

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called the February Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Invocation: Vice-Chairman Nobles gave the Invocation.

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

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to amend the agenda and add consideration for Contract amendment to an existing Everett Grassing Company Contract.

**Approval of Minutes
January 21, 2020
Regular Board Meeting:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on January 21, 2020.

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

Development Authority Chairman Sikes stated that Michele was in Savannah working on getting more business in Toombs County, so she will not be here tonight. She is doing a wonderful job and we are very thankful for her. Manager Jones was asked to give her report. Manager Jones stated on the Chambers Calendar, Board Meeting will be held on February 25th at 8:00 AM at the Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom. There will be a Ribbon Cutting for Tippet Legal Services, 204 NE Main Street, Suite 1, Vidalia on Wednesday, February 26th at 4:00 PM. Toombs-Montgomery Leadership (TMYL) Wrap-Up & Graduation on Monday, March 2nd. Leadership Toombs-Montgomery (LTM) Economic Development Session on Thursday, March 5th. Ribbon Cutting for Appling Healthcare, 1702A Meadows Lane, Vidalia on Tuesday, March 10th at 4:00 PM. Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (GACCE) Staff Development Conference on March 12th and March 13th in Alpharetta, Georgia. For the Development Authority, University Economic Development Association (UEDA) Summit on Tuesday, February 18th in Savannah, Georgia. Board Meeting will be held Thursday, February 20th at 12 Noon in the Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom.

Department Reports: **Drew James**, EMS Director stated in the year of 2019, the service responded to 551 calls in the Month of January. There was a public safety briefing with the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee on February 11th to go over some basic first aid. We gave an overview of our action plan of where we plan to be during the Festival. The festival is scheduled April 24th through 26th. Montgomery has put out for bid for a new ambulance. We should know something on March 12th. We appreciate the Commission and their County Manager, Brandon Braddy for that project as well.

Public Participation: **None**

**Consideration of
Approval of the Following
Beer and Wine Licenses:** Manager Jones stated that Benton Lee's Steakhouse had complied with Beer & Wine License Ordinance. We ask the Board to approve the renewal of their license.

- Benton Lee's
Steakhouse
Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Beer and Wine Licenses for Benton Lee's Steakhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Approval of Bid of Striping: Manager Jones stated that in the Commissioners Packet there were three bids received for striping several roads in Toombs County, (approximate 22 miles). Peek Pavement Marking, LLC's comparable bid was in the amount of \$ 92,000; Southeast Center Line's bid was in the amount of \$ 113,910 and NPR South was in the amount of \$ 103,470. The roads that will be striped are: K. Palmer Road, Cadillac Drive, Thompson Pond Road, Taylor Springs Road, Center Crossing/Alston Road, Country Estates Road, C. V. Mosley Road, J. Thigpen Road, Sam Beasley Road, Vann Lewis Road, John Wilkes Road, Old Normantown Road, and Ben Usher Road. We recommend the Board to accept the lowest bid of \$ 92,000 from Peek Pavement Marking, LLC. TSPLOST funds will be used to pay the invoice.

Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the lowest bid submitted by Peek Pavement Marking, LLC in the amount of \$ 92,000, for striping approximate twenty-two miles of Road in Toombs County, which will be paid with TSPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of purchase of Video Conferencing Equipment for Superior Court: Manager Jones stated that in the Commissioners Packet there was a proposal from Progressive Communications. Manager Jones turned the meeting over to Sheriff Kight to explain the proposal. Sheriff Kight stated he had gone to Statesboro and saw how the Video Conferencing system worked. The Department of Corrections has this system in all of their prisons. They can teleconference with any one that has the equipment. I saw that this system will save in expense of transportation and time for travel and the cost of the staff and the liability of all that is involved. The cost of the equipment is \$ 13,086.40. The first sixteen months there is not any monthly fee, after these sixteen months; there will be a monthly fee of \$ 309 per month which covers the registration of the cloud and maintenance of the screens.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-chairman Nobles to approve the purchase of the necessary equipment for the Video Conferencing and pay with SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Kight gave an overview of the inmates, there were 142 brought in for the month of January, released 135 inmates and there are still 120 housed at this time. There are twenty three females and ninety six males in house.

Consideration of Declaring two (2) Public Works Truck as Excess Property and Sale under Seal Bid: Manager Jones described two trucks that the Public Works Department needed to declared as excess property and sold under seal bid. One is a 2005 Ford (White) with +/- 165,000 miles; VIN # 1FTHR122X5NB48919 and the other is a 2002 Chevrolet (White) with +/- 150,000 miles; VIN # 1GCEC14V322209692.

Commissioners Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Nobles to approve the sale of two (2) Public Works Trucks, one 2005 Ford and one 2002 Chevrolet, as Excess Property and sale under seal bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Amending the Contract With Everett Dykes Grassing Co., Inc.: Manager Jones stated the amendment to a current contract with Everett Dykes Grassing Company, Inc. to Triple-Surface eight (8) additional roads; Leon Butler, Pine Hollow, Evergreen Ct., Cardinal Road, Indigo Drive, Benton Powell, Miles, and Earl Williams Roads, in the amount of \$ 376,755.55; if approved the cost to Triple-Surface these eight (8) roads; Leon Butler, Pine Hollow, Evergreen Ct., Cardinal Road, Indigo Drive, Benton Powell, Miles, and Earl Williams Roads, in the amount of \$ 376,755.55 and will be paid with TSPLOST funds.

Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Rollins to approve the amendment to the Everett Dykes Grass Co., Inc. contract to Triple-Surface these eight (8) additional roads in the amount of \$ 376,755.55 and to be paid with TSPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report Manager Jones stated the Auditors will be here in March and start with our audit for
Financial Report: the year of 2019.

-Other Miscellaneous Manager Jones gave an overview on the dirt road conditions. From the National
Items: Weather Service out of Macon, On February 17th according to their records, Toombs
County has received five inches of rain; normally this would be only 2.6 inches of
rain. Since December 1st we have had 17.86 inches of rain, this is an increase of
63.7 % above average. Therefore it is easy to see why we are having issues that we
are having; the Altamaha River is still rising and until the river starts decreasing and
we have a little sunshine to dry the dirt, we will continue to have the problems on
the our dirt roads.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioners

Comments:

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 5:52 p.m.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk