**TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A**

**September 15, 2020 5:30 PM**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**Call to Order:** Chairman Sikes called the September 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.

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

**Approval of Minutes** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the

**July 21, 2020** Executive Session Meeting held on July 21, 2020

**Executive Session Meeting:**

Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2020 Executive Session Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the

**August 18, 2020** Regular Board Meeting held on August 18, 2020

**Regular Board Meeting:**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Nobles to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the

**September 4, 2020** Called Meeting held on September 4, 2020

**Called Meeting:**

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve September 4, 2020 Called Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Development Authority Michele Johnson** stated the Chamber’s Toombs-Montgomery Youth Leadership **Reports:**  (TMYL) Orientation will be held Thursday, September 17th. The Chamber’s Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 22nd at 8:00 AM. There is a tentative webinar scheduled on September 22nd at 2:00 PM with Taylor Insurance regarding the Projected Economic Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the US Healthcare System and what we can do for 2021 and beyond. Leadership Toombs-Montgomery (LTM) Agribusiness Session will be held Friday, September 25th. ConnectHER, Women’s Conference is still scheduled for Thursday, October 6th. In the Development Authority News, we are still considering proposals for the Spec Building Number Four at the Toombs Corporate Center in Lyons. Those were received on August 20th and hopefully the Authority will announce their decision in their next Board Meeting that will be held Thursday, September 17th at Noon. All three projects are still on-going. An update on Census 2020; as of yesterday the National Self-Response Rate is 65.7 %, Georgia Self-Response Rate is 61.1%, Toombs County Self-Response Rate is 50.5%, Vidalia is 60%, Lyons is 47%, and Santa Claus is 65%.

**Department Reports:** None

**Public Participation:** None

**Consideration of** Manager Jones stated the Board of Education has passed their budget requiring

**Approval of Resolution** 15.00 Mills. It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution. **to Levy 15.00 Mills on**

**Behalf of the Toombs** Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to

**County Board of** approve the Resolution to Levy a tax of 15.00 Mills on behalf of the Toombs

**Education:** County Board of Education. Motion carried unanimously

**Consideration of** Manager Jones stated in the packet there is a Memorandum from Dave Wills, **Appointment Darriel** Executive Director of ACCG regarding the Voting Delegate Designation. **Nobles as ACCG Voting** Commissioner Nobles has served previously as our representative and it is **Delegate for Toombs**  Management’s recommendation that Commissioner Nobles be re-appointed.

**County:**

Commissioners Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to appoint Darriel Nobles as ACCG Voting Delegate for Toombs County. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** Manager Jones stated the budget amendment is an administrative action to **Budget Amendment for** include the $ 662,737 project cost of the construction of the Landfill C & D **Previous Approved**  Closure project. The contract was approved after the budget had been set in **Contract for**  place; therefore a budget amendment is necessary at this time.

**Construction of**

**Landfill C & D** Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to

**Closure Project:** approve the Budget Amendment for Previous Approved Contract for Construction of Landfill C & D Closure Project. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** Manager Jones stated the beginning of construction on three roads; Benton **Approval of Proposal** Powell Road, Miles Road and Powel Williams Road. The three roads need **from Dykes Grassing for** additional grading before paving can be done. DykesGrassing proposal for **Additional Grading on** gradingthese three roads is in the amount of $ 79,000. Management is **Benton Powell Road,** recommending that the Board approve this proposal for additional grading **Miles Road and Powell** and to pay with TSPLOST discretionary funds. **Williams Road in preparation of previous** Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to  **approved paving:** approve the proposal from Dykes Grassing for additional grading on Benton Powell Road, Miles Road and Powell Williams Road in preparation of previous approved paving; to be paid with TSPLOST discretionary funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** Manager Jones stated the proposal from Hussey Gay Bell in the amount of

**Approval of Additional** $ 19,700 for A/E Design Services for the property east of the current

**A/E Design Services** Courthouse. Management will be recommending that the Board approve this **from Hussey Gay Bell** proposal and to be paid with SPLOST and/or Reserve Funds.

**for Property East of the**

**Current Courthouse:** Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the additional A/E Design Services from Hussey Gay Bell for property east of the current Courthouse in the amount of $ 19,700 to be paid with SPLOST and/or Reserve Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of** Manager Jones stated that earlier this year the Federal Government passed the

**Approval of One-Time** CARES Act, which allocated funds to each state depending on population. Once **Salary Adjustment** the states received that money they were allow to, if they so chose, to allocate **for Employees Related**  some of the money to the local government, cities and counties. We received **Salary Adjustment** the guidelines to request funds and submitted the paperwork. The county did **for Employees Related** not furlough any employees during the COVID-19 Pandemic and all county **to COVID-19 and Related** employees continued to fulfill their duties with the exception of a couple

**Budget Amendment:** employees who chose to remain home for safety reasons related to their specific circumstances. For the Employees that helped us get through this; now we would like to reward them. All Full-time employees would receive a one- time salary adjustment of $ 1,500; part-time employees and all volunteer Firemen and First Responders would receive $ 500 paid to those employees who worked from March 1, 2020 to September 1, 2020 and who are still employed with the county at the time the funds are paid out. Those hired during this time would be paid on a pro-rated share. Management is requesting the board’s approval for a one-time salary adjustment for county employees.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve one-time salary adjustment for employees related to COVID-19 and related budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report:** Manager Jones stated the Sale Tax continues to be strong, SPLOST funds are

**Financial Report:** up 5% from August of last year. The M&O expenses are currently 7 % under budget. The Constitutional Officers are working on their budget and we should be presenting a draft for the Board to review shortly.

**Other Miscellaneous** We received our FY 2020 CDBG Award in the amount of $ 750,000. This money **Items:** will be used for the drainage improvements and paving Emanuel Circle east of Lyons off of SR 292 and Victoria Circle and Lake Drive located north of Vidalia off of Cadillac Drive.

The Wellness Program is still doing very well.

The financial schedule for the Courthouse and Jail expansion project is still on schedule for the bonds to be issued and sold on October 20th and this is the day our next meeting will be held. At that meeting if all goes as planned, the Board will have the opportunity to accept the bond sale.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Dixon:** Commissioner Dixon told Brenda Williams it was good to see her at the meeting. I hope you are doing better and we still have you in our prayers. It’s good to see Alfred back as well.

**Commissioner Cason:** Commissioner Cason said he was glad to be alive after recovering from COVID-19 and double pneumonia. He said he appreciated the prayers. Both he and his wife was still under treatment to help improve their lungs.

**Commissioner Rollins:** The Alston and Cedar Crossing Road really looks great. Kilgore group worked in a professional way and did an excellent job of clearing the ROW on that road.

**Vice-Chairman Nobles:** Thanked everyone for the prayers and said he was not completely released from the Doctors but hopefully on October the 1st he would be released.

**Chairman Sikes:** It has been an off year to say the least. I miss the gathering this year and hope next year we will be back to some sort of normal routine.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

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**David Sikes, Chairman Helen Harris, County Clerk**