Development Authority boardroom. Industry Luncheon/Visit with Savannah Luggage (SLW) will be Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the Chamber & Development Authority boardroom. Lunch will be served after a brief tour of the facility. The Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) has \$ 225,000 funds that are available and will be advertised those funds.

**Department Reports** **Drew James**, EMS Director, for the month of May there were 649 calls for service and 25,442 miles placed on the fleet of our ambulances. We have joined forces with the City of Vidalia Fire and Police Department with a beat the heat campaign. We will be raising awareness of heat related emergencies and how to prevent them. On June 29<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot of Chic-Fil-A will be sponsoring our

EMS Department while we are on site, we will be showing hands-on CPR techniques as well as blood pressure screening and educating the public on heat related emergencies. Vice-Chairman Dixon asked Director James if he had a delivery date on the new Non-Emergency Vehicle. Director James stated that Custom Works had projected a delivery date sometime in September. Commissioner Rollins spoke on behalf of his family, and said he would like to make a public comment. Commissioner Rollins continued to tell Director James that his family had an emergency and the EMS crew was one of the most professional groups he had ever seen. Around 10:30 PM that same night the Cedar Crossing Crew came to the emergency room from another run but took the time to come back by to check on us. Director James said he would pass that complement onto the crew.

Chairman Sikes wanted to recognize our new Road Superintendent that is here tonight, Chris Keene. Chris has been extremely involved with the community for the last twenty-five year. We are glad you are on our team.

**Public Participation:**

None

**Consideration of  
Approval of Alcohol  
Ordinance**

Manager Jones stated that the first item was consideration of the approval of the Alcohol Ordinance. This is due to the referendum that was passed last November. We had our public hearing this month of the Alcohol Ordinance that was being established. There were no public comments and we would like for the board to approve the new alcohol ordinance as presented.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the new Alcohol Ordinance as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sikes stated that we have discussed if the establishment has a current license, they could now include Sunday Sales for the rest of the year for the fee they have already paid for 2019 year; this can start July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. At the start of year 2020 the license will have to be renewed/purchased at the rate listed in the Alcohol Ordinance.

**Consideration of (3)  
Appointments to Hospital  
Authority Board Whose  
Term Would Expire  
December 31, 2021:**

Manager Jones stated that the next item for consideration is the appointment of three (3) Hospital Authority Board Members whose terms have expired. Proposed member Celeste Robinson is to fill Marsha Moore position. Ms. Moore does not wish to continue in that position; this will be the Lyons position. The Hospital Authority Board is made up of members that have three members from the county, two members from Lyons and four members from Vidalia. Danny Foshee would fill the Vidalia position. Danny is already serving on the Hospital Authority Board and he is willing to continue in that position. The third position is for a vacancy. They have asked for us to appoint Gray Meredith for the vacant Vidalia position.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner to Dixon to appoint Celeste Robinson to represent the City of Lyons on the Hospital Authority Board. Her term will begin January 1, 2019 and expire on December 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner to Nobles to re-appoint Danny Foshee to represent the City of Vidalia on the Hospital Authority Board. His term will begin January 1, 2019 and expire on December 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner to Nobles to appoint Gray Meredith to represent the vacant City of Vidalia member to the Hospital Authority Board. His term will expire on December 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of  
Appointment to Hospital**

Manager Jones stated there is also one more vacancy but there hasn't been any names given for consideration that can be presented to the Commissioners at

**Authority Board to Complete a Vacated Seat Whose Term Would Expire December 31, 2019:**

this time.

**Consideration of Renewal of Wellness Contract with Corporate Health Partners:**

Manager Jones stated the next item is the consideration of renewal of Wellness Contract with Corporate Health Partners. The County has had a contract with Corporate Health Partners for the past three years; this contract will end June 30, 2019. CHP has requested that we renew the contract for another three years for the same price. We have been very pleased with them and they have been very helpful in improving our health of our employees. We are asking for the board to approve an additional three year contract with Corporate Health Partners.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the renewal of a three year contract with Corporate Health Partners. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Contract for Food Services at the Detention Center:**

Manager Jones stated the Sheriff's Office has asked to change to another vendor, Kellwell Food Management, to supply food for the inmates. This contract allows us to cancel the contract with a sixty day notice. Sheriff Kight has asked for the Board to approve entering into this contract with Kellwell Food Management. If the Board approves, the contract will begin on August 1, 2019.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner to Nobles to approve the contract with Kellwell Food Management for the food service at the Detention Center starting August 1, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report Financial Report:**

Manager Jones stated the M & O Budget expense is still under budget by 3 %. Our E-911 fees for the year are 10% above our budget. Our LOST collection is up by 5 % compared to this time last year and our SPLOST is up by 9 %.

**Up-Date on Preparation for 2020 Census:**

In the next twelve months Manager Jones stated that he would be talking a lot about the 2020 census. The Cities and the County has been working to confirm addresses in preparing the 2020 census. The census is how the Congressional and State Districts are formed is based on that population. The census also affects our funding from the Federal Government. Each person that is counted in our County's Census represents \$ 1,339 per year in Federal / State Funding.

**Up-Date on C & D Expansion:**

Manager Jones stated that we have heard back from Georgia EPD permit. They are following up on their comments. Hopefully we will have that permit soon.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Commissioners Comments:**

Commissioner Nobles stated that he appreciated the text notifying everyone about the casual dress for the meeting tonight rather than coat and tie. He suggested that for the months of June, July and August, casual dress, then in September going back to coat and tie because he has gotten several comments from the public on how well the Commissioners dressed.

Commissioner Rollins stated that the construction on the roadway just this side of Johnson Corner Road has been completed and they did a very good job.

One of our past three terms Commissioner and a long time employee, Alvin Hitchcock, has had a heart attack but is in stable condition at this time. Please keep him in our prayers. Chairman Sikes stated that he would be on a Mission Trip in Mexico the first week of July and he would appreciate all prayers toward the men that are going on that trip.

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to adjourn from the Regular Board Meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

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David Sikes, Chairman

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