

**CALLED BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** **DAVID SIKES, ALFRED CASON, DARRIEL NOBLES, TOMMY ROLLINS, JOHN M. JONES, AND HELEN HARRIS.**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Sikes called the December 23, 2019 called meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Sikes asked Commissioner Cason to give the invocation.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Cason gave the invocation.

**Approve Agenda:** Chairman Sikes asked for an approval of the December 17, 2020 Called Board Meeting Agenda

Vice Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval of 2021 M& O Budget:** Manager Jones stated in the packet the Resolution for the Maintenance & Operation Budget for the year 2021. The projected expense is \$ 12,317,610. The breakdown is as follows, General Government \$ 3,721,868; Judicial \$ 1,418,950; Public Safety \$ 4,177,524; Public Works \$ 2,448,659; Health and Welfare \$ 369,917; Agencies/Development \$ 148,884; and Other FSU \$ 31,808. Management requests the Board to approve the Resolution for Maintenances and Operation for the year of 2020 and to authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Resolution for the M & O Budget in the amount of \$ 12,317,610 and allow the Chairman to sign this Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration for Approval of 2021 Special Revenue Budget Resolution:** Manager Jones stated that the next item is the approval of the fiscal year of 2020 Budget Resolution for the Special Revenue Funds. This is for the following: E-911 Fund in the amount of \$ 776,923; Jail Fund in the amount of \$ 10,000; SPLOST Fund in the amount of \$ 2,504,250; T-SPLOST Fund in the amount of \$ 336,000; Landfill in the amount of \$ 912,038 and EMS in the amount of \$ 2,326,251. Management requests the Board to approve the 2021 Special Revenue Budget Resolution in the amount of \$ 6,865,462 and approve the Chairman to sign.

Vice Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Special Revenue Budget Resolution in the amount of \$ 6,865,462 and to approve the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval of 2021 Law Library and Revolving Loan Budget Resolution:** Manager Jones stated that the next item is the resolution for the Law Library Fund for the year 2021, in the amount of \$ 15,000 and the 2021 Revolving Loan Balance Fund in the amount of \$ 10,000. The Management requests the Board to approve the Resolutions for the Law Library Fund, the Revolving Loan Fund and approve the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Revolving Loan Budget Resolution for the Law Library and to approve the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of 2021 Insurance Premium** Manager Jones stated that the next item is the Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) Resolution in the amount of \$ 958,733. Insurance Premiums are to be use for

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the unincorporated areas. The IPT will be used as the following breakdown: the Fire Protection in the amount of \$ 243,248; Trash Collection \$ 606,777; Animal Control \$ 50,000 and Code Enforcement \$ 58,708.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Insurance Premium Resolution in the amount of \$ 958,733 and to approve the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval of Bids for Civil Site Work at EMS/EMA Building Site:**

Manager Jones stated there were two bids received for the Civil Site Work at EMS/EMA Building Site. One bid from Ellis Woods in the amount of \$ 356,242.95 and the other from McLendon Enterprises in the amount of \$ 299,413. Hofstadter and Associates, Inc. recommended the Board to award McLendon Enterprises, Inc in the amount of \$ 299,413; this was the lowest bid of the two bids. If approved, McLendon Enterprises will be paid with identified funds in our reserves. We are asking the Board to accept the bid from McLendon Enterprises.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the lowest bid from McLendon Enterprises in the amount of \$ 299,413 for the Civil Site Work at EMS/EMA Building Site; paid with identified funds in our reserves. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Selection of Public Defender for State Court:**

In the Commissioners Packet you have a copy of two individuals (Johnny Vines and Jack Morris Downie) who responded to the request for qualifications for Public Defender in State Court. Johnny Vines was previously employed with Public Defender's office in Superior Court and worked there many years. He is now practicing law in private practice and he also is a public defender in other state courts as well. Manager Jones has talked with State Court Officials as well who have no objections to either. Management is recommending that Johnny Vines be hired as the public defender based on his extensive experience as a Public Defender and he will sign a contract identical to the previous years at an annual fee of \$ 26,000.

Vice Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to hire Johnny Vines as the Public Defender in the amount of \$ 26,000 a year to provide services.

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to adjourn.

Vice Chairman Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the Called Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM.

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David Sikes, Chairman

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