

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- PRESENT:** **DAVID SIKES, ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DARRIEL NOBLES, TOMMY ROLLINS, BLAKE TILLERY, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.**
- Call to Order:** Chairman Sikes called the August Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:33 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 approve the agenda as approved. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the
July 19, 2022
Regular Board Meeting: Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the minutes from July 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- Development Authority Report:** **Michele Johnson** stated Toombs County Development Authority (TCDA) Regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, August 18th, 12:00 Noon, Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom. Leadership Greater Vidalia (LGV) Orientation Session on Thursday, August 18th and Friday, August 19th. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Board Meeting on Thursday, August 25th, 11:30 AM, Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom. Ribbon Cutting for Walker Pharmacy, 160 South Victory Dr., Lyons, GA on Monday, August 29th at 4:00 PM. Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) Annual Conference on Wednesday, September 14th, Friday, September 16th in Savannah. Leadership Greater Vidalia (LGV) Agribusiness Session on Friday, September 16th. Summit – Greater Vidalia Chamber 2022 Business and Leadership Conference, Thursday, September 22nd at the First Baptist Church, Vidalia, GA. Cultivating Rural Entrepreneurs and Transforming Economies (CREATE) Program Update: August 16th – In-market visit from Main Street America and Georgia Power. Week of September 12th or 19th – Receive Entrepreneur & Small Business Support System Strategy & Recommendation Report. Week of September 26th or October 3rd – Participate in follow-up webinar to align on catalytic projects(s) identification. October 26th & 27th – CREATE Session #2 in Athens.
- Department Reports:** None
- Public Participation:** None
- Consideration of Request to Close a Portion of Lake Drive (CR342):** Manager Jones stated in the packet there was a copy of the Policy and State Code. Policy calls for an Impact Statement from the Board of Education, Bus Route Coordinator, Toombs County Road Department Supervisor, Ambulance Director and Code Enforcer. All Impact Statements are included in the packet; which indicated there is no negative impact on the performance of their duties. If the board wishes to proceed, notices will be mailed to the adjacent property owners and signs will be place by the road to notify the possibility of closing the portion of the road, there will be advertising for two weeks in the local organ for a Public Hearing. After these steps have been taken at the next regular scheduled board meeting a vote to close that portion of the road would be decided by the Commission. Management recommended proceeding with the next step to close.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to take the next step to close a portion of Lake Drive because the road does not serve a public purpose. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Bid for Storm Drainage & Road Improvement for Hugh Taylor Road, Oren Sharpe Road and McLendon Road:

Manager Jones stated this is a project we have been working on for a couple of years. The packet had a copy of the Bid Opening Minutes, Bid Sheet, Budget- Costs & Funding for the project. There was only one bid received and it was from McLendon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$2,966,936.67. A letter from our engineers, Hofstadter and Associates requesting the board to accept this bid. Senator Blake Tillery, John Jones and David Sikes meet with GDOT on this project and they agreed provide to \$1,248,800 and the balance will come from T-SPLOST and SPLOST. There is no Right-of-Way issues left on this project. Management recommended the board to approve the bid from McLendon Enterprises, Inc.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to accept McLendon Enterprises, Inc. bid in the amount of \$2,966,936.67 for the Storm Drainage & Road Improvement for Hugh Taylor Road, Oren Sharpe Road and McLendon Road. This project will be paid with GDOT, SPLOST and T-SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Bid for Storm Drainage & Road Improvement for John Wilkes Road:

Manager Jones stated this project is a LMIG project. The county received two bids, one from McLendon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,124,604.61 with an alternate bid and the second bid from The Scruggs Company in the amount of \$1,272,515.88; in the packet there was also a recommendation from our Engineers, Hofstadter and Associates, to accept the bid from McLendon Enterprises, Inc. Management recommended the Board accept the low bid from McLendon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,124,604.61. The funding for this project will come from the LMIG Grant and the balance will come from T-SPLOST and SPLOST. Management recommended to the Board to accept the lower bid from McLendon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,124,604.61. This includes both the base bid and the alternate.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to accept McLendon Enterprises, Inc. bid in the amount of \$1,124,604.61 for the Storm Drainage & Road Improvement for John Wilkes Road. This project will be paid with LMIG Grant and the balance will be paid with SPLOST and T-SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Affirmation of Board Member & Terms for Toombs County Department of Family & Children Services:

Manager Jones stated there seemed to be some confusion over the years on who is serving and for what term. This just reaffirms what the board has already previously approved with DFCS and the county, on the proper terms of their Board Members. To clarify matters for the entire board instead of certain board members, management presented the Board of Commissioners with the roster of current DFCS Board members and their terms of office based on the minutes of the Toombs County Board of Commissioners. Management recommended the Board to approve this roster of Toombs County Department of Family & Children Services and their terms of office.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to affirm the follow members and terms:

- Ann Bedingfield – Terms 07-01-2021 to 06-30-2026;
- Clarence Pittman – Terms 07-01-2020 to 06-30-2025;
- S. Wayne Smith – Terms 07-01-2017 to 06-30-2023;
- Marianne McMillan – Terms 07-01-2020 to 06-30-2024;
- Sandra Williams – Terms 07-01-2022 to 06-30-2027.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointment of Voting Delegate to ACCG

Manager Jones stated in the packet there was a copy of the Memorandum from Dave Wills, Executive Director of ACCG requesting the county appoint the Toombs County 2022 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate.

Legislative Leadership Conference: Commissioner Nobles had served in the past and Management recommended the board to appoint Commissioner Darrel Nobles as the Toombs County 2022 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate.

Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to re-appoint Commissioner Darriel Nobles as the 2022 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Georgia Forestry Commission Annual Report for Toombs County: Manager Jones stated in the packet the annual report identified the items they have covered in the previous years for the number of acres they have under their protection and other services provided to Toombs County. This was an update only, a motion was not needed.

County Manager Report Financial Report: Manager Jones stated Maintenance and Operational Budget will finish on budget with revenues. This is true for the expenses, with the exception of, a Building Department Expenses, an amendment will be needed due to the chiller unit that was an unforeseen expense. A portable chiller had to be added, due to the failure of the unit that was cooling the Courthouse. Sales Tax remains consistently strong for the year.

Review of July Health Claims: Nothing was presented to the Board.

Review of Monthly Wellness Progress Report: Nothing was presented to the Board.

Review of 2023 Budget Package: Budget Packets for the coming year has been sent to the different department for their input. A Capital Budget has been requested for the next 3 to 5 years.

Miscellaneous: A copy of the Memorandum has been provided to Constitutional Officers and Department Heads referencing the 2023 budget requests. The current budget conditions as indicated in the Memorandum we have reached an economics issue in our Country and a situation that we have not seen in a while, which is inflations.

John Jones is now a proud grand pa of his third grandchild. He was born last Thursday.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Dixon stated that Howard Holman emailed him and asked if anyone would like to go on a tour at the Library in Vidalia on this Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM.

Chairman Sikes stated with the election this November, we will be having visitors in our area; he will notify everyone as soon as he is notified of the events. Next month we will be in Jekyll Island for the ACCG Fall Event.

Adjournment: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk