**TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Courtroom A**

**October 20, 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 October 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 Regular

**September 15, 2020** Board Meeting held on September 15, 2020.

**Regular Board Meeting:**

Vice Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Regular Board Minutes held on September 15, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

**Development Authority Michele Johnson** stated tomorrow the 21th is National Chamber Day. The **Report:** Chamber will be doing a promo called “I am the Chamber”. The Chamber will be taking this time to recognize the members and raise awareness on what the Chamber of Commerce is. Toombs-Montgomery Youth Leadership (TMYL) Ag Session will be held on October 22nd. Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 27th at 8:00 AM. Leadership Toombs-Montgomery (LTM) Education Session will be held Thursday, October 29th. The Development Authority’s 2020 Virtual State of the Port will be on Thursday, October 21th. The presentation should be about one hour. If you would, please register with this link: https//gaports.com/events/registration/. The Spec Building # 4, TCC, Lyons Project –Project awarded to Dublin Construction Company (pending Contract).

Project “Cowboy”, “Parallel” and “Spitfire” are ongoing. P & W Golf Supply, formerly Meredith Industries, will be relocating from Vidalia to the Red Wagon Market building in Lyons. Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19th at 12 Noon.

**Department Reports: Sheriff Kight** talked about a meeting that he had with Judge Reeves about Superior Court with the first jury case being held on November 30th. We have been having bond hearings and that has gone very well. Please encourage everyone that if called for jury selection to please show up. The jail population is at seventy-five inmates. Vidalia and Lyons Police Department has been helpful in keeping our population at minimum.

**Drew James**, Director of EMS, stated their department broke a record in the month of August-2020 call volume was 740 calls for service. September call volume dropped to 632 calls. We were in hopes that we would have our new ambulance by now but General Motors has a recall on the truck and Custom Trucks is trying to get that resolved. It will have special graphics paint job that will be honoring our Veterans here in Toombs and Montgomery County. It will be good to have it here for Veteran’s Day.

**Public Participation** None

**Consideration of Approval** ManagerJonesstated the annual maintenance for LifePak 15 Heart

**of Annual Maintenance of** Monitors will cover all cost of any repair needed for four units on our trucks.

**the Toombs-Montgomery** Management recommends that the board approves Stryker’s annual

**County Four (4) LifePak 15** maintenance agreement in the amount of $ 8,604 and pay with EMS Funds.

**Heart Monitors**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Nobles to approve the Annual Stryker Maintenance Agreement in the amount of

$ 8,604 for the four LifePak 15 Heart Monitors, paid with EMS Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval** ManagerJones stated the annual maintenance agreement on the electrical

**of Annual Maintenance of** stretchers, used on Toombs and Montgomery County Ambulances. This

**County EMS Six (6) Stryker** includes an annual maintenance, replacement parts and battery replacement.

**Stretchers:** Management requests that the Board approve Stryker’s annual renewal in the amount of $ 7,020 and be paid with EMS Funds.

Vice-Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Stryker Annual Maintenance Agreement in the amount of $ 7,020 for six Stryker Stretchers, paid with EMS Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Proposal** ManagerJones stated the next consideration is to upgrade Courtroom B with **for Courtroom B-** VTC (Video Teleconferencing Capability). Courtroom A already is equipped with

**VTC Upgrades:** VTC equipment and has proven to save on law enforcement personnel expense when the incarcerated person does not have to be transported for a hearing, which should cover the cost of the equipment. The equipment will be moved and used in the new Courthouse. Management recommends that the Board approve this purchase and to use the previous receive CARES Act Funding to pay for this purchase.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Courtroom B – VTC upgrade in the amount of $ 22,462.19 from S & L Integrated. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval** ManagerJones turned the meeting over to Doug Gebhardt and Ricardo Cornejo

**of Resolution Ratifying a** of Davenport & Company, the County’s financial advisors. Doug explained that

**Bond Resolution Adopted e**arlier today at 10:00 AM four companies bid on the Bond Issue. The

**by the Toombs County** combination of hard work by John Jones, Attorney Blake Tillery and the Bond

**Public Facilities Authority** Counsel, the winning bid was received from Robert W. Baird Investment Band at

**Authorizing the Issuance** the rate of 2.31%. With the consideration of insurance cost for a 30 year fixed

**of Its Revenue Bonds:** bond; the overall interest rate will be an impressive 2.38%. The County’s Management has done a very good job at managing the financial status of Toombs County and its shows by receiving AA rating.

Chairman Sikes complemented Doug and Ricardo and stated they have done a fantastic job. He continued to say, he couldn’t tell you how excited we are but I can show you if you will come back in about two years at our ribbon cutting.

Manager Jones stated with the presentation given, management is requesting the Board to approve the Bond Resolution adopted by the Toombs County Public Facilities Authority, authorizing the Issuance of its Revenue Bonds and to allow the Chairman to sign all necessary documents.

Commissioners Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Cason to approve the Chairman to sign the Resolution Ratifying a Bond Resolution adopted by the Toombs County Public Facilities Authority authorizing the Issuance of its Revenue Bonds and to allow the Chairman to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval** ManagerJones stated management recommends the Board to approve the

**of Lease Contract by and** Lease Contract by and between Toombs County Public Facilities Authority and

**between Toombs County** Toombs County and to allow the Chairman to sign the Lease Contract.

**Public Facilities Authority**

**and Toombs County:** Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Chairman to sign the Lease Contract by and between Toombs County Public Facilities Authority and Toombs County. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report** Manager Jones stated the M & O Budget expenses are 7 % under budget as we  **Financial Report:** end the third quarter of the year 2020. We received a significant increase in SPLOST, LOST and TSPLOST from last month. The was the result from an audit, where a major retailer in the majority of the counties in the state of Georgia, for over a year, the retailer had submitted the sales tax dollars to the state however they did not properly dispersed the funds to local governments.

**GDOT Projects** The Widening of US 1 and the By-Pass, the section of US 1 from George Hill

**Up-Date:** Road to intersection of SR 29 is supposed to let this month. The By-Pass is in the final field plan review stage.

**GDOT** The GDOT Transportation Study is complete. The document is very large and

**Transportation** Manager Jones will provide everyone with a link to review and download.

**Study:**

**Wellness Program** We are currently under a Water Challenge. You have in your packet a hand-out **Up-Date:** on the SwiftMD benefit where you can contact a health professional 24/7. September 2020 Monthly Progress Report along with some other medical information is located in your packet.

**Other Miscellaneous NONE**

**Items:**

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Dixon:** Election is two weeks from today. Encourage everyone to vote.

**Commissioner Rollins:** Road Department is doing an excellent job on the drainage of our roads.

**Vice-Chairman Nobles:** The ROW cutting that the road department has done really looks good.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to adjourn the Regular Board Minutes of October 20, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

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