

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called the July Regular Board 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.

Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes
June 16, 2020
Regular Board Meeting:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on June 16, 2020

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Development Authority
Reports:** Michele Johnson thanked everyone for attending the ground breaking event for the Department of Family and Children Services that occurred this afternoon at 3:00 PM. There was a ribbon cutting at 4:00 for Paradise Restaurant; everyone should visit their restaurant for some good food. We will be having another ribbon cutting on August 3rd for Royal T's at 4:00 PM; mark your calendar. On August 8th Unity Fest 2020 Census Event that will be held on August 8th from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon behind Toombs County Primary School. The Development Authority has posted the RFP for the fourth spec building at Toombs Corporate Center on Friday and hoping the building will be completed by the end of January 2021. Project "Cowboy" is being considered, this is a solar project which has high investment but low job creation. Project "Parallel" and "Spitfire" is ongoing. The Development Authority will meet Thursday, August 20th at 12:00 noon.

Commissioner Dixon asked where we were percentage wise for the Census count. Michele replied we are about fifty percent. The COVID-19 has slowed the process down dramatically. There will be more activity to come to bring that count up.

Department Reports: Drew James, EMS Director, for the month of June there were 622 calls for service. In May of this year the EMS Department applied for a public safety grant that are awarded to fire services, EMS, law enforcement, all across the county by the Firehouse Subs Foundation. Mr. James was proud to announce that they were one of sixty-seven departments in the country that received a grant in the amount of \$ 13,596.42. This grant money will be used to purchase an automotive CPR devices where each station will be equipped with this devise. A special thanks to Ryan Davidson who is our Stryker Rep. with Visio Control, as well as Eddie Wells that is the Manager of the local Firehouse Subs, to John and Helen that helped with the grant packet and a special thanks to our training officer, Jim Jones who has helped us with the training of our staff to use this devise.

Public Participation: None

Consideration of Approval of Annual Liability Insurance Policy: Manager Jones stated the renewal for the liability insurance, general liability insurance, commercial insurance, liability on our vehicles, the volunteer fire fighters and the fire department employees is due. The renewal price from Bishop and Durden Insurance were in the amount of \$ 237,408. The renewal cost of this policy is within the 2020 budget amounts. Management asked for the board to approve this renewal.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Annual Liability Insurance Policy from Bishop and Durden Insurance in the amount of \$237,408. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval for Disposing of Excess Fire Department Property: Manager Jones stated the Toombs County Fire Department would like for the county to declare as excess property and dispose of accordingly. 1985 Ford F700 Brush (Red) Truck-Vin # 1FDWD70U1FVA36139; 1984 Pierce Pumper-Vin # 1P9CT01D3EA040571; 2007 Ford Ambulance -Vin # 1FDWE35927DA69371; 2005 SRW Super Duty (Gray) Ford-Vin# 1FTSX21555EB30960; 2004 Ford SRW Brush Truck Vin # 1FTNX21L74EB46846. Management is requesting the board to approve the disposal of these five properties.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to dispose of excess fire department property described by Manager Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Ratifying Purchase of Brush Truck for County Of Ratifying Purchase of Brush Truck for County Fire Department: Manager Jones stated in your packet you have an invoice in the amount of \$ 10,891.10 that is being presented to the board for ratification. This is for a purchase of a 2012-2500 brush truck for the Toombs County Fire Department. This truck was paid with SPLOST Funds. Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Nobles to approve the ratifying purchase of a brush truck for the Toombs County Fire Department in the amount of \$ 10,891.10 and paid with SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Of Quote for Concrete Ramp at Fire Department Training Station at SR 15: Manager Jones stated there was a large run-off from the roof of the building located at the Fire Department Training station on SR 15 which has created a very bad wash-out. We have received a bid from Tommy Anderson Concrete in the amount of \$ 6,844 to build a 37 x 40 concrete ramp at the fire department training station at SR 15. Management asks the board to approve the concrete ramp in the amount of \$ 6,844 and to be paid with the Fire Department Budget. Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the bid in the amount of \$ 6,844 from Tommy Anderson Concrete for a 37 X 40 concrete ramp to be done at SR 15 Fire Department Training Station and to be paid with Fire Department Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval Of Authorizing Purchase of A Brush Truck for Toombs County Fire Department: Manager Jones stated with the four (4) brush truck that are being disposed of, the fire department is asking for only two (2) to replace the four that are being disposed of; one in which has already been ratified in this meeting tonight. Management is asking for the board to give authorization to purchase one more brush trucks not to exceed \$ 15,000.

Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to give authorization to purchase one more brush trucks not to exceed \$ 15,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Contract with TQ Contractors as Construction Manager at Risk for Construction of Courthouse and Jail Expansion & Renovation:	<p>Manager Jones stated the proposed contract has been reviewed by legal counsel. The proposed contract included the previously negotiated fee and it includes a guaranteed maximum price of thirty-four million dollars.</p> <p>Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Nobles to approve the Contract with TQ Contractors as Construction Manager at Risk for Construction of Courthouse and Jail Expansion & Renovation. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of two Appointments to the Toombs County Library Board:	<p>Manager Jones stated the county currently has two vacant positions on the Toombs County Library Board. The current Library Board requested that they would like for Brian Bishop and Pat Dixon to be appointed to fill the two vacancies on the Library Board.</p> <p>Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to appoint Brian Bishop and Pat Dixon to the Toombs County Library Board. Their terms will be June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Appointments to the Toombs County Public Facilities Authority:	<p>Manager Jones stated that the Public Facilities Authority was established based on the recommendation of our Financial Adviser (Davenport and Associates) on financing our courthouse. Management is asking the board to appoint the following members to the Toombs County Public Facilities Authority: Sara Brown, Jake Cleghorn, Britt McDade, Zach Tomberlin and Jeff McCormick. All members will serve one-year term until replaced.</p> <p>Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to appoint Sara Brown, Jake Cleghorn, Britt McDade, Zach Tomberlin and Jeff McCormick to the Toombs County Public Facilities Authority. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Approving the Renewal of the Memorandum of Southeastern Technical College and Toombs County Board of Commissioners:	<p>Manager Jones stated this Memorandum of Agreement is a renewal that allows EMS and STC to work together and allow the students to complete their intern requirements at the Toombs/Montgomery County EMS. Management is asking for the board to give authorization for the Chairman to sign this Renewal Memorandum of Agreement.</p> <p>Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Chairman Sikes to sign the Renewal of the Memorandum of Southeastern Technical College and Toombs County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
County Manager Report: Financial Report:	<p>Manager Jones stated the M & O Budget was slightly under budget for the year. Sales tax was slightly up and we are encouraged by that.</p>
Up-Date on Construction of DFCS Building:	<p>Department of Family & Children Services had a ground-breaking event at 3:00 PM this afternoon. This is a building that is much needed in our county. Going back when our County Attorney was Chairman we realized quickly that we needed to start working on the building. We are grateful to the State Senator Blake Tillery for his work and efforts in getting this to happen.</p>
Up-Date on Construction of Ross Bowen Complex	<p>The Architect expects to put the construction of the new Ross Bowen out for bid by mid-September, with construction hopefully being completed by July 2021.</p>
Up-Date on Renovation & Construction of EMS/EMA Building:	<p>Manager Jones stated Harry Moses Construction is preparing cost estimates for the renovation and building of the building. We hope to have a proposal on that construction by next month's meeting.</p>

Other Miscellaneous Items: We have been informed the boat ramp located at the Altamaha River will be closed on July 23rd, 2020 and will be closed for the duration of twenty-eight months.

Chairman Sikes stated that Blake Tillery has been a torch for our community for the last four years under that gold dorm in Atlanta and he is making waves right now that few around here that has ever partaken in. "I am as proud of you as if you were my brother. If there is any way I can be of any help, just let me know." Toombs County is proud of you and you have amazed us all, we are so thankful that you are serving for us. Thank you

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioners

Comments:

**Executive Session –
Real Estate:**

Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to go into executive session after a five minute break for the purpose of discussion on Real Estate.

Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to go into executive session after a five minute break. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sikes called the executive session to order at 6:15 PM

**Adjournment from
Executive Meeting:**

Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn from the Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request for Motion on
Purchase of Land**

Chairman Sikes asked Attorney Blake Tillery to call for the motion on real estate. Attorney Blake Tillery stated, there is a motion needed for Attorney Blake Tillery to create a purchase contract where Chairman Sikes would sign for the purchase of .26 acres from Bill Mixon for the price of \$ 179,800 which is equal to the amount that would be paid for the moving of dirt for the courthouse project; in lieu of moving that dirt and contingencies of EPA phase I and phase II to be drafted into the contract.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Attorney Blake Tillery to create a purchase contract where Chairman Sikes would sign for the purchase of .26 acres from Bill Mixon for the price of \$ 179,800 which is equal to the amount that would be paid for the moving of dirt for the courthouse project; in lieu of moving that dirt and contingencies of EPA phase I and phase II to be drafted into the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment from
Regular Board Meeting:**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk

