

TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Courtroom 2A

November 15, 2023

5:30 PM

Note by Clerk: The Commissioners did not meet this Month due to moving from Toombs County Court House to the new Toombs County Government Center.

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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 December 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.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins 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 October 17, 2023.

Regular Board Meeting: Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes from October 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Development Authority Report: Michele Johnson stated they kept their Calendar clear during the Holidays and said she was looking forward to seeing everyone at the Legislative Meeting on January 4th.

Department Reports: Drew James, EMS Director stated in October there were 574 calls for service. Our Service was at the Public Relations events Oct. 19th for the Senior Adult Fair at Parton Park, where we had 110 people that took blood pressure screening, stroke education and basic wound care. On Oct. 28th the service was participating in the Lowes Safety Day. There were over 2000 that turned out for this event. In November there were 512 calls for service. They provided 32 stand-by for home football games and two cheer competitions. Caption Brock Williams completed the EMS Leadership and Management Training Course.

Karen Anderson, Toombs County Health Department. Karen was joined by two of her staff members, Rebecca Stewart and Halaina Tiger. Karen Proposed new fee rates to the Commission to consider approving for the Health Department. The Health Department Board has already approved the new rates. These rates were compared to the counties in our district that were similar in size. The fees have not been adjusted since year 2008 and the proposed fees are lower than the standard state fees. She also gave a printout on the Rules and Regulations on Body Art, Chapter 511-3-8 that became effective 10/06/2023. Karen asked the Commission to consider the rate changes for their department.

Public Participation: Luther Caraway AKA "LC" Caraway, 142 Deer Run Road, He stated he was in Commissioner Nobles, District 3. Mr. Caraway was concerned about the people hauling junk, scrap, and tires especially. Oscar Cruse Road is a prime example of people stock piling tires on their private property and sometimes that dispose of their waste on property that does not belong to them. The next concern was people were burning tires, wires and plastic and it has become a nuisance because it is unhealthy to be breathing the air once this stuff is burned.

Mr. Caraway proposed that our County would follow counties like Bryan and Bullock County that has County Ordances in place to address these types of matters.

- Consideration of Alcohol License** Manager Jones stated that these all renewals of existing license holders. Management asked that each individually License to be approved.
- John's Country Junction,** Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins approve the "Class A" Alcohol License for John's Country Junction for the year of 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dennis Sport Shop,** Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon to approve the "Class A " Alcohol License for Dennis Sport Shop LLC for the year 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
- OMK Convenience StoreDBA- Cedar Crossing Grocery,** Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon to approve the "Class A" Alcohol License for OMK Convenience Store DBA Cedar Crossing Grocery for the year of 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
- Fruteria Rodriguez,** Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the "Class A" Alcohol License for Fruteria Rodriguez for the year of 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
- Frank's Country Store,** Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon to approve the "Class B" Alcohol License for Frank's Country Store for the year of 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
- Pop's General Store:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the "Class A" Alcohol License for Pop's General Store for the year of 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Approval of Contract with Memorial Health Meadows Hospital For Ambulance and non-Medical Transportation Services:** Manager Jones stated this contract will replace the existing contract and now the change in the agreement allows the hospital to pay for transportation of self-pay patients. We will bill the hospital direct and be reimbursed using Medicare pay rates. Management recommended the Board to approve this contract and to authorize the Chairman to sign.
- Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Contract with Memorial Health Meadows Hospital and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Medical Support Unit/Firefighter Rehab 8.5 ft x 16 ft Enclosed trailer for EMS:** Manager Jones stated this trailer could provide rehab for fire-fighters and will be at all special events to act at a triage area for anyone in need of medical care. The total cost is \$58,430 but with contributions in the amount of \$19,207, the overall cost would be \$39,223 and would be paid with SPLOST funds.
- Drew James explained, this trailer will be equipped with an A/C unit for a cooling zone, mass casualty for large crowd gatherings, with two triage benches, two sets for vital signs, and a hospital style bed. There will be awnings on both side of the trailer for shade for special events, such as the air show during the onion festival.
- Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the enclosed trailer for EMS for the total cost is \$58,430. The County received contributions in the amount of \$19,207, overall cost of \$39,223 to be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Request to Close a Portion of Dee Mosley Road:** Manager Jones stated that we have not received all of the impact statement needed to continue with this process. Manager Jones asked to table this request until we have all the impact statement received.
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Presentation of 2024 Local Offices with Elections from Board of Elections, Probate Judge and County Manager: Manager Jones stated in the Commissioners packet there was a list of local offices and the ones who are up for elections in 2024. They are as followed: Toombs County Commission Chairman, Toombs County Commissioners – District 2 & 3, Sheriff, Tax Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, State Court Judge, State Court Solicitor, Coroner and School Board Members, District 2 & 6. The Resolution identifying the rate and reflects 3% of each base salary for the qualifying fees. Management asked for the Board’s approval and the authorization for the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Resolution identifying the 3% of each base salary for the qualifying rates and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of 2024 Holiday Schedule: Manager Jones stated a list of the recommended Holiday’s for the year 2024. There are the same eleven holidays we have had in the previous years. Management recommended the Board to approve the holiday schedule as presented.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the following Holidays for the year of 2024: New Year’s Day, 01/01/2024; MLK Day, 01/15/2024; Good Friday, 03/29/2024; Memorial Day, 05/27/2024; July 4th, 07/04/2024; Labor Day, 09/02/2024; Veterans Day 11/11/2024; Thanksgiving, 11/28/2024 and 11/29/2024; Christmas, 12/25/2024 and 12/26/2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Toombs-Montgomery EMS Contract Renewal: Manager Jones stated the County has a contract to provide EMS service for Montgomery County. This is a three year with one year renewals and there are two more renewals for 2024 and 2025 and then there will be a need for another contract. The present contract calls for an annual increase based on the Medical Service (CPI) Consumer Price Index for twelve months preceding October in the year of the renewal. According to the CPI the rate will not change for the year 2024 and Management is asked for the Board to approve the continuation of the contract with Montgomery County.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the continued contract with Montgomery County to provide services for the year of 2024 for the same price as it was in 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointment of Third Member to the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission: Manager Jones stated he currently served as the third member to the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission. As of January 1, 2024 the Board is required to appoint the third member to the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission each year.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to appoint John Jones to be the Third Member of the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission for the year 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report: Financial Report: Manager Jones stated in the Commissioners Packet there were financial Reports for the months of October and November. The (M&O) Maintenance and Operation Budget will be a little over budget for the revenue and under budget for the expenses for the year. Revenue on Solid Waste will be slightly over budget but expenses were over budgeted but the revenue will cover the overage in expenses. SPLOST will reflect an increase for the year 2022. TSPLOST, we are in the first year of a ten year collection and hopefully we will begin some of the planned projects soon which are widening and paving of Old Normantown Road and Cedar Crossing/Alston Road.

Miscellaneous:

The EOC Training room for the year 2023 has had over 1100 participants. Wellness Warrior was Archie Roberson. GOVDEALS will be selling the remaining items in the Courthouse and the closing of the sale items will be on 12-27-2023. Demolition will begin at the first of the year. The completion of the demolition and construction is projected to be finished by the first of May 2024. Historical Markers from the old courthouse will be move and preserved. The memorial bricks will soon be produced and placed at the front of the building.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioners Comments: NONE

Adjournment:

Chairman Sikes adjourned the meeting at 6:12 PM.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk

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