

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called November Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Commissioner Nobles was attending a SWANA Fall Conference; this is a part of the Landfill certification requirements and will not be in attendance at this Board Meeting.

Invocation: Commissioner Cason gave the Invocation.

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

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the
October 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting held on October 18, 2022.

Regular Board Meeting:

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to approve the minutes from October 18, 2022 Called Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Development Authority Report:

Michele Johnson gave a report on the coming up events. Toombs County Development Authority Meeting will be held Nov. 17th at Noon, also on the afternoon of the 17th they have partnered with the DVA to do the 5:05 and do the shop local theme. The office will be closed for our Holiday schedule which is the 24th and 25th of November. The Youth Leadership group for the Health Care and Community Service Session will be on December 5th. There will Ribbon Cutting for The Vintage Barbers Shop, 103 SE Main St., Vidalia, GA on December 6th at 4:00 PM. The Adult leadership class will have their Government Session on December 9th. The Toombs County Development Authority will be meeting on December 15th at noon.

Department Reports:

EMS Director Drew James stated for the Month of October there were 560 calls for service; 454 of those being in Toombs County and 106 for Montgomery County. The service covered five high schools for sports events; 32 home games this fall and only three transports out of the entire season. He gave credit to the Sports Medicine Team and the Trainers for a job well done. Mr. James will be joining Vidalia Fire Chief Sikes to speak to the Youth Leadership on December 5th. A special thanks to Pastor Michael Plowman at Liberty Baptist in Lyons GA. There was a wonderful service this past Sunday for their Hero Sunday; Air Evac 91 flew in and the Veterans Ambulance was on display for the kids. It was a salute to EMS, Police, Fire and Veterans with a nice lunch afterwards.

Cheryl Poppell, Toombs County Extension Director stated they were very happy for the new building that housed their office on Bulldog Road. They were proud to serve the citizens from the smallest home owner to the largest farmer and, of course, all the youth in between in the County. Accompanying Mrs. Poppell were two ladies that were in leadership roles; one being a 4-H State Officer. Tiera Shaw is a Student at Toombs County Middle School, she is serving on the South East District Junior Board of Directors and Grace Holt is our 4-H State South East District and attends Toombs County High School. Both ladies expressed the gratitude to Mrs. Poppell for her leadership and continue to explain their path in the 4-H club.

Public Participation: None

<p>Consideration of Alcohol License – -- Pop’s General Store --Cedar Crossing Grocery Store:</p>	<p>Manager Jones stated both of these are renewals from existing license holders. Both are in compliance with the county’s alcohol ordinance and qualify for the renewal of their licenses. Management recommended that the Board approve both of the license applications.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Alcohol License for Pop’s General Store and Cedar Crossing Grocery Store. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Consideration of Approval of Probation Services Agreement – Magistrate Court:</p>	<p>Manager Jones stated a copy of the Probation Services Agreement from Judicial Alternatives of Georgia with the Toombs County Magistrate Court was included in the packet material. Judge Jack McMillan has approved and signed the Agreement. This is a renewal of our existing contract with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia. Management recommended that the Board approve this agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.</p> <p>Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Probation Services Agreement from Judicial Alternatives of Georgia with the Toombs County Magistrate Court and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Consideration of Approval of Third Member of the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission:</p>	<p>Manager Jones stated the third member of the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission needs to be chosen by the Commissioners. Currently Chairman Sikes is an automatic member of the Regional Commission due to his position. Raymond Turner is the member for the City of Vidalia. This is a one year term that will begin on January 1, 2023. Currently Manager Jones servers as the third member and this position is an annual appointment.</p> <p>Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to appoint John Jones as the third member of the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission. This is a one-year term beginning January 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Consideration of Approval of Authorizing Chairman to Sign Quit-Claim Deed for the Previously Approved Closure of a Section of Raymond Rollison Road:</p>	<p>Manager Jones stated the current property owner of each side of the road on the section of Raymond Rollison Road that the Board had previously approved to be closed earlier this year; has asked the board to approve the Quit Claim for that portion of the Road that was closed to them as the new owners. Management recommended the Board to approve this requests and authorize the Chairman to sign the Quit-Claim Deed.</p> <p>Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Chairman to sign the Quit-Claim Deed for the previously approved closure of a section of Raymond Rollison Road. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Consideration of Approval of Stryker LIFEPAK Monitor:</p>	<p>Manager Jones stated a copy of the proposal for a Lifepak Monitor was in the packet. This is a replacement for one of the monitor that has become inoperable and needs to be replaced. The cost for the monitor is \$8,402.69. Management recommended the Board to approve the purchase and to pay with SPLOST Funds.</p> <p>Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the purchase of one (1) LIFEPAK Monitor at the cost of \$8,402.69 and will be paid with SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Consideration of Approval of Upgrade Proposal to NG911 from RPSS/INdigital:</p>	<p>Manager Jones stated this proposal is from our current vendor to upgrade our E-911 system. The old system is about ten years old and needs to be replaced. The upgrade will give E-911 operators a better access to location on cell phones and will also allow them to send and receive text as well as emails. There were three options and E-911 Director Darlene Smith and Sheriff Kight are requesting that the Board approve the purchase of this upgrade with Option 3. Management</p>

also recommended that the board approve the purchase of Option 3 and to pay with SPLOST Funds.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Vesta system, option three, cloud base system and will be paid with SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Proposal to purchase Eleven (11) Vehicles for the Sheriff Office: Manager Jones stated in the packet was the Sheriff's Office proposal to purchase eleven (11) vehicles. We were not able to place an order last year for vehicles because Covid prevented the manufactures ability to provide the vehicles. These vehicles are being purchased under State Contract through Woody Folsom Jeep. The total cost for the eleven (11) vehicles is \$433,878. Management recommended the board approve this purchase and these will be paid with SPLOST Funds.

Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the eleven (11) vehicles for the Sheriff Office in the amount of \$433,878. Vehicles will be purchased under State Contract through Woody Folsom Jeep and paid with SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report:
Financial Report: Manager Jones stated sales tax continues to be strong. Sales tax for last month was 11. 41% increase from September 2021 to September 2022 sales.

Miscellaneous: In the packet the Workers Comp and Health Insurance cost. There was a copy of the GDOT Quarterly Utility Report; they are showing a Let date for the by-pass on US-1 of March 15, 2023.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk