

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 January 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 Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon 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 Board Meeting held on December 21, 2021.
- December 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the minutes from December 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.
- Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the Called Board Meeting held on December 23, 2020.
- December 23, 2021 Called Board Meeting:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the minutes from December 23, 2021 Called Board Meeting.
- Recognition for Rizza O'Connor:** Chairman Sikes presented a plaque to Rizza O'Connor for her years of service as the Chief Magistrate Judge of Toombs County and congratulated her and wished her future success in her private practice.
- Development Authority County Report:** **Michele Johnson** stated COVID-19 had interfered with their plans. Toombs Development Authority will meet on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at noon. Also, on Thursday they will be hosting the Greater Vidalia Gift Leadership Group and their Economical Development Session. We have the Region 9 Economical Developers Legislative dinner in Atlanta, next week. There will be a ribbon cutting at the General Store 30474 in down town Vidalia on January 25, 2022 at 4:00 PM. The Greater Vidalia Area Chamber will meet on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 11:30 AM. February 3rd, hosting the Chamber's Annual Meeting at the Vidalia Community Center beginning at 5:00 PM and The Swingin' Medallions will be performing.
- Department Reports:** **Lynn Moore**, EMA Director, gave a progress report on the new location
- Public Participation:** None
- Committee Assignments:** Chairman Sikes made the following committee appointments: Roads and Bridges- Darriel Nobles and Alfred Cason; Recreation- Alfred Cason and Wendell Dixon; Landfill- Darriel Nobles and Tommy Rollins; Public Safety- Alfred Cason and Wendell Dixon; Finance and Accounting- Wendell Dixon and Tommy Rollins; Policy and Procedures- Tommy Rollins and Darriel Nobles. The Vice-Chairman will be Commissioner Tommy Rollins.

Consideration of Approval of Alcohol License: Manager Jones stated both have complied with the ordinance and management recommended the board to approve the Alcohol License for both.

- **John's Country Junction** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Alcohol License for John's Country Junction and Normantown Grocery for the year of 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Normantown Grocery:**

Consideration of Request to Close a Portion of Raymond Rollison Road: Manager Jones stated the county received a request from the two of the property owners to close a portion of Raymond Rollison Road. The proposed closure is from SR 86 to the intersection of Will Tally Road. There are no residents on this portion of the road. Manager Jones requested Impact Statements from Code Enforcement, EMS Director, Public Works Director and the Toombs County Board of Education Transportation Director. All of whom have determined it will have no impact on the performance of their duties. Management asked the Board to proceed to the next step of the process. This will be notifying all adjacent landowners of the proposed closing, placing signs at each section of the road, running an ad in the newspaper announcing the Public Hearing to receive comments from the public which will be held prior to next month's meeting, held at 5:00 PM on February 15,2022.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to continue the process with closing a portion of Raymond Rollinson Road Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Appointment of the County Attorney: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to reappoint Blake Tillery as our County Attorney.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to reappoint Blake Tillery as the County's Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Probation Services Agreement with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc. (JAG) for Toombs County Superior Court: Manager Jones stated previously this agreement was held by Meddle Georgia Probation and has been purchased by JAG; a new contract reflecting this change of ownership. Superior Court Senior Judge Robert Reeves has signed this agreement. Management recommended the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Toombs County.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Agreement with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc. (JAG) for Toombs County Superior Court. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids for Compactors for Solid Waste Collections & Recycling Centers: Manager Jones stated in the packet was the two proposals from Solid Waste Technologies and Iron Container. The proposals were for a container and motor for the new site on Cedar Crossing-Vidalia Road and a replacement container without a motor. We received two bids, one from Solid Waste Technologies out of Statesboro in the amount of \$ 68,350 and one from Iron Containers out of Easley, SC in the amount of \$ 63,358. Management recommended that the Board accept the low bid from Iron Container from Easley, South Carolina and be paid out of the Landfill funds.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson to approve the purchase from Iron Containers in the amount of \$ 63,358 and to be paid with Landfill Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Proposal for Engine Replacement in Excavator for Public Manager Jones stated a proposal from CAT was received to replace the engine in the Public Works Excavator. Management recommended that the Board approve the proposal from CAT in the amount of \$ 26,672.39 and to be paid with SPLOST Funds.

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Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to approve CAT to replace the engine in the Excavator in the amount of \$ 26,672.39 and to be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of 2021
Budget Amendment1
- General Fund:**

Manager Jones stated this is our annual budget amendment for Year End. These amendment reflect the change in different revenue items and certain individual expense line items. Management recommended the Board to approve the General Fund budget amendment as presented.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Budget Amendments in the General Fund as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of 2021
Budget Amendment
- Special Revenues:**

Manager Jones stated this Amendment is for the difference in revenue and expenses for E911 & EMS and to reflect the use of landfill cash reserves for expense for the closure of the C & D Landfill. Management recommended the Board to approve the Special Revenues budget amendment as presented.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to approve the Budget Amendment in the Special Revenues as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager's Report
Financial Report:**

Manager Jones stated sales tax was strong for December sales; this is a reflection the collection of internet sales and also sales that would have been collected in other counties but are collected here from the increase use of internet sales from our citizens.

Miscellaneous:

Auditors will be here in March. EPD has requested that the methane monitoring system be in place before their visit to approve the newly constructed C & D landfill. This is on-going and should be completed in 4 weeks. As Lynn Moore stated earlier in the meeting the EMS/EMA building, we are still finishing up some loose ends at the EMS/EMA building. We had our pre-con meeting with the Landscaper and he will start mobilizing next week. This will take 30-45 days to complete. The building at the Ross Bowen Complex is moving along. The inside framing is up and we expect the roofing to be finished in the next two weeks.

Standing Committee Reports:

**Commissioners
Comments:**

Commissioner Cason stated that he was proud to represent the Commissioners as he rode in the Martin Luther's Parade on Monday and was glad to see the route that was on Highway 280.

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 6:08 p.m.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk