

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 the October 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Invocation: Vice-Chairman Cason gave the Invocation.

Commissioner Rollins addressed the Chairman and asked if the agenda could be amended to add two addition items. First, the consideration of the yearly renewal from Stryker to renew the warranty coverage on the Power Cots - Pro Care Program for the EMS Department. Second, consideration of the yearly renewal from Stryker to renew the warranty coverage on the Lifepak monitors for EMS Department. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dixon. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Agenda: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Agenda with the recommended amended items.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on September 21, 2021.
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Vice-Chairman Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the minutes for September 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Development Authority Report:

Michele Johnson stated "I Am the Chamber Day" will be held on Wednesday, October 20th. Greater Savannah Regional Alliance (GSRA) Joint Development Authority Regular October Meeting via Zoom will be held on Wednesday, October 20th at 4 P.M. Leadership Greater Vidalia Education Session will be held on Thursday, October 21st. Greater Vidalia Youth Leadership AG Session will be held Thursday, October 21st. Toombs County Development Authority (TCDA) Regular Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, October 21st at 12 noon in the Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom. Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for Rural Roots Beauty Bar, 114 East Meadows St., Downtown Vidalia will be on Thursday, October 21st at 4:00 PM Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26th at 8L00 AM at Memorial Health Meadows Hospital. Reentry University Presentation to Local Industries by Luther Wardlaw will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd at 8:30 AM in the Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom. Region 9 Economic Developers Meeting on Wednesday, November 3rd at 11 AM in Eastman. Greater Vidalia Youth Leadership Professional Development Session will be Thursday, November 4th. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) REACH Victory Party will be Thursday, November 4th at 4 PM in the Chamber & Development Authority Boardroom. Ribbon Cutting – Accessorize It, 1015 E. 1st St., Vidalia on Tuesday, November 9th at 4 PM. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Board Retreat on Thursday, November 11th and on Friday, November 12th in Savannah. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) ConnectHR Womans' Conference on Tuesday, November 16th at 4-7 PM at the Vidalia Community Center.

Department Reports: Drew James, EMS Director stated in August of 2020 there were 742 calls and in August of 2021 there were 780 calls. Our latest record is 47 calls in a 24 hour period of time. In September there were 604 calls for service. The department is bringing back the Youth Academy; this is a youth program that exposes them to the E-911 call and the process all the way through the patient getting to the hospital for critical care.

Public Participation: None

Consideration of renewal contract with Stryker on the Power Cots at the EMS Department: Manager Jones stated the annual renewal contract with Stryker on the Power Cots Stretchers Pro Care Program. This contract will cover any repairs that would be needed

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to renew the Pro Care Program warranty with Stryker to cover the Power Cots in the amount of \$ 6,590 and the invoice to be paid from the EMS Budgeted funds. Motion carried unanimously

Consideration of renewal contract with Stryker on the Lifepak Monitors at the EMS Department: Manager Jones stated the annual renewal contract with Stryker on the Lifepak Heart monitors. Management recommended the Commission to approve this annual contract in the amount of \$ 7,920 and the invoice to be paid from the EMS Budgeted funds.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to renew the Pro Care Program warranty with Stryker to cover the Lifepak Monitors in the amount of \$ 7,920 and the invoice to be paid from the EMS Budgeted funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Request to Declare Two (2) Law Enforcement Vehicles & Three (3) Fire Department Brush Trucks as Excess Property and Dispose via Seal Bid: Manager Jones stated there were two law enforcement vehicles and two brush trucks and one pumper truck as excess property and dispose via seal bid. The law enforcement vehicles are a such: 2014 Ford F-150 4-door Silver truck Vin # 1FTFW1EF4EFA3337 with 182,568 miles and 2014 Dodge Charger Silver with 167,914 miles Vin # 2C3CDXAT9EH190648. The Vol. Fire Vehicles are 2002 Chevrolet Silverado with 224,474: 1999 Ford F-350 Vin # 1FDWF37L5XEB80207 and one 1979 GMC Pumper that will not run or pump Vin # T17DE9V579087.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to declare two (2) Law Enforcement Vehicles, Two (2) Fire Department Brush Trucks and one (1) Pumper Truck as excess property and dispose via seal bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Up-Dated Computer System for Tax Commissioner: Manager Jones stated for the last 15 years the Tax Commissioner's office has used a server base system to collect our tax digest. This system failed a few weeks ago and it took a few days to get it running again. Harris Local Government is the vendor of choice by the Tax Commissioner to replace this out dated system. Harris Local Government will also handle the backup of our data. This contract is in the amount of \$ 12,920 and will be paid with SPLOST funds and the annual hosting of the software in the amount of \$ 7,920 will be paid from the Tax Commissioners funds, if the Commission approves.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to accept the contract from Harris Local Government for the software to maintain the billing and collections for our tax digest. This contract is in the amount of \$ 12,920 and will be paid with SPLOST funds and the annual hosting of the

software in the amount of \$ 7,920 will be paid from the Tax Commissioners funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Approval of Agreement with Southern Correctional Medicine to Provide Medical Services to The Detention Center:

Manager Jones stated the agreement in your packet is a three year contract with Southern Correctional Medicine. This Contract has been review by the Sheriff and the Jail Administrator and the County Attorney as well. Southern Correctional Medicine has provided this service for a number of years and has done a good job. Management recommended that the Board approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the three year contract with Southern Correctional Medicine to provide medical services to the Detention Centers inmates and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Annual Maintenance Agreement on Voting Machines:

Manager Jones stated the proposed annual maintenance agreement on our voting machines; the cost of this agreement is \$ 12,273. Election Supervisor, Carey Alligood and Management recommended that the Board approve this annual maintenance agreement and to be paid from the Board of Elections M & O Budget.

Vice-Chairman Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the proposal for the maintenance agreement on the voting equipment in the amount of \$ 12,273 and to be paid from the Board of Election M&O budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Ratifying Agreement to Provide Election Services to the City of Vidalia:

Manager Jones stated the County Attorney in consultation with the Cities Legal Counsel has approve the Agreement and the City of Vidalia has already signed the Agreement. The Election Supervisor and Management recommended the Board to Ratify the Election Agreement with the City of Vidalia.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to ratify the three year agreement to provide election services to the City of Vidalia. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Ratifying Agreement to Provide Election Services to the City of Lyons:

Manager Jones stated the County Attorney in consultation with the Cities Legal Counsel has approve the Agreement and the City of Lyons has already signed the Agreement. The Election Supervisor and Management recommended the Board to Ratify the Election Agreement with the City of Lyons.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to ratify the three year agreement to provide election services to the City of Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids for Tax Assessor's Vehicle:

Manager Jones stated the lowest bid for a new vehicle for the Tax Assessor's Office was received from Allan Vigil Ford-Lincoln for a 2022 Ford Marverick. The quoted price for one (1) was \$ 20,661 and if approved will be paid with SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to request the bid to be amended to (2) trucks with the same price. If Allan Vigil Ford-Lincoln will allow, then purchase two (2) trucks instead of one (1) truck due to the shortage of new vehicles and deliver delays we have been experiencing. Motion carried unanimously.

Revenue Bond Resolution for the Toombs County Landfill consisting of the Construction of Municipal Solid Waste Cells 20-25 Consisting of Estimated 12 acres and Estimated 27 acres for New Construction and Demolition Landfill:

Manager Jones stated that in 2014 the county received a permit for the Construction of thirteen (13) Municipal Solid Waste Cells (MSW). In 2014 the county issued a \$5 million Revenue Bond, to be paid with revenue from the Landfill, for the construction of seven (7) of these cells. The actual cost was \$3.8 million and the county only used \$3.8 of the \$5 that was available. The bond was for fifteen (15) years with an annual variable rate of 65% of the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate; that rate is currently 3.11. The propose Revenue Bond Resolution calls for the issuance of Revenue Bonds for \$ 5 million. The proceeds will be used to pay off the current outstanding Revenue Bond of approximately \$950,000 and the balance of approximately \$4.1 million to finance the new construction. The terms are 15 years with a fixed rate, as oppose to the variable rate of 3.11%. Ameris Bank is the lead bank on this offering and will participate, in equal amounts, with Peoples Bank, Altamaha Bank & Trust and Mt. Vernon Bank.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to approve the Bond Resolution for the Toombs County Landfill consisting of the Construction of the Municipal Solid Waste Cells 20-25 consisting of estimated 12 acres and estimated 27 acres for New Construction and Demolition Landfill. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report Financial Report:

We are at the end of the third quarter of the year with M & O Budget, we expect to meet and perhaps exceed budgeted revenues of \$12.3 million for the year. Our expenses are currently 4% under budget. E911 Budget, the Revenue is 2.3% under budget and it appears will remain so for the end of the year. Our expenses are 4.8% under budget so it appears we will meet our budgeted deficit. EMS – Revenues are currently at budget and we expect to finish the year there as well. Sales Tax remains strong.

Construction Project Up-Dates:

EMS/EMA Building, the flooring has been installed. The furniture should be installed beginning this Thursday, October 21st and the parking lot should be paved by the middle of next week.

Courthouse/Jail – Elevator shafts are having concrete poured today, next week we expect to see concrete pour for the slabs. Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment orders are being finalized.

The GDOT US1 By-Pass Project is ready for letting but no let date has been set so far. Also, we will be receiving an MOU to sign whereby GDOT will be turning over to the county the section of US 1 at Toombs Central where US1 currently runs, will be abandoned. This includes the section north of Toombs Central to the section south of SR 56.

Adjournment:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk