

**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 February Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**Invocation:** Vice-Chairman Cason gave the Invocation.

**Approve Agenda:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to amend the Agenda and add Consideration of an Emergency Road Repair on Old River Road which will be discussed after the Consideration of Ratifying the Contract for Probation Services for State Court. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on January 19, 2021.

**January 19, 2021  
Regular Board Meeting:**

Vice-Chairman Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the minutes from January 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

**Development Authority  
Reports:**

**Michele Johnson** stated the Chamber's Youth Leadership Montgomery Toombs Health and Social Services Session will be held February 18<sup>th</sup>. This Friday there will be a Ribbon Cutting Celebration at the Toombs County Board of Education Office at 10: AM. They will have a coffee bar that features LPS Autism Class. If you go please take some money to show those kids some love. The Chamber's Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 Noon, this meeting will be held at Chris Hopkins Pond House. The Toombs Montgomery Youth Leadership, "Putting your best foot forward" will be held February 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a double Ribbon Cutting in Montgomery County for the stadium and the track project at the school, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:45 pm. The Toombs County Development Authority will host the Economy Development Session on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Save the date, the Annual meeting will be Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Hawk's Point. The Development Authority Board will meet on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. There are still revolving loans available. Robin Builders have complete their punch list and in the next few week that will be installing equipment and making their transition.

**Mr. Richard Smith from the NRC**, Resident Inspector for the Nuclear Plant. Mr. Smith reported on the security and safety measures that are taken to insure our community's safety while the plant is in operations.

**Public Participation:** None

**Consideration of  
Approval of Appointment  
of Mrs. Billie Jean Davis  
to the Toombs County  
Library Board:**

Manager Jones stated the board had a letter from Mrs. Cameron Asbell, the Regional Library Director, requesting the board to appoint Mrs. Billie Jean Davis to the Toombs County Library Board. This is a three year commitment and her term will be completed on December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the appointment of Mrs. Billie Jean Davis to the Toombs County Library Board. Mrs. Billie Jean Davis' term will be from January 01, 2021 to December 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Request to Close Niederriter Road:** Manager Jones stated Mr. Niederriter has requested that we close Niederriter Road. The steps in closing a road, the individual needed to present a request in writing, in which Mr. Niederriter has done so. Once it has been requested in writing, we request the impact statement from the Toombs Board of Education Bus Route Coordinator, the Toombs County Road Department Supervisor, EMS Director, and Code Enforcement Officer. In the packet for this meeting the Commissioners have a copy of these impact statements. The only possible impact was from the EMS Director and the request was the Mr. Niederriter would maintain the road in the event there was a need for medical assistance and Mr. Niederriter has stated that he will maintain the road. Tonight the board needs to consider if that road serves a public purpose. If the board makes a motion and second the motion that the road does not serve a public purpose, then the following steps will be taken. Notices will be mailed to the adjacent property owners and signs will be placed by the road to notify the possibility of closing the road, there will be advertising for two weeks in the local organ for a Public Hearing. After the Public Hearing the Board will vote to abandon the road. If the Board does not vote to abandon the road, the road remains in the County Road System.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to take the next step to close Niederriter Road because the road does not serve a public purpose. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Ratify Contract for Probation Services for State Court:** Manager Jones stated that Judge Cook wishes to change the probation services for State Court to JAG (Judicial Alternatives of Georgia). Management is asking for the Board to Ratify this Contract and approve Judicial Alternatives of Georgia for Probation Services for State Court.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to ratify the Contract with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia for Probation Services for State Court. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Emergency Road Repair on Old River Road:** Manager Jones stated due to the deterioration of Old River Road that we need to proceed with emergency repairs that are needed. In the packet, pictures have been provided and an quote from McLendon Enterprises in the amount of \$ 25,650 to do the repairs before it becomes a larger problem. If approved, the repair cost will be paid with Public Works Budget funds.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the quote from McLendon Enterprises for road repair on Old River Road in the amount of \$ 25,650 which will be paid from the Public Works Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report Financial Report:** Manager Jones stated SPLOST/LOST collections are up \$36,000 or 8% from January of 2020. The M & O Budgets look good so far.

**Miscellaneous:** Manager Jones stated this time last year we were in a state of emergency declared by Governor Kemp due to the rain fall we were having. Currently, the Ohoopie River has been under flood warning for about four weeks. As of 9:00 AM this morning the river was at 15.8 feet and the flood stage is at 11 feet. This part of the county will be pretty wet. This rain will back up Pendleton Creek and Swift Creek and everyone around that area are going to have problems. Altamaha River at 8:45 AM the stage was at 12.8 feet, flood stage is 13 feet. The Road Department is doing everything they can to repair the roads after the rain fall stops.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Commissioners Comments:**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

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David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Helen Harris, County Clerk