

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

- PRESENT:** **ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DARRIEL NOBLES, TOMMY ROLLINS, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.**
- Call to Order:** Vice-Chairman Rollins called July Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
- Invocation:** Commissioner Cason gave the Invocation.
- Approve Agenda:** Vice-Chairman Rollins asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.
- Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the agenda as approved. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes:** Vice-Chairman Rollins asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the  
**June 21, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting:** Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the minutes from June 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes:** Vice-Chairman Rollins asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the  
**June 21, 2022**  
**Executive Board Meeting:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the minutes from June 21, 2022 Executive Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- Development Authority Report:** **Michele Johnson** stated Toombs County Development Authority (TCDA) Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 12:00 Noon. There are three ribbon cutting events coming up, Thursday, July 21, 2021 at 4:00 PM – FoamWorks Vidalia, 203 Rigsbee Drive, Vidalia; Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 4:00 PM – Restor Metabolix, 1805 Manning Street, Vidalia; Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 4:00 PM. Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2022 in Macon. Michele was proud to announce that the State Official’s Awarded Toombs County Development Authority (Construction of the Greater Vidalia Center for Rural Entrepreneurship) funds in the amount of \$4,059,474. These funds are intended for projects represent strategic investments in revitalizing downtown districts.
- Department Reports:** **Drew James**, Director of EMS, in the month of June there were 563 calls for service. The service has made contact with the school’s athletic department for the football games that are coming up. On June 4<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) our department hosted a car seat safety check. There was fourteen car seats inspected and nine of those were replaced. Mr. James expressed his gratitude to Safety Kids, Toombs County Fire Department, Lyons Police Department, Vidalia Police Department and Vidalia Fire Department by being on site to help with the event. Mr. James is planning to attend the Annual Region 9 Meeting that will be held in Jesup, Georgia next Thursday.
- Consideration of Re-Appointment of Sandra Williams to the Toombs County Board of Family & Children Services:** Manager Jones stated a letter had been received from Ms. Ashley Payne, County director, requesting that Ms. Sandra Williams be re-appointed to the Toombs County Board of Family & Children Services. Management recommended re-appointing Sandra Williams for the term of July 01, 2022 to June 30, 2027.
- Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to re-appoint Sandra Williams to the Toombs County Board of Family & Children Services, for the term of July 01, 2022 until June 30, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Appointment of Sonja Eason to the Toombs County Board of Health:** Manager Jones stated, the passing of Nan Price had created a vacancy on the Toombs County Board of Health. This vacancy represents a member and/or advocate for senior citizens. Sonja Eason has been recommended by the Chairman of the Toombs County Board of Health, Kendall Palmer and Southeast Health District Health Director, Dr. Rosemarie D. Parks. Management recommended the board to appoint Sonja Eason to the Toombs County Board of Health. Ms. Eason's term will be January 01, 2022 to December 31, 2027

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to appoint Sonja Eason to the Toombs County Board of Health for the term of January 01, 2022 until December 31, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

**Notification of Proposed City of Lyons Annexation:** Manager Jones stated the City of Lyons has sent a proposed annexation. There is no need for a motion unless we have an objection.

There were no objections therefore there was no need for a motion.

**Consideration of Equipment Lease Proposal for the Toombs County Solid Waste Facility:** Manager Jones stated the Landfill Committee meet several weeks ago and reviews some operational matters in which the committee discussed the need to replace a Compactor, Excavator and a Dozer. In the Commissioner's Packet a copy of the proposal from Yancey CAT for a five year, seventy-five hundred hour lease with a premier warranty and with preventive maintenance included. The cost of this lease is \$27,251 monthly under the government contract and will be paid from the Landfill funds. Both Management and the Landfill Committee recommended the board authorize the Chairman to sign this lease.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the lease agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign, for three pieces of equipment with Yancey CAT in the amount of \$27,251 per month, which include one (1) CAT 826K Compactor, one (1) CAT 326 Excavator and one (1) CAT D5 Dozer and will be paid from Landfill funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report:** Manager Jones stated the sales tax continues to be strong with a monthly increase of nine percent from the same month last year. YTD increase from 2021 at this same period is thirteen percent. The Tax Digest is near completion and will be finalized before month end. There will be an increase mainly due to the inflationary increase from rising prices that have occurred. Once we have the final numbers we will forward to the Commissioners as we prepare to approve the 2022 millage rate for the tax bill. M & O Budget is two percent under budget and we anticipate we will make the revenue budget for the year as well. We will be sending out the 2023 Budget Requests Forms later this month.

**Miscellaneous:** None

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Commissioners Comments:** Commissioner Dixon asked that everyone keep Bryan Bishop in our prayers as he recovers from his nose surgery because of Cancer.

Vice-Chairman Rollins said the crew has done a nice job of cutting the ROW on the south end of the county.

**Adjournment:** Vice-Chairman Rollins asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.

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Tommy Rollins, Vice-Chairman

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