

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** **DAVID SIKES, ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DARRIEL NOBLES, BLAKE TILLERY, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Sikes called May 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 Commissioner 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 Board Meeting held on May 17, 2022.

**Regular Board Meeting:**

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the minutes from May 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Development Authority Report:**

**Michele Johnson** stated Vidalia Chamber Board Meeting will be held Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM. The Chamber will be closed for Independence Day Holiday on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (GACCE) Executive Leadership Conference will be held on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at Jekyll Island. Greater Savannah Regional Alliance (GSRA) Annual Meeting will be determined at a later date. Toombs County Development Authority (TCDA) Regular Monthly Meeting will be held Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 Noon. Ribbon Cutting at Restor Metbolix, 1805 Manning Street, Vidalia on Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

**Department Reports:**

Karen Anderson, Toombs County Environmental Health County Manager came to introduce herself and explained she replaced the retiring Walter White. She serves both Candler and Toombs County.

**Public Participation:**

None

**Consideration of Approval of Alcohol License for Country Pantry:**

Manager Jones stated the Country Pantry was an existing license, they have complied with the ordinance requirements. Management recommended the approval of the Country Pantry's Alcohol License applications.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the alcohol license for the Country Pantry. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of the FY 2023 Middle Judicial Circuit District Attorney Office:**

Manager Jones stated the proposed budget from Mr. Tripp Fitzner, District Attorney, which was included in their packet. Toombs County total budget request is \$871,279. Because of the 2020 Census, Toombs County's share will be a \$244,109.12 which is an increase of \$4,333.14 for the year. Management recommended the Board to approve the proposed budget of the Middle Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office and to be paid from the General Fund Account.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the FY 2023 Middle Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval of FY 2023 Department of Family & Children Services**

Manager Jones stated a copy of the Budget was included in the Commissioners packet. Management recommended the Board to approve the local budget and to authorize the Chairman to sign.

**Toombs County Budget:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the FY 2023 Department of Family & Children Services Toombs County Budget and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval of Property & Liability Insurance Coverage July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023:** Manager Jones stated the proposed coverage's from Travelers and from Guard were included in the packets. Both proposals showed an increase from the prior year. The County's Insurance Agent, Brian Bishop was at the meeting and recommended Travelers for the property and liability coverage coverage beginning June 24, 2022; at a cost of \$219,618. The coverage for the Fire Department will be under a separate policy covered by Selective. The renewal of \$52,139, is less than last year. Management recommended the Board to approve Travelers and Selective proposals.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve Travelers and Selective for the Property & Liability Insurance Coverage for the term of June 24, 2022 to June 24, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Acceptance of Bid Proposal for Landscaping the Ross Bowen Complex on Bulldog Road:** Manager Jones stated there were two bids submitted for the Landscape at the Ross Bowen Complex Building. Progressive Landscape and Irrigation was the lowest bid at \$29,099, the other bid was from Patrick Forest Farms, their bid was \$46,723. Management recommended that the Board approve the low bid from Progressive Landscape and Irrigation which will be paid from the funds allocated to this project out of the General Fund.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Bid Proposal from Progressive Landscaping and Irrigation in the amount of \$29,099 for landscaping at the Ross Bowen Complex on Bulldog Road which will be paid from General Fund Account. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval of Proposed Tipping Fees at the Toombs County Solid Waste Facility:** Manager Jones stated on June 9<sup>th</sup> of this month the Solid Waste Facility Committee (aka: Landfill Committee) met to discuss the increase for the tipping fees for waste and tires. These fees have not been increased for at least fifteen years. We have compared prices with surrounding counties, Telfair, Laurens, and Broadhurst which is a private landfill in Wayne County. The committee and management recommended the following fee increases: In- County from current \$25/ton to \$28/ ton; Out-of-County from current \$30/ton to \$35/ton; and Tires from \$125/ton to \$175/ton. The increase prices will begin on August 1, 2022.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Proposed Tipping Fees for the Toombs County Solid Waste Facility as stated by Manager Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval of the Corporate Health Partners Wellness Contract (Year 3):** Manager Jones stated a copy of the proposal the coming year beginning July 1, 2022 was included in the packet. We have used them since 2016 and we have been very pleased with their performance. Management recommended that the board approve their three year proposal and for the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Chairman Sikes to sign the three year Contract with Corporate Health Partners. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report: Financial Report:** Manager Jones stated the Commissioner had a copy of the financial report. In the General Revenue Fund, we are currently forty-two percent through the year, excluding property taxes to be billed in the fourth quarter of 2022, our revenue is fifty four percent collected. The Expenses are currently thirty six percent of the budget. Sales tax is still showing improvement monthly and annually compared to last year. The Telemedicine Program is experiencing approximately seventeen percent TYD Utilization rate. The experience reviews are showing a positive satisfaction of the four (4) measurable matrix of between ninety five to ninety eight percent. We are continuing to urgent our employees to take advantage of this program which is proving ease to use with a high rate of satisfaction and having a significant impact on lowering our overall

health costs. The June 2022 Wellness Warrior was Jason McCoy. Jason's journey is certainly encouraging and inspirational. EMS/EMA building - The interior signage has been installed at the building and they have poured the concrete footers for the outside sign on Maple Drive. Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Center – Vidalia-Cedar Crossing Road, they have poured the concrete foundation for the compactor. Greg Fields had a meeting with the contractor for the discussion of the attendant building at the new facility.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Commissioners Comments:** None

**Chairman's Comment:** Chairman Sikes stated there would be a five minute break before starting the Executive Session to discuss Real Estate.

**Executive Session – Real Estate** Chairman Sikes requested a motion at 5:55 PM to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion on Real Estate.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to go into executive session to discuss Real Estate. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment from Executive Meeting:**

Chairman Sikes called for a motion to come out of Executive Session.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to adjourn from the Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request for Motion on Purchase of Land and Building:**

Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the purchase of 1.50 acres, Parcel # C14 006C (396 Cedar Crossing Vidalia Road) from Daniel A. Almond, for the price of \$245,000 which will provide the necessary Housing for the fire equipment and vehicles for the new Fire Station in our County.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve Chairman Sikes to sign the Contract for the purchase of 1.50 acres, Parcel # C14 006C (396 Cedar Crossing Vidalia Road) from Daniel A. Almond, for the price of \$245,000 which will provide the necessary Housing for the fire equipment and vehicles for our New Fire Station in our County. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment from Regular Board Meeting:**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Sikes, Chairman

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