

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 September 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 Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason 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 August 15, 2023.

Regular Board Meeting:

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the minutes from August 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Development Authority Report:

Michele Johnson stated they will be attending the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) Annual Conference in Savannah that week (Sept. 20th – Sept. 22nd). Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 11:30 AM. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Summit, Vidalia First Baptist Church, Thursday Sept 28th at 8:30AM – 12 Noon. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) State of Industry, First Baptist Church of Lyons, Thursday, Oct. 5th at 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Business Expo – Vidalia Community Center, Thursday, Oct. 12th at 4PM – 7:00 PM. The Toombs County Development Authority has purchased 605 acre track on HWY US 1 for future Industrial Product Development

Department Reports:

Drew James, Director of EMS, stated there were 565 calls for service for the month of August. The service is covering High School Football and so far has done standby for fourteen games with four transports out of these games. JRTC has competition where eight or nine high schools come together to compete, with the heat we administered aid to about forth cadets.

EMS Promotion:

Paramedic Amanda “Mandy” White, who has been with the EMS Service for 14 years, has been promoted to Lieutenant. Probate Judge Tina Lindsey preformed the swearing in ceremony.

Public Participation:

None

Consideration of Approval of Alcohol License Application for:
Frank’s Country Club and Big Ma’s:

Manager Jones stated that Frank’s Country Club and Big Ma’s has been sold. The new owners are applying for the same Alcohol License as the previous owners. Management requested the Board to approve Class D License for Frank’s Country Club and Class A License for Big Ma’s.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve Class D License for Frank’s County Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve Class A License for Big Ma's. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointment to the Toombs County Development Authority Board:

Manager Jones Stated in the Commissioners packet there was a copy of a letter from Michele Johnson, Toombs County Development Authority, with recommendations to replace Dr. Garrett Wilcox on the Toombs County Development Authority Board. The three names given were are Ricky Mitchell, Greg McKenzie or Brian Fabacher. Based on the recommendation in the letter, management recommended that the Board approve Ricky Mitchell to represent District 1 (Vidalia) on the Board of the Toombs County Development Authority. He term would be for three years from 01-01-2024 to 12-31-2026.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to appoint Ricky Mitchell to represent Dr. Garrett Wilcox position of District 1 (Vidalia) on the Board of the Toombs County Development Authority. Mr. Mitchell's term will be 01-01-2024 to 12-31-2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Quote for Solid Waste Center Compactor Rebuild:

Manager Jones stated on September the 4th the oldest compactor at the landfill caught on fire from an apparent broken oil and/or hydraulic line. The crew was able to shut the machine off and move it to away from the working face and no one was injured. However, the machine will be total loss. We have it insured for \$135,000. The other compactor is down due to a cracked head. The compactor we ordered last year will be delivered toward the end of October 2023.

On the compactor with the cracked head, CAT has given us a quote of \$29,692.07 to repair the crack head and give a 12-month warranty. The second option, CAT has given a quote of \$151,865.59 to rebuild the engine, replace fuel, hydraulic hoses lines, etc for \$151,865.59 with additional service contract and extended warranty. The third option, CAT has given a quote for a complete rebuild engine, transmission, everything for \$469,315.50 with additional service contract and extended warranty. The current cost of a new compactor is \$ 945,633. Management asked the Board to consider the complete rebuild in the amount of \$469,315.50 and would be placed on the C & D Landfill; C & D do not use the compactor as much as the solid waste. SPLOST funds will be used to pay for the rebuild.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the quote for a complete rebuild for the cost of \$469,315.50 with additional service contract and extended warranty and the invoice be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Re-Appointment of John Raymond Turner, Dr. Barry Dobson and Mac Jordan to the WIOA Board:

Manager Jones stated that he had received an email from Alex Clements, WIOA Monitor for the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, requesting the appointment of the three expiring board positons. All three have agreed to continue to serve if the Board so desires. Management recommended the Board re-appoint John Raymond Turner, Dr. Barry Dotson and Mac Jordan to the WIOA Board. Their terms will be 10-01-2023 to 09-30-2026

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to re-appoint John Raymond Turner, Dr. Barry Dotson and Mac Jordan to the WIOA Board. Their terms will be 10-01-2023 to 09-30-2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation to Prepare an Ordinance

Manager Jones stated that discussion was done in September of 2019 but never completed the task. This is just to let the board know that an ordinance needs to

Governing the Use and Regulation of Gray's Landing Park: be prepared to define the usage and regulations for Gray's Landing Park. The next meeting an Ordinance will be presented to the board for consideration and at that time they will vote to move forward or not. If we move forward there will be a public hearing for public comment. The following board meeting the board will approve the Ordinance or not.

County Manager Report

Financial Report: Manager Jones stated a copy of the financial report was included into the Commissioners Packet. Budget worksheets have been prepared and sent to the Constitutional Officers and Department Heads this week. Attached is the 2024 budget calendar. The public hearing is attentively set for December 8th and to present a final budget for the board to approve on our regular scheduled meeting held on December 19th. Sales tax for SPLOST was up 5.47% compared to this time last year. The financial Statement was also included in the Commissioners Packet for the period ending August 31, 2023. The Maintenance & Operation Budget Expenses are slightly under budget by 3%. All of our large one-time expenses such as Retirement Contribution and Liability Insurance for the year have been booked. Solid Waste Revenue is 13% above budget and expenses are 3% under budget. EMS Revenue is 10% under budget and expenses are 1% under budget.

Miscellaneous: In the Commissioners packet was printouts for the Wellness Program.

Standing Committee

Reports: None

Commissioners

Comments: None

Adjournment: Vice-Chairman Dixon asked for a motion the meeting.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM

Wendell Dixon, Vice-Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk