

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 May Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

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 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 June 20, 2023.

June 20, 2023

Regular Board Meeting:

Vice Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Nobles to approve the minutes from June 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Development Authority Report:

Michele Johnson sent the following schedule: the Greater Savannah Regional Alliance (GSRA) Annual Meeting in Glennville on Wednesday, July 19th at 12:00 Noon. Toombs County Development Authority (TCDA) Regular Monthly Meeting will be held in the Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom, 2805 East First Street, Vidalia on Thursday, July 20 at 12:00 Noon. Cultivating Rural Entrepreneurship and Transforming Economies (C.R.E.A.T.E.) Community Visit by Georgia Power Team on Thursday, July 27th. Entrepreneur Mixer meeting held at 104 NW Broad Street, Lyons on Thursday, August 3rd at 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) State of Social Services Event will be held at First Baptist Church, 144 South Washington Street, Lyons on Thursday, August 10th at 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM. Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) Development Authority Executives Summit will be held in Macon, GA on Thursday, August 10th. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Cornerstone Deliverance & Development Ministries, 101 West Stuart Avenue, Lyons on Friday August 11th at 1:00 PM.

Department Reports:

Drew James, Director of EMS, stated there were 528 calls for service for the month of June. There has been an increase in heat-related calls. Their department is finalizing their football standby schedule, which consist of 26 games this fall. On August 12th the Vidalia Downtown Association will be doing a touch a truck event from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Public Safety big-rigs for the children to see and welcomes everyone to the event.

Public Participation: **Lynn Waters**, 244 S. Victory Drive, she was concerned with the heavy truck traffic on Victory Drive. Ms. Waters asked if there were any Animal Control or Shelter Consideration in the near future. Vidalia's Animal Shelter does not take cats and that is a huge issue in our county.

Lyons Police Chief Walker, who was present, asked to address Ms. Waters' concerns and continued to say he would have to check but he thought Victory Drive was a no through truck road but there were businesses that received deliveries and they were permitted to use Victory Drive for deliveries to those businesses. The animal control, we do not have the facilities to house cats, but we do trap cats in a live trap and find a rescue or someone that will adopt them. If you have an issue with cats you can call our local Lyons Animal Shelter and their number is 912-386-2024. (Toombs County contracts with the City of Lyons for the County's Animal Shelter.)

Consideration of Approval of Quit Claim Deed to Toombs County Development Authority: In your packet you have a copy of the Quit Claim Deed in the packet and a copy of the survey. This is a part of the property that the county acquired several years ago and was divided up and given to the State where Southeastern Technical School could be built. Along with that tract of land, the Chamber of Commerce and the Onion Museum building is also located. The county retained two tracks of land. Tract 1 is what the county proposing to be transferred to the Development Authority (3.221 Acres) and Tract 2 (0.314 acres) will be retained by the County to be dedicated to road ROW for SR 280 and Commerce Way. Management recommended the Board to approve the Quit Claim Deed as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Quit Claim Deed to transfer the ownership of tract one in the amount of 3.221 acres to give clear access to Hwy. 280 to the Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Probation Services between Judicial Alternatives of Georgia and Toombs County State Court: Manager Jones stated in the Commissioner's Packet there was a copy for the annual renewal of probationary services for Toombs County State Court. State Court Judge Paul Cook has signed the contract. Management recommended the Board to approve the contract and to authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the contract between Judicial Alternatives of Georgia and Toombs County State Court and to approve the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Probation Services between Judicial Alternatives of Georgia and Toombs County Magistrate Court: Manager Jones stated in the Commissioner's Packet there was a copy for the annual renewal of probationary services for Toombs County Magistrate Court Judge Jack McMillan has signed the contract and management recommended the Board to approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon to approve the contract between Judicial Alternatives of Georgia and Toombs County Magistrate Court and to approve the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report

Financial Report: Manager Jones stated the expenses were slightly under budget for the Maintenance and Operation Budget. The Revenues are above what they were this time last year.

Miscellaneous: The digest should be finished up soon and given to the Tax Commissioner so they can compile the paperwork so they can get the tax bills prepared for the coming year. Sales Tax is down compared to this time last year. In the packet is the report on the Account Receivables from the Landfill along with our health wellness report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioners

Comments: None

Adjournment: Chairman Sikes adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 5:45 PM.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk