

**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 August Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.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 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 July 20, 2021.

**July 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting:** Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the minutes from July 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

**Development Authority Report:** **Michele Johnson** stated TCDA Regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, August, 19<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon, Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom w/ZOOM option. Leadership Grater Vidalia Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Chamber Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM, Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom. Toombs County Workforce Strategy Launch Event held on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> (tentative). Labor Day Holiday will be observed on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Region 9 Economic Developers Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM; location will be announced at a later date. Greater Vidalia Youth Leadership Orientation will be on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Project “Double Diamond” Visit on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> (Itinerary TDB). TCDA Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon, Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom w/ZOOM option. There is a Ribbon Cutting and DVA Event held at 5:05 PM for Altama Gallery on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Leadership Vidalia Ag Session on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Department Reports:** None

**Public Participation:** None

**Consideration of Request to Close Wilson Cook Road – County Road 60:** Manager Jones stated a copy of the request by Mr. Dexter Stanford to close Wilson Cook Road and the procedure that is required to close county road was included in the Packet. Toombs County Public Works Director, EMS Director, Toombs County Board of Education Transportation Secretary and Code Enforcement/E-911 Director. All express little to no impact on the performance of their duties. Based on the impact statements, management recommended that the Board move forward with a motion that the road does not serve a public purpose and move to the next step of the process. Once approved a Public Hearing at 5:00 PM before next month’s meeting to receive comments regarding the closing of Wilson Cook Road. All adjacent landowners will be notified of the proposed closing with a two weeks advertising in the paper and a signed place at

the road regarding the public hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed closing.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon that the Wilson Cook Road does not serve a public purpose and move to the next step of the process. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Declaring Four (4) Trucks and One (1) Car from Sheriff's Office as Excess Property:** Manager Jones listed the trucks and the car that the Sheriff's Office wished to be classified as excess property. The vehicles are as followed: 2007 Ford LGT COVTNL Vin # 1FTPW14V87BF76116; 2007 Ford LGT COVTNL Vin # 1FTRF14W37KD53390; 2010 Ford LGT COVTNL Vin # 1FTFW1EV8AFD26310; 2011 Ford LGT COVTNL Vin # 1FTFW1EFXBKE19122; 2014-4 door Charger Police Vin # 2C3CDXAT7EH190647. Management was asked to declare these vehicles as excess property and to dispose by sealed bid.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to declare these vehicles as excess property and to dispose by sealed bid. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation of the 2021 Digest and Proposed Millage Rate:** Presentation only, no motion was necessary. A called meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on September 2, 2021 for the Consideration of the Digest and Proposed Millage Rate.

**Consideration of the Proposals for the Purchase of Three (3) Pickup Trucks for Public Works:** Manager Jones included the proposal for two (2) long-bed and (1) one short-bed work trucks and the bid sheets returned for those proposal were placed in the Commissioners Packet. One of the Public Work trucks was a total loss when it was hit from behind in an accident on Ezra Taylor Road while spraying guard railing. The second truck will replace an old work truck; the third will replace a truck for the landfill. On both proposals we had bids from Paul Thigpen Chevrolet and Ford and a price using the state contract. Woody Folsom declined to provide a proposal (there apparently having problems getting the chips that are in the new Ford trucks. State Contract was the lowest on both proposals. Management recommended the board to approve the State Contract price of \$109,435 for the three trucks and to pay with SPLOST Funds.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the State Contract price of \$109,435 for the three trucks and to pay with SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval of Leasing Contract with State Properties for Juvenile Justice:** Manager Jones stated the proposed lease was included in the packet. Currently the state is paying 2,126.60 per month in rent. The proposed lease will increase the rent to \$ 2,600.00 per month beginning with the State on FY 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023; the increase will cover the cost of improvements plus 5%. Management requested the board to approve the lease and to allow the Chairman to sign the Contract.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to approve the Leasing Contract with State Properties in the amount of \$ 2,600 per month beginning with the State FY 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 and to allow the Chairman to sign the Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Acceptance of Bid for FY 2021 LMIG Project:** Attached you will find the bid tabulation sheet for FY 2021 LMIG and the engineer's letter of recommendation. The lowest bid was received from McLendon Enterprises in the amount of \$ 681,429.02, followed by the East Coast Asphalt, LLC in the amount of \$ 697,287.11. This covers the re-surfacing of Ben Roy McLendon Road and widening of that road, a portion of C.V. Moseley Road

and the repair package. Based on the engineer's recommendation, management requested the Board to accept the low bid of \$681,429.02 and to be paid with the FY 2021 LMIG and discretionary TSPLOST Funds.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to accept the low bid of \$ 681,429.02 from McLendon Enterprises and to be paid with the FY 2021 LMIG and discretionary TSPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report**

**Financial Report**

Manager Jones reported the Sales tax still remains positive every month. M & O Budget and Operating expenses are on budget. We have started the budget process for the coming year. The worksheets have been printed and distributed to the departments.

**Construction Project**

**Up-Dates:**

EMS/EMA Building is expected to be completed in about 6 to 8 weeks. The Ross Bowen Complex is scheduled to be completed by February 2022.

The Hospital would like for us to encourage the public to get their vaccination on the COVID-19 virus.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Commissioners Comments:**

**Adjournment:**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Helen Harris, County Clerk