

CALLED BOARD MEETING

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sikes called the Called Board Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Invocation: Commissioner Rollins gave the Invocation.

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

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Approval of the
Resolution Outlining
Intent of Broadband
ARPA Grant Application
from State of Georgia:**

Manager Jones stated the funds received from the ARPA Grant could be spent on infrastructure such as water, sewer or Broadband. Altamaha Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) and Altamaha Fiber, LLC. would like to partner with us to supply high speed internet through-out the County. This document will provide in writing the intent for us to commit funding for this project. EMC is investing 20 million dollars to cover EMC area to provide this service. EMC has already begun to lay the latest fiber technology a couple of months ago. August 31st is the dead line for applying for the funds. Management recommended the Board to approve the resolution and to commit up to 2.6 million dollars that have been previously received for the ARPA Grant.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Resolution Outlining Intent of Broadband ARPA Grant Application from the State of Georgia and approve the Chairman to sign the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to adjourn from the Called Board Meeting.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk