

December 17, 2019

5:30 PM

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 5:30 P.M.

Invocation: Commissioner Cason gave the Invocation.

Approve Agenda: Chairman Sikes asked for approval of the Agenda.

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

**Approval of Minutes
November 19, 2019
Regular Board Meeting:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on November 19, 2019.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes
December 02, 2019
Called Board Meeting:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Called Board Meeting held on December 02, 2019.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Minutes of the December 02, 2019 Called Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Development Authority **Michele Johnson** stated the Development Authority will have a meeting Thursday at 8:30 AM and she would like for the Commissioners to come if possible. The Chamber has scheduled the legislative lunching on January 9th, 2020 at 11:30 AM at the First Baptist Church in Lyons. Michele stated that their office will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the Christmas Holiday.

Department Reports: **Drew James**, EMS Director stated the service responded to 580 calls in November and there were 20,306 miles placed on the fleet of Ambulances for November. The Type II Transit Ambulance is here and we are waiting on the State to perform the inspection where we can get it street ready. We are beyond proud how it turned out and excited about it. The Department has applied for an Emergency Medical Responder Grant. This grant is from the State and will cover the instructor's fee and the one hundred ten dollar book fee. This class will be held from February until the

end of March; it is a forty eight hour class. Director James will be in contact with all the area Fire Department and the Law Enforcements to see if any want to enroll in the class. Director James said he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Chairman Sikes requested Mr. George Powell to come forward and then Mr. Sikes turn the floor over to Vice-Chairman Dixon. Vice-Chairman Dixon read a plaque to Mr. Powell whose is currently serving as the Board of Assessors Chairman. Mr. Powell's term will expire on December 31, 2019 and the Commissioners wanted to recognize Mr. Powell for the seventeen years that he has served on the Board and all of the things he has done for our County.

Mr. Powell spoke and said that it was a pleasure to give back to the people in our County. It has been an interesting journey and a learning experience. He commended the staff of the Board of Assessors. Our Assessor's Office has come a long way in seventeen years. I leave with a lot of pride; our Assessor's office is second to none in the state. The goal is to treat people equal throughout the County and we could have not done this without our members on the Board. Mr. Powell also told us about the City of Santa Claus voting on a setting that will be built like a copy of Washington DC which will have a copy of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution and will be available for the public to view. This should be ready by this coming Easter.

Carey Alligood: Ms. Alligood gave us an overview of what the County would be receiving from the State, sixty nine touch units for voting (one scanners, one central unit which will be located in her office at all times), twenty seven touch pads and one printer. If the County would have paid for this equipment, it would have cost the County \$ 369,000. Ms. Alligood asked if anyone was interested in being a poll worker or know of anyone that would be a poll worker, please send them to her. Ms. Alligood is planning to post a link that the public can see what to expect when they come to vote in the upcoming elections. There are some changes that need to be made for security purposes. We will need extra security lights outside and a film on all of the exterior windows. All the old equipment will be return to the Secretary of State.

Public Participation: None

Consideration of Approval of the following Alcohol License:

Manager Jones stated all three of the applicants had completed the paper-work. We are asking the Board to approve the renewal on all three applicants.

- Jan's Mart, Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Alcohol License for all three applicants, Jan's Mart, Cedar Crossing Grocery, and
- Cedar Crossing Grocery,
- CEKK, LLC (John's No.2): CEKK LLC (John's No.2). Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Appointment to the
Hospital Authority:**

Manager Jones stated there are two appointments on the Hospital Authority Board. Current board members Powell Collins and Jeremy Joyner, both terms expired December 31, 2019. Both men have agreed to serve an additional three-year term. If appointed their term would be January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022. Preston “Bubba” Mixon is recommended to replace Wayne Brantley; his term would end on December 21, 2022. Kailey Dees to complete Gray Meredith’s position on the Board; his term would be completed on December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon to reappoint Powell Collins to the Board of Hospital Authority; term would end on December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to reappoint Jeremy Joyner to the Board of Hospital Authority; term would end on December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to appoint Kailey Dees to the Board of Hospital Authority; term would end on December 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to appoint Preston “Bubba” Mixon to the Board of Hospital Authority; term would end on December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Appointment to the
Board of Elections:**

Manager Jones stated Troy Reddick and Eugene Jones have been asked if they would serve another term on the Board of Elections and they both stated that they would. We are asking for the Board to reappoint Troy Reddick and Eugene Jones to the Board of Elections. If reappointed their terms would be January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2023.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to reappoint Mr. Troy Reddick to the Board of Elections. Their terms will be January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon to reappoint Mr. Eugene Jones to the Board of Elections. Their terms will be January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Bids for Closure of
C & D Section of
Landfill:**

Manager Jones stated Hofstadter & Associates is recommending the county accept the low bid of \$614,706.50 from Southeast Excavating & Clearing to do the Closure of the C & D Section of Landfill. If it is approved it will be paid with Landfill funds.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to accept Southeast Excavating and Clearing, Douglas Georgia, as the low bid of \$614,706.50 which will be paid with Landfill funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Declaring Parcel L31-22 as Excess Property and to

Manager stated there was a citizen that was interested in buying this lot and we would like to declare Parcel # L31-22 as excess property and to sell at seal bid. This property is 100 foot X 191.50 foot lot fronting Jones Avenue in the City of Lyons. If declared as excess property, the County Attorney will begin the steps necessary to sell the property under a seal bid process with a minimum bid amount to cover the County's Cost, which will include the back taxes of \$ 671.15 plus Attorney fees.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to declare Parcel # L31-22 as excess property and to sell at seal bid with a minimum bid amount to cover the County's Cost. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Service Agreement with AlSCO Linen & Uniform Service for EMS:

Manager Jones stated AlSCO Linen & Uniform Services for EMS. This is the company that handles the linens and Uniforms for the Ambulance stations. This is an annual agreement and would like for the Board to approve.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Annual Service Agreement with AlSCO Linen & Uniform Service for the EMS Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Proposal for Ambulance for EMS:

Manager Jones stated the lowest bid was received from Custom Truck & Body Works, Inc. in the amount of \$ 136,782 for a full ALS Ambulance. Additionally, proposed option of a Stryker Performance Stretcher in the amount of \$ 7,400 and Auxiliary Battery in the amount of \$ 350. SPLOST funds will be used to pay for the purchases if approved.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to accept the lowest bid from Custom Truck & Body Works, Inc. in the amount of \$ 136,782; approved the addition option of a Stryker Performance Stretcher in the amount of \$ 7,400; and Auxiliary Battery in the amount of \$ 350. SPLOST funds will be used to pay for the purchases. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of renewing the three year contact EMS contract with Montgomery County:

Manager Jones stated the previous three year contract with Montgomery County to Provide services for their County will expire December 31, 2019. The terms for the renewal of this contract are the same. We are asking the Board to approve the renewal of another three year contract with Montgomery County.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve

the renewal of a three year contract with Montgomery County to provide EMS Services for their County. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Qualifying Fees for 2020 Elections: Manager Jones stated in the packet you have the notification that will be published in the paper that stated all of the Qualifying Fees. The Board is approved these fees each time there is an election. We are asking the Board to approve the Qualifying Fees as stated.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Qualifying fees that were set as such: Sheriff - \$ 1,780; Tax Commissioners - \$ 1,492; Clerk of Courts - \$ 1,492; Probate Judge - \$ 1,492; Chairman, Board of Commissioner - \$ 540; Commissioner - \$ 180 (District 2&3); Coroner - \$ 108; Board of Education Member - \$ 72 (District 2,4,&6); State Court Judge - \$ 1,082; and State Court Solicitor - \$ 927. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Holiday Schedule for 2020: Manager Jones presented the holiday schedule for the year of 2020. There are the same eleven holidays we have had in the previous year. We asked the Board to approve the holiday schedule as presented.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the following Holidays for the year of 2020: New Year's Day, 01/01/2020; MLK Day, 01/20/2020; Good Friday, 04/10/2020; Memorial Day, 05/25/2020; July 4th, 07/03/2020; Labor Day, 09/07/2020; Veterans Day 11/11/2020; Thanksgiving, 11/26/2020 and 11/27/2020; Christmas , 12/24/2020 and 12/25/2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of the Third Member of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission: Manager Jones stated a letter has been received from the Executive Director of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission requesting the Board to appoint a third member to that council. Manager Jones stated that he currently serves in that position.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to reappoint John Jones as the third member of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report Financial Report: Manager Jones stated in your packet you have the financial statement for the year. SPLOST collections are up 10.64% from November 2018. LOST are up 6.05%. Maintenance & Operations expenses remain under budget for the year. Landfill has already exceeded budget by 3 %.

In you packet you will have Memorandum from ACCG Insurance Programs regarding our Workman Compensation Fund. We have had a good year and they are refunding back to the fund \$ 4,000,000 which will lower our premiums by 5%.

You have our monthly wellness report and the naming of Sandra Olvera as the Fall 2019 Toombs County Wellness Warrior. Sandra works in our Detention Center.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioners

Comments:

Vice-Chairman Dixon wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Commissioner Nobles wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reminded

Adjournment:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____

Helen Harris, County Clerk