

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 April Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

Invocation: Vice-Chairman Cason gave the Invocation.

Approve Agenda: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon 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 March 16, 2021.

**March 16, 2021
Regular Board Meeting:**

Vice-Chairman Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the minutes from March 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

**Development Authority
Report:**

Michele Johnson stated there will be a Ribbon Cutting Celebration for Vyve Broadband, 320 Commerce Way, on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 4:00 PM. Earth Day Electronics Recycling Event will be held Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM, Chick-fil-A of Vidalia. Please note there is a \$10 dollar disposal fee for CRT monitors and televisions. Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 8 AM in the Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom. There will be a Ribbon Cutting Celebration for Roberts/Stewart Funeral Home, 1722 Mount Vernon Road, Vidalia on Thursday, May 6th at 4 PM. Nominations are being accepted for the Greater Vidalia Youth Leadership (GVYL) and Leadership Greater Vidalia (LGV) classes. A LGV nomination form was given to the Commissioners. The Chamber created a “help wanted” Facebook Page as a service to our Chamber members. Members may post information regarding open positions in their businesses at any time and the public is invited to view it.

The Development Authority will have a Board Meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 12 noon at the Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom. The Toombs County Workforce Strategy Project being facilitated by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) was kicked-off March 30th- 31st. CVIOG staff will be back in the community on April 27th – 28th for follow-up activities and a 2nd Steering Committee. The committee will focus on assessing needs and analyzing the data collected throughout the project. The committee will hear a summary of the public input receive from stakeholders. Additionally, this meeting will be organized to allow the committee and opportunity to hear from business, education, and community leaders. The group will complete strategic planning activities such as developing key performance indicators and a SOAR assessment. The revolving loan to Vidalia Motor Sports, LLC, was executed on March 31, 2021. A ribbon cutting was held on April 8, 2021. An open house was held on April 16, 2021. Dublin Construction Company is making good progress on Toombs Corporate Spec Building # 4, Toombs Corporate Center, Lyons.

Department Reports: **Drew James**, EMS Director stated in March there were 630 calls and had 22,730 miles on our units. The Vidalia Onion Festival is this weekend and our

department will be setting up a command post with the Vidalia Fire and Vidalia Police Department; along with the Hospital staff operation plans that are in place for a good safe weekend.

Public Participation: None

Charles Newsome, who has worked for the county for 43 years has retired this week. He has worked for our county from March 6, 1978 – April 15, 2021. The floor was opened up for Charles to say a few words. Mr. Newsome said he had enjoyed the years that he had worked for the county. He thanked the people he worked with, the commission, the office staff, the church members and all of his friends. Trent Akins spoke and said what an honor to know Charles Newsome. He is someone that I admire and the way he carries himself. Preacher Harry Simms spoke on Charles Christian beliefs and his kindness that he shows, the integrity, the modesty that he has, a true gentleman. Preacher Simms has prayed for his health during the coming years. Senator Blake Tillery said it was an honor, he believed that his pastor summed it up, integrity, there was never a question on anything you did, if there had been a doubt, we knew you were right. We appreciate you living your life that way, being a good example to us and others.

The Commission gathered with Charles to take a photo with Charles and the plaque that was presented at the meeting. After the photo, Mr. Jones stated that Charles Newsome has been a mentor and a leader to many of the men and gave them guiding hand on what is right and what is wrong and what you need to be doing.

Consideration of the Whitaker Lab & Engineering for Construction Material Testing & Special Inspection Services:

Manager Jones stated, Chapter 17 of the IBC building code requires that the special inspector, Whitaker Laboratories, must work for the owner and not the contractor. They will perform testing on the materials that are being used in the construction and their estimate cost would be \$179,770. Whitaker Laboratories was selected by Hussey Gay Bell to be the special inspector. Management recommends the board approves the proposal by Whitaker Lab & Engineering and to authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve Whitaker Laboratories with the estimate cost of \$179,770 as the special inspector to do the necessary testing on the Courthouse and Detentions project and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Closing the Green Box Site known as Petross on SR 130:

Manager Jones stated we have received many concerns on the Green Box site, known as Petross on SR130. Management recommends closing this Green Box site as soon as possible.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to close the Green Box Site known as Petross on SR130. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Transport Services Agreement with Meadows Regional Medical Center for Toombs-Montgomery

Manager Jones stated the agreement with Meadows Regional Medical Center for Toombs-Montgomery EMS Transport Services has been approved by our Attorney. Management is recommending the board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to

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| EMS: | approve the Chairman to sign the Ground Emergency Transport Services Agreement with Meadows Regional Medical Center to be the preferred provider in ground transfers. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consideration of Proposed Purchase of Chest Compression System for Toombs-Montgomery EMS: | <p>Manager stated EMS Director Drew James is requesting to purchase a Chest Compression System. The purchase price of the Chest Compression System is \$14,215.52; the Georgia Trauma Commission Equipment Grant will cover \$6,303.44 of the cost and the remaining balance of \$7,912.08. Management recommended the purchase of this Chest Compression system and the remaining balance of \$7,912.08 to be paid with EMS Operating Budget funds.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to approve the purchase of Chest Compression System. The purchase price of the Chest Compression System is \$14,215.52; the Georgia Trauma Commission Equipment Grant will cover \$6,303.44 of the cost and the remaining balance of \$7,912.08 will be paid with EMS Operating Budget funds. Motion carried unanimously.</p> |
| Consideration of Renewal Contract for ROW Mowing with K & A Mowing: | <p>Manager stated this is the consideration of renewal contract for ROW mowing with K & A Mowing with the exception of adding the additional paved road system at the same per mile price that was awarded last year. Management will be recommending the board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign. This will be paid through the Public Works Operating budget.</p> <p>Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to renew the contract with K & A Mowing and to approve the adding of the paved road system at the same per mile price as awarded last year, authorizing the Chairman to sign and to be paid through the Public Works Operating Budget. Motion carried unanimously.</p> |
| Consideration of Declaring Six (6) Trucks and One (1) Trailer with Public Works as Excess Property: | <p>Manager Jones stated the declaring of six trucks and one trailer as excess property from Public works. All of these are obsolete and we have no use for them and there is no need in replacing them. The following is a list of the trucks that are on the list to sell: 2004 Mack Dump Truck Ser # 1M1P264C03M034268; 1998 Mack Daycab Ser # 1MAA12Y1VW072713; 1995 Freightliner Water Truck Ser# 1FUYDCYB4SH624220; 2005 Ford F150 Pickup Ser # 1FTRF122X5NB48919; 2002 Chev Silverado Ser # 1GCEC14V32Z209692; 1984 Chev C10 ¾ Ton Military Pickup Ser # 1GCGD34J4F346503; and one homemade trailer 5 foot by 20 foot. Management will recommend the board to approve this list as excess property and to sell by seal bid.</p> <p>Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the excess property of six (6) trucks and one (1) homemade trailer through a seal bid process. Motion carried unanimously.</p> |
| Consideration of Ratifying Transmission Repair on Solid Waste Department C730 Dump Truck: | <p>Manager Jones stated the large off road dump truck had a transmission that had to be repaired; the cost of repairs was \$41,720.43. This vehicle will be used as a spare dump truck. Management recommends the board to approve this repair and pay with landfill funds.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to ratify the repair on the C730 Dump Truck transmission and pay with Landfill funds. Motion carried unanimously.</p> |
| Consideration of Approval of FY2022 | Manager Jones stated in the commissioners packet was a request from District Attorney Tripp Fitzner. He is not requesting a budget increase. |

Budget for Office of District Attorney Middle Judicial Circuit: Management will recommend that the Board approve the District Attorney's proposed for FY 2021 budget.

Vice-Chairman Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins of the FY2022 Budget for Office of the District Attorney Middle Judicial Circuit Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Resolution of the Authorizing & Designating the District Attorney for the Middle Judicial Circuit as its designee for contracting with the State of Georgia: Manager Jones stated the Resolution presented from the Middle Judicial Circuit states that Toombs County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and designates for the limited purpose of contracting with the state of Georgia in order to comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 15-18-20.1, and the District Attorney shall be responsible for transferring to the state the required funds necessary to cover the contracted compensation for those designed employees provided such funds are available within the approved county budget for the District Attorney's Office. Management will request that the board approve the resolution as presented and approve for the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to approve the Resolution of the Authorizing & Designating the District Attorney for the Middle Judicial Circuit as its designee for contracting with the State of Georgia and approve the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report
Financial Report:**

Manager Jones stated the M & O expenses were five percent under budget; our revenue is slightly above budget for the first quarter. E-911 receipts are slightly under budget as are expenses through the first quarter; with an operating deficit of \$32,000. Solid Waste receipts are slightly above budget and expenses are one percent below. EMS receipts are two percent over budget and expenses are two percent under. Revenues have exceeded expenses by \$28,000. Overall, the first quarter financial results are good. SPLOST tax is up for Toombs County.

Presentation of Office of Public Defender Middle Georgia Judicial Circuit FY 2022 Budget: In the Commissioners Packet is the FY 2022 Budget. They are asking for an increase of a little over nineteen and a half percent. This paper work is just for your review. There will be more information provided by our next meeting. They are requesting to add an additional attorney.

Construction Project Up-Dates: All projects are on schedule and everyone is concerned with the increase on construction cost.

Miscellaneous: Wellness Program has a really good success since it has been implemented. On April 27th we have a planned meeting with the health insurance people and will have a better understanding of where we still for the year 2022.

**Standing Committee Reports:
Commissioners**

Comments: Commissioner Dixon stated that he was very proud we included Mrs. Sandy Dixon (wife of the late Mayor Ronnie Dixon) she was touched by the event.

Adjournment: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to adjourn from the Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk