

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**PRESENT:** **DAVID SIKES, ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, 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:** 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 Rollins to approve 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 January 18, 2022.

**Regular Board Meeting:**

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the minutes from January 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the Called Board Meeting held on January 24, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**January 24, 2022**

**Called Meeting:**

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to approve the minutes from January 24, 2022 Called Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Recognition:** Sheriff Kight asked Preston McClendon to come forward and presented him with a plaque for his years of service as Jailor at the Detention Center from the year 1991 to 2021. Sheriff Kight said he was proud that Preston still does some part time work for him.

**Development Authority Report:**

**Michele Johnson** stated that she thanked everyone for coming to the Chamber's Annual Meeting. We had a packed house and we appreciate your support. Leadership Greater Vidalia Health and Social Services Session on Wednesday; this is our Adult Leadership Class. On Thursday they will host Greater Vidalia Youth Leadership Class; that is Putting Your Best Foot Forward Session. Toombs County Development Authority will be meeting on Thursday for their monthly meeting at noon. On Friday there will be a Ribbon Cutting for Preferred Labs in Vidalia at 1:00 PM. February 24<sup>th</sup>, the Chamber Board will meeting at 11:30 AM at the Chamber. March 10<sup>th</sup> will be another session for the Adult Leadership Class; this if the Economy Development Session. There are Revolving Loan Funds available; they have a couple of application outstanding. Plans for the near future are to place Ad's and Podcast out about our T-SPLOST Special Election that is coming up. Michele stated she had received DOT's annual report and they were above goal. Project Double Diamond is still moving along; hopefully will have good news very soon.

**Department Reports:** **Sheriff Kight**, stated that he has several opening in the Sheriff's Department. The jail was running about full as usual but the Court System was trying to move some of them out. They are taking extra precaution to keep COVID minimized.

**Public Participation:** None

**Consideration of Request to Close a Portion of Raymond Rollison Road:**

Manager Jones stated county received a request to close a portion of Raymond Rollison Road. At 5:00 PM this afternoon a Public Hearing was held so that the citizens of Toombs County could give their opinion on such matter. According to the Georgia State Code 32-7-2 and county policy, the following impact statements were received from Toombs County Board of Education Transportation Director, Toombs County Public Works Director, EMS Director,

and Code Enforcement; all stated that this closure would have no impact on performing their services. At this time the Commission chooses to close a portion of Raymond Rollison Road or the road remains a part of the county road system. Chairman Sikes asked if there was a Motion.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to approve the closing of a portion of Raymond Rollison Road. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Appointment of Yolanda Hernandez to Toombs County Board of Elections:**

Manager Jones stated Yolanda Hernandez is currently serving on the Board of Elections. Management recommended the re-appointment of Yolanda Hernandez to the Board of Elections with a four year term beginning January 1, 2022.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to re-appoint Yolanda Hernandez to the Toombs County Board of Elections for the term of four years beginning January 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Appointment of Ann Powell to the Toombs County Board of Elections:**

Manager Jones stated that Ann Powell has served several terms on the Board of Elections. Management recommended the re-appointment of Ann Powell to the Board of Elections with a four year term beginning January 1, 2022.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to re-appoint Ann Powell to the Toombs County Board of Elections for the term of four years beginning January 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Fire Department Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Lyons and Toombs County:**

Manager Jones stated this is a renewal of an existing agreement with the City of Lyons. This is where the City of Lyons will respond to a structure fire within five miles radius outside the City Limits of Lyons; Toombs County Fire will respond to a structure fire within the City Limits of Lyons. This agreement is for four year consecutive one year terms. Management requested the Board to approve the Fire Department Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Lyons.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to approve the Fire Department Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Lyons and Toombs County. This agreement is for four consecutive one year terms. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Request from All Green Services for Compensation Adjustment:**

Manager Jones stated All Green has requested a compensation adjustment on their contract. In their contract there is a section where the vendor can request an adjustment due to the rising diesel fuel cost. The request is a 6% increase on the current charge from \$115 per haul to \$122 per haul. The January 2022 average of \$3.66 is \$1.14 higher than the base in the contract of \$2.52; this is a 45% increase from the base rate.

Sam Sullivan spoke to the Commission and asked to consider the increase. He observed the fuel cost across the street from the Courthouse before the Commissioner meeting and it was listed at \$ 3.99 per gallon and we use 500 to 600 gallons a month to provide the services for the County.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to approve the requested six percent increase on the current charge from \$ 115 per haul to \$ 122 per haul. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report Financial Report:**

Manager Jones stated the sales tax remains strong; which increases the SPLOST funds we receive for Capital Improvements.

**Miscellaneous:**

As mentioned by the Sheriff we are short staff in his department and currently EMS has five openings and we are relying on part-time help to fill in the gaps. We are aggressively trying to recruiting EMS Employees.

**Standing Committee**

Chairman Sikes asked Vice-Chairman Rollins to describe the trip to see the

**Reports:** Landfill in Laurens County and in Houston County. Vice-Chairman Rollins stated John Jones, Darriel Nobles, Greg Fields and himself went to see Laurens and Houston County's Landfill layout of their scale house. Both counties had a good layout but Houston County's Landfill handles many more loads than Laurens County. When asked how many loads Houston County's Landfill, their answer was approximately 1,200 tons per day. Everyone got a lot of good ideas on how Toombs County should be re-designed to serve our citizens of Toombs County.

**Commissioners Comments:** Vice-Chairman Rollins stated the new US 1 South has been opened up and it is really nice.

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

Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 PM.

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David Sikes, Chairman

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