

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 December Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.
- Invocation:** Commissioner Cason gave the Invocation.
- Approve Agenda:** Chairman Sikes asked for approval of the Agenda.
- Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Appointment of Vice-Chairman:** Chairman Sikes announced it was time to appoint the Vice-Chairman for the year. Chairman Sikes thanked Commissioner Dixon for serving as the Vice-Chairman for the year of 2019 in which he stood in for him a couple of time along with some engagements. This position is one that is rotated so everyone gets an opportunity. Commissioner Sikes thanked Commissioner Dixon for a fine job. For 2020, I appoint Commissioner Darriel Nobles as Vice-Chairman. Vice-Chairman Nobles, I'm sure you will do a fine job and we are glad to have you. Vice-Chairman Nobles told Chairman Sikes he would have his back and would be available anytime he needed him.
- Approval of Minutes December 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on December 17, 2019.
- Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes December 23, 2019 Called Board Meeting:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Called Board Meeting held on December 23, 2019.
- Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Minutes of the December 23, 2019 Called Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Development Authority** **Michele Johnson** stated that she appreciated everyone coming to the ground breaking for Robins Builders. On the Chambers Calendar, Board Meeting will be held on January 28th at 8:00 AM. The next Leadership Toombs-Montgomery (LTM) Health & Social Session – Thursday, January 30th. Prime Cut Steakhouse will have a Ribbon Cutting – Thursday, January 30th at 4 PM. Vibrant Community Workshop – Thursday, February 6th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM held at the PAL. Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting 2020 – February 6th, 5:30 PM held at the Vidalia Community Center. Toombs-Montgomery Youth Leadership (TMYL) Putting Your Best Foot Forward Session – Tuesday, February 11th. Leadership Toombs-Montgomery (LTM) Capitol Tour – Thursday, February 13th. On the Development Authority the Georgia Ports Authority Georgia Foreign Trade Conference – February 2nd – 4th held at Sea Island. Board Meeting will be Thursday, February 20th at 12:00 noon, held in the Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom.
- Department Reports:** **Drew James**, EMS Director stated in the year of 2019, the service responded to 7,152 calls between Toombs and Montgomery County; 6,122 of those were made in

Toombs County. To give a comparison in the year 2008 for our department there were approximately 5,000 calls; this shows the growth in the last eleven years. On Thursday, January 9th the Type II transit ambulance was placed into service; this will be used in non-emergency and special events. This Saturday we will be supporting the Vidalia Fire Department which will be out-of-the-box training day at the Vidalia Community Center; we will have a crew standing by during their training. The 5501 Unit that is being re-mounted was dropped off on Monday the 13th of January; there will be a 90-120 day turnaround. Last month we spoke of an Emergency Medical Responder Grant that we had applied for, the application closed on January 15th, we should know in about two weeks if we were fortunate to receive that grant. Once we get the go on the grant, we will be reaching out to the area fire departments and law enforcement to fill that class.

Chairman Sikes asked Director James to remind the community how important it was for everyone to be counted in our County in the Census on April 1st.

Recognition of Service:

Chairman Sikes asked Chief Johnny Moser to come to the podium. Chief Moser gave an overview of the year 2019, there were 273 active calls; active calls mean the calls were responded with sirens and engines. This number of calls was more than the City of Vidalia and Lyons combined. Chief Moser stated he had asked Manager Jones about a month ago to recognize a few of our Volunteer Fire Personnel. We have a few that have been with the volunteer fire departments since it was established, East Toombs County Volunteer Fire Department. Before these Volunteer Fire Departments were created, the City of Lyons would go out in the County as far as they could. Chief Johnny Moser asked **Assistant Chief Terry Findley, Firefighter Larry Copeland and Firefighter Linda Findley** to come forward. These three individuals have given 30 years of continuous service to the Toombs County Rural Fire Department and were recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation of their years of service.

Public Participation:

None

Consideration of Approval of the 2020 Beer and Wine Licenses:
- Big Ma's Inc.
- Frank's, Inc.
- Country Pantry:
- Normantown Grocery
- La Joya Mexican Store
- John's Country Junction, Inc.

Manager Jones stated all six of the applicants had completed the paper-work to renew these existing licenses. Frank's, Inc. is applying for a different type of license but all have completed their application according to the County's Ordinance. We ask the Commission to approve the renewal on all six applications.

Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Alcohol License for all six applicants, Big Ma's Inc, Frank's Inc, Country Pantry, Normantown Grocery, La Joya Mexican Store and John's Country Junction Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Committee Appointments:

Manager Jones stated the Chairman appointed the members of the Board to various committees. Manager Jones turned it over to Chairman Sikes to make his appointments. Chairman Sikes made the following committee appointments: Roads and Bridges would be Darriel Nobles and Alfred Cason; Recreation would be Alfred Cason and Wendell Dixon; Landfill will be Darriel Nobles and Tommy Rollins; Public Safety will be Alfred Cason and Wendell Dixon; Finance and Accounting will be Wendell Dixon and Tommy Rollins; Policy and Procedures will be Tommy Rollins and Darriel Nobles. Those are our six Committees and the appointments for the year 2020.

Consideration of Heart of Georgia

Manager Jones asked for approval for Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission for grant writing and administration for the 2020 Community

Altamaha Regional Commission for Grant Writing and Administration:	<p>Development Block Grant (CDBG) application that we are submitting. We ask the Board to approve that Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission be the grant writing and administrator for this program.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission for Grant Writing and Administrator for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Approval of Resolution to Create the Toombs County Public Facilities Authority:	<p>Manager Jones stated that the County’s Bond Counsel and Financial Advisors, recommended that we have a Resolution to Create the Toombs County Public Facilities Authority. This will help with the financing for the construction of the Courthouse and Detention Center/Sheriff Office. Management is asking the Board to approve this Resolution. If approved, all Commissioners will need to sign the Resolution.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Resolution to Create the Toombs County Public Facilities Authority. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Budget Amendment for 2019:	<p>Manager Jones asked the board to approve the budget amendments for 2019. This will adjust the overage and under budget for some of the departments. Some departments are over budget so the funds are moved from the departments that are under budget. We are asking the board to approve this amendment.</p> <p>Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approval the budget amendment for 2019. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
County Manager Report Financial Report:	<p>Manager Jones stated we are finishing out the year for the Auditors to come in March and start with our audit for 2019. We finished a little above Revenues than we projected and our expenses came in below what was budgeted for the year. Maintenance and Operation Budget looks really good. Our E-911 revenues were up 24 % over last year. The beginning of 2019 the legislative created an Authority to oversee all the E-911 fees were collected and going to the proper 911 Centers across the state. It also gave the Authority to do audits in telecommunications industries, to insure 911 fees were remitted properly. The Landfill and Ambulance and Landfill had a good year and we are pleased with that. Overall 2019 was a good year for the County.</p>
Up-Date Band III	<p>Manager Jones stated that Band III was approximately eighty percent complete on Lyons Center Road, eighty percent of the work on Five Points and about seventy percent on New Normantown Road. This project should be completed in the next sixty days.</p>
-TSPLOST Projects:	<p>We will be starting the stripping on the Roads that TSPLOST will pay for in the near future.</p>
Miscellaneous:	<p>None</p>
Standing Committee Reports:	
Commissioners Comments:	<p>Chairman Sikes asked everyone to put the word out about our Census, April 1st.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman Nobles state that he was on the Council for RDC for the Aging, during our meeting in McRae today and there was discussion on the Census. They are predicting that south of the fall line, we are losing population from the age of forty</p>

down but we will gain Senior Adults. This of course is in the future but it have been noted that our young people are moving north. Bring your children home on April 1st so they can be counted in Toombs County.

Adjournment:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk