

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called January 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 Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason 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 December 20, 2022.

December 20, 2022

Regular Board Meeting:

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes from December 20, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Development Authority Report:

Michele Johnson stated the Toombs County Development Authority (TCDA) Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 12 Noon, Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Elite Insurance Group, 169 South Main St., Reidsville, will be held Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 4:00 PM. Region 9 Economic Developers Legislative Reception, Ecco Midtown, Atlanta on January 23, 2023. Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) 2023 January Legislative leaders Meeting the Georgia State Capitol, Atlanta, January 24, 2023. Greater Vidalia Youth Leadership (GVYL) Economic Development Session on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 11:30 AM, Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for The Brice House, 1007 Mt. Vernon Road, Vidalia, GA on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 4:00 PM. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for The County Seat, 202 S. Victory Dr., Lyons on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 10:30 AM. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Annual Meeting Featuring The Geek Squad Band, Friday, February 3, 2023 at 5:30, Vidalia Community Center. Leadership Greater Vidalia (LGV) Health and Social Services Session, Tuesday, February 7, 2023. Toombs County Development Authority (TCDA) Regular Monthly Meeting, Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 12 Noon, Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom.

Department Reports:

Johnny Moser, Fire Chief, Toombs County Volunteer Fire Department, gave a report of the activities the Volunteer Fire Department in the past year. Chief Moser called Captain Leon Hayes up to the front and explained Captain Leon Hayes had been a Captain for about four years and now is being promoted to Battalion Chief Position on the Toombs County Volunteer Fire Department.

Public Participation:

None

Appointment of Vice-Chairman: Chairman Sikes appointed Wendell Dixon as the Vice-Chairman for the year of 2023.

Committee Assignments: Chairman Sikes made the following committee appointments: Roads and Bridges would be Darriel Nobles and Alfred Cason; Recreation would be Alfred Cason and Wendell Dixon; Landfill will be Darriel Nobles and Tommy Rollins; Public Safety will be Alfred Cason and Wendell Dixon; Finance and Accounting will be Wendell Dixon and Tommy Rollins; Policy and Procedures will be Tommy Rollins and Darriel Nobles. Those are our six Committees and the appointments for the year 2023.

Resolution Recognizing the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee: Manager Jones asked that this be tabled until the next Monthly Meeting that will be held on February 21, 2023.

Commissioners Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Nobles to table the Resolution Recognizing the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee until the next Commissioners Meeting, which will be held on February 21, 2023.

Resolution Recognition by the Toombs County Fire Department: **Johnny Moser**, Fire Chief, Toombs County Volunteer Fire Department, explained that on November 3, 2022 there was a motor vehicle wreck on SR 152. That accident happened about one mile from Station # 4 and my house. Within two minutes from the fire call there was a fire engine on the scene; the car was completely engulfed in flames. Citizens that were passing by, saw the accident, saw the vehicle catch on fire and landed on its tires. There were five citizens, Samantha Castro, Christopher Johnson, Stacy Callaway, Stacey Turbyfill and Holly Brook Brinson, stepped in, freed the entrapped lady and her four children and shielded them from the fire. These five individuals risked their own lives to help the people that were entrapped in the vehicle. Chief Moser asked those people to come up front. The Board presented a Resolution recognizing their act of bravery and heroism by the citizens who help get the individuals out of the vehicle along with the State of Georgia Life Save Medal from Chief Moser.

Consideration of Approval of the following Alcohol License: Manager Jones stated all of these are renewals from existing licenses. Management recommended that the Board approve the five Alcohol License Applications presented.

--Big Ma's Inc.
--Frank's Country Club, Inc.
--Normantown Grocery,
--Benton Lee's Steakhouse
--Fruteria Rodriguez:

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Alcohol License: Big Ma's Inc., Frank's Country Club, Inc., Normantown Grocery, Benton Lee's Steakhouse, and Fruteria Rodriguez for the year of 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointment of County Attorney: Manager Jones stated this is an annual appointed position and does require a motion. Management recommended that the Board reappoint Blake Tillery as the County's Attorney for the year 2023.

Commissioners Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Cason to reappoint Blake Tillery as the County's Attorney for the year 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointment of Board Assessor for the term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2028:

Manager Jones stated this position is currently held by Adam Moore. The Chief of Assessors indicated the Adam Moore is willing to serve if appointed. Management recommended Adam Moore to be reappointed beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2028.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Nobles to approve the reappointment of Adam Moore to a term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2028 to the Toombs County Board of Assessors. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between Southeastern Technical School and Toombs County Board of Commissioners for EMS Clinicals:

Manager Jones stated this allows the EMS students to ride in the Ambulance with our EMS Crew in order to receive their clinical hours that are needed for their degree. This is an annual Memorandum of Agreement that we approve for STC. Management recommended approving the Memorandum of Agreement with Southeastern Technical College and authorize the chairman to sign.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Rollins to authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Southeastern Technical College. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Final 2022 Budget Amendment:

Manager Jones stated in the Commissioners packet, the budget amendment which reflects our increase in LMIG funding for the year and the associated expense in road infrastructure. The other four items are expenses items that are over budget for the year which we will cover through our contingency line item. Management recommended that the Board approve the 2023 Budget Amendment Number Two.

Commissioners Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Nobles to approve the final 2022 Budget Amendment number two. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report

Financial Report:

Manager Jones stated in the Commissioners Packet there was the financial report for December. The Sales Tax (SPLOST) still is stronger for 2022 that it was in 2021.

Miscellaneous:

In the Commissioners Packet there was a report on the progress for the Wellness Program as well as the medical claims for the prior month and for July 1st through December of 2022, all of this looks very good. There is the GDOT TIA Times (TSPLOST). As you know January 1, 2023 begin the first year of the new ten year TSPLOST. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) TIA Times was also included into the Commissioners Packet. As of January 1, 2023 begin the first year of the new ten year TSPLOST.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioners Comments: None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk