

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- PRESENT:** **DAVID SIKES, BUCK MOON, DARRIEL NOBLES, TOMMY ROLLINS, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS**
- Call to Order:** Chairman Sikes called the February 18th Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. Chairman Sikes asked to keep Commissioner Cason in everyone’s prayers; he had a health emergency and was unable to attend the meeting.
- Invocation:** Commissioner Moon gave the Invocation.
- Approve Agenda:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.
- Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to accept the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the **January 23, 2025 Regular Board Meeting:** Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on January 23, 2025
- Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to approve the minutes from January 23, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- Development Authority Report:** **Michele Johnson**, announced the Toombs County Development Authority (TCDA) Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20th at 12 Noon. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Monthly Meeting on Thursday, February 27th at 11:30AM; both meetings will be held in the Dot Foods Business Hub, Greater Vidalia Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, 208 East First Street, Vidalia, GA. Leadership Greater Vidalia (LGV) “Health & Social Services” Session will be held on Thursday, March 13th.
- Department Report:** None
- Public Participation:** None
- Appointment of Vice-Chairman:** Chairman Sikes appointed Tommy Rollins to be the Vice-Chairman for the 2025 Year.
- 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 Buck Moon; Solid Waste will be Darriel Nobles and Tommy Rollins; Public Safety will be Alfred Cason and Buck Moon; Finance and Accounting will be Buck Moon and Tommy Rollins; Policy and Procedures will be Tommy Rollins and Darriel Nobles. Those are our six Committees and the appointments for the year 2025.
- Consideration of Request to Close Jarahn Collins Road:** Manager Jones stated the process to close a road and the Georgia code we followed were included into the packet for the Commissioners to review. All those procedures have been followed and a public hearing was held prior to the Regular Board Meeting. The Board needs to make a decision to consider closing Jarahn Collins Road or not to close.
- There was not a motion made to Close Jarahn Collins Road; therefore there will not be any change to the road, it will remain opened and maintained.
- Consideration of Request to Close a Portion of Raymond Rollison Road and a Portion of Ohooppee** Manager Jones stated the procedure of closing the road and the Georgia statute code has been followed, with the public hearing held earlier. The board must make a decision on closing a portion of Raymond Rollins road and a portion of Ohooppee station road or not to close.

Station Road:	Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to table the consideration until March Regular Meeting, for further study. Motion carried unanimously.
Consideration of Approval of the FY 2025 LMIG Projects:	<p>Manager Jones stated the 2,600 feet of drainage and road improvements of Lawson Road beginning at the intersection of US #1 and Phase II of the Hammond Church Road Project with the LMIG Funds and TSPLOST Funds.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to approve the FY 2025 LMIG Project for drainage and road improvements of Lawson Road and Phase II of the Hammond Church Road Project. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Proposal for Tractor and Side-Arm Ditcher:	<p>Manager Jones stated after the Hurricane Helene, there was research done on drainage. The equipment being proposed to cut ditches is parallel to the ground and sets in front of the tractor and will cut the small ditches for better drainage. The cost of the side arm is \$50,725 and the John Deere 5105M Tractor in the amount of \$99,572; to be paid with SPLOST Funds.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to approve the Side-Arm Ditcher in the amount of \$50,725 and John Deere Tractor 5105M, in the amount of \$99,572 and to pay with SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Approval of Resolution for Tax Commissioners Bank Account:	<p>Manager Jones stated Tax Commissioner wishes to open her account with the Altamaha Bank and Trust. The board was asked to approve this resolution and authorize the chairman to sign.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to approve the Resolution for the Tax Commissioner to do business with Altamaha Bank & Trust and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Appointment to the Board of Assessors:	<p>Manager Jones stated, there is an open position on the Board of Assessors. The active members of the Assessors Board is Romanus Dotson, term will expire December 31, 2025; Mike Holland, term will expire December 31, 2026; Mark Anners, term will December 31, 2026 and Adam Moore, term will expire December 31, 2028. The Board was asked to appoint someone to fulfill the position of Randy Usher whose term expired December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to appoint Ricky Mitchell to the Board of Assessors, with his terms being from January 01, 2025 to December 31, 2029. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Approval of Codification of Ordinance Book:	<p>Manager Jones stated, the table of contents for the ordinance book was included in the Commissioners packet along with the changes that have been made. The changes were administrative type changes that dealt with title changes, font changes, consistent numbering, etc. There were no changes to the substance of the ordinance themselves</p> <p>Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to accept the Codification of all Ordinances'. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Proposal of Safety Signs from Georgia Department of Corrections:	Manager Jones stated, there are some safety signs that need to be replaced after Hurricane Helene. The Georgia Department of Corrections will be who makes the signs and the county will pay with SPLOST Funds. The County is expected to be reimbursed by FEMA for this purchase.

Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to approve the purchase of the Safety Signs from Georgia Department of Corrections and pay with SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Purchase of Truck
for Sheriff Office:**

Manager Jones stated, in the Commissioners Packet was the proposal from Woody Folsom in the amount of \$51,888 for a purchase of a truck for the Sheriff's Office and would be paid with SPLOST funds.

Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to approve the purchase of a truck for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$51,888 from Woody Folsom and pay with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report
Financial Report:**

Manager Jones stated, The County is still seeing nice increases in sales tax compared to the numbers from last year. There are eight outstanding cases with Workman's Comp; none in which appear to be a major issue. Our office has received a letter from Mrs. Marianne McMillan who is stepping down from the DFCS (Department of Family and Children Services) Board as of March 1, 2025. There was a slide presentation of the preliminary renewal review of our Wellness Program was included with the packet. The latest competition in our healthy activity was a group of four that was created per team, with eleven teams registered. This event was the number of steps per group. The two top groups are the Sheriff's Office and the Detention Center.

Miscellaneous

February 3rd was the one hundred and twenty days for recovery period that was given for 100% reimbursement for FEMA/GEMA. Governor Kemp proposed AFY 2025 budget includes funds to assist Georgia Counties or Cities that are sub-applicants through GEMA/HS in receiving full reimbursement for those two public Assistance Categories (Categories A and B) after the one hundred and twenty day window. The County has established March 15th as the last day to get debris to the side of the road for pickup.

Standing Committee Reports

Commissioners Comments

Adjournment:

Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk