

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PRESENT: ALFRED CASON, WENDELL HUGH DIXON, DARRIEL NOBLES, TOMMY ROLLINS, BLAKE TILLERY, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS.

Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Dixon called May Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Invocation: Commissioner Cason gave the Invocation.

Approve Agenda: Vice-Chairman Dixon asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Vice-Chairman Dixon asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on April 18, 2023.

**April 18, 2023
Regular Board Meeting:**

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the minutes from April 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Development Authority
Report:**

Michele Johnson stated the Toombs County Authority (TCDA) Regular Monthly Meeting, Thursday, May 18th, 12:00 Noon, Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom, 2805 East First street, Vidalia. Toombs Housing Survey – Deadline to participate is May 22nd. Ribbon Cutting for SkinCo, 508 Maple Dr. Vidalia will be held on Wednesday, May 24 at 4:00 PM. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25th, 11:30 AM, Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom, 2805 East First street, Vidalia. Chamber Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25th at 11:30 AM, Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom, 2805 East First Street, Vidalia. Their office will be closed for Memorial Day Holiday on Monday 29th. Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC) Universal Service Fund (USF) Survey is for builders, developers, existing industries and others who use natural gas in daily operations are encouraged to submit projects(s) for consideration for the 2023-2024 USF program. Typically, these are larger projects that would not be economically feasible under the current line extension policy. Deadline to participate is June 30th, Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SF8Lmonkey>

Department Reports:

Drew James, Director of EMS, in the month of April there were 531 calls for service. The largest event in April was the Onion Festival, usually we have thirty to forty contact with patients with special events but this year our service only had eight, maybe because of the cooler weather. Mr. James gave special thanks to Southeastern Tech EMT Class, City of Vidalia Fire Department, and the Tarry Town Volunteer Fire Department; the EMS Department pulls from all of these resources to put on a good and safe festival, as well as a committee. The department did a stand-by for the Vidalia Heritage Baseball Series, last Friday. The Ambulance that was approved last September, Chevrolet will release our Vin Number this July, which could lead to a January 2024 delivery date.

Public Participation: Elizabeth Ibarra, 493 Gibson Road, Lyons, GA 30436. Mrs. Ibarra, along with her husband, came before the board to request adding a Special Event License whereby they could serve beer and wine at “The Event Center” (formally known as the Silverado) for special events to the existing Alcohol License Ordinance. She stated they rent The Event Center for special events. They have owned the property for two years and have renovated the interior walls to insulate the building to contain the music or activities within the building.

Consideration of Proclamation Declaring May 21st – 27th, 2023 as EMS Week: Manager Jones stated this is an annual event that coincides with the National EMS Week. Management recommended the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign this Resolution for the Emergency Medical Services Week in Toombs County Vice-Chairman Dixon read the Resolution, followed by a photo with the Commissioners, Direct Drew James and Paramedic Archie Robertson.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Chairman to sign the Resolution Proclaiming May 21st – 27th, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Toombs County. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Proposal for New Repeater System for Toombs County Emergency Management Agency: In your packet there was a copy of the quote from HUB Electronics for the purchase and installation of the repeater on the City of Lyons Water Tower. This is replacing the old repeater that currently resides on the tower at the current courthouse. Hub Electronics has installed all of our repeaters in the county. Management recommended that the Board approve this sole source under the County’s Financial Policy §1-2-6 Source Selection as addressed for Sole Source Purposes because of standardization and repair purposes. The quote is in the amount of \$22,700 and pay with SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the new repeater system quote from HUB Electronics in the amount of \$22,700 and to be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Proposal for Industrial Dishwasher & Dryer at Detention Center: Manager Jones stated in the packet there were copies of the three quotes received. Wholesale Commercial Laundry Equipment out of South Side of Alabama gave a quote of \$23,712; Tri-State Laundry Equipment out of Valdosta quoted \$26,337.92 and Southeastern Laundry Equipment out of Marietta, Georgia (we presently use for service) provided an original quote of \$25,934 but also made a subsequent quote of \$24,934. The Sheriff’s Office is asking that we accept Southeastern Laundry Equipment at \$24,934 and will be paid from the Jail Fund.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the quote from Southeastern Laundry Equipment in the amount of \$24,934 and to be paid from the Jail Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Proposal for Phones & Phone Service: Manager Jones stated that he had provided a spreadsheet on the quotes that were received as followed: Responsive Technologies, Vidalia Georgia, with the purchase of the systems for both the courthouse and the Jail, Sheriff’s and Investigation Office’s \$20,180.28 with a monthly charge of \$1,931.49; the lease option was \$4,752, with a monthly charge of \$1,931.61. The next vendor was Speros, Savannah, Georgia, was for a lease only in the initial amount of \$14,596 with a monthly charge of \$2,502.72. The next vendor was Alma Telephone

Company (ATC), Alma, Georgia with the purchase price of \$37,965 with a monthly charge of \$1,058.85. The lease option was a one-time charge of \$5,100

for upgraded jacks for Sheriff's Office and a monthly fee of \$1,707.80. The next vendor was VYVE, Vidalia, Georgia, there was a zero one-time charge with a monthly charge of \$3,738. The next vendor was Vonage out of Savannah gave a one-time charge of \$3,930 with a monthly charge of \$1,836.23. Considering the Alma Telephone Company (ATC) quote included the Jai, Sheriff & Investigation Offices with the lease price (one-time charge) of \$5,100 and the monthly charge of \$1,058.85, Management recommended accepting their bid and paying the one-time charge from the SPLOST Funds and the monthly fee will paid from the General Fund Account.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the quote given by Alma Telephone Company (ATC) with the one-time charge of \$5,100 being paid from the SPLOST Funds and the monthly fee paid of \$1,058.85 from the General Fund Account. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report

Financial Report:

Manager Jones stated the M & O Budget was currently six percent under budget for the year. Solid Waste is on budget for revenue and three percent under budget on expenses. EMS is five percent under budget for revenue and two percent under budget for expenses. LOST is three and a half percent below April 2022, while the Sales tax trends appear to be trailing 2022, 2023 is above 2021 with the exception of January comparisons.

Miscellaneous:

Wellness Program – In your packet you have a copy of April's Monthly Progress including accomplishments from April and May's objectives. May 17th at 8:30 AM and 9:15 AM we will have a 'Building a Healthy Breakfast' from the CHP Wellness coaches for the ones that can attend. Also included, was a copy of the Workers Comp Report and Landfills Aging Receiving Report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioners Comments:

Adjournment:

Vice-Chairman Dixon asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Wendell Dixon, Vice-Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk