

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PRESENT: **DAVID SIKES, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DARRIEL NOBLES, TOMMY ROLLINS, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.**

Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called February Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

Invocation: Commissioner Rollins gave the Invocation.

Approve Agenda: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

Vice-Chairman 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 January 17, 2023.

Regular Board Meeting:

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon to approve the minutes from January 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Development Authority Report:

Michele Johnson stated the Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23rd, at 11:30 A.M. at the Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom, 2805 East First Street, Vidalia. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Hidden Forest RV Club, 760 Robert Poole Road, Lyons, Thursday, February 23rd at 4:00 PM. The State of the Cities Luncheon will be held Thursday, March 2nd from 11:30 A.M - 1:00 P.M. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Southeastern Paper Group, 625 GA HWY 292, Higgston on Monday March 8th at 4:00 P.M. Ribbon for Wilkes Funeral Home, 1722 Mount Vernon Road, Vidalia on Tuesday, March 9th at 4:00 P.M. Georgia Logistics Summit will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. in Savannah. Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (GACCE) Staff Development Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 1st, Friday - March 17th, Valdosta. Toombs County Development Authority (TCDA) Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16th at 12 noon, Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom, 2805 East First Street, Vidalia. Leadership Greater Vidalia (LGV) Economic Development Session will be held, Tuesday, March 21st. ConnectHER will be Thursday, March 23rd at 5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Vidalia Community Center, 107 Old Airport Road, Vidalia.

Department Reports: None

Resolution Recognizing the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee:

Chairman Sikes read the Resolution and commended the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee on their hard work and diligent efforts for our community and surrounding areas. At the December 2022 International Council of Air Shows, annual meeting, the United States Navy Blue Angles presented the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee with the 2022 Civilian Air Show of the Year Award. This is the second time they have been awarded this Civilian Air show of the year, which is a statement in itself.

Andy Woodruff spoke on behalf of the Committee and expressed his appreciation for the recognition. Mr. Woodruff said this could not happen without all of the volunteers, the Committee Members and all the people in the community that put the effort and their time into make one of the best Festival we have had.

Consideration of Approval USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan/Grant Application for Vehicles for Sheriff's Office and Detention Center: Manager Jones stated this grant should help with the cost of one vehicle for the Sheriff's Office and one vehicle for the Detention Center, if approved. The letter that will begin the process was included in the packet and Management is asking the board to approve the letter and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Rollins to approve the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan/Grant and to approve the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report
Financial Report:**

Manager Jones stated in the Commissioners Packet there was the financial report for January and the sales tax for the year. January sales compared to last year's numbers are a little down, that's two months in a row.

Miscellaneous:

The ISO inspection was done today. It will be four or five months before we receive the final rating for our County. Overall everyone felt good about the inspection. The striping has been completed at the Baseball and Football Field at Toombs Central School. The Courthouse is still on schedule for a move in date sometime in July.

Public Participation:

None

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioners Comments:

Vice-Chairman Dixon stated that he and Manager Jones did a tour of the new Courthouse for the Development Authority which took about one and a half hour to do the complete tour. Manager Jones did a good job on the tour.

Chairman Sikes announced that Commissioner Darriel Nobles has now been elected to the At-Large position for the ACCG Board of Managers. There are only five in the state now he represents not just our district but all the Counties in the State of Georgia.

Commissioner Nobles stated that he was very humbled and greatly honored to hold that position with ACCG and that he will do his best to represent us.

Adjournment:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk