

REGULAR 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 November 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Invocation: Commissioner Nobles gave the Invocation.

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

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins 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 October 19, 2021.

**October 19, 2021
Regular Board Meeting:**

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes for October 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Development Authority Report: Michele was at their Convention and could not attend our meeting.

Department Reports: **Lynn Moore, EMA Director** gave an update on the Nuclear Drill from the past Thursday and Friday. We were given high scores on our drill and he appreciated everyone's presents and participation in the drill. The new EMS/EMA building should be ready to move into December 3rd.

Drew James, EMS Director said that the entire crew would take pride in working in the new building, they were really proud for everything that has been done on that building for them. The service ran 605 calls and place 23,785 miles on the fleet of ambulances in the month of October. Planning has already began for April 21-24 Onion Festival that will host the Blue Angels at the Vidalia Airport, this places a little more attention on our medical ground support. We are working with a committee with EMA and the Vidalia Fire Department, to have drills so we will be better prepared for the Onion Festival Events.

Public Participation: None

Consideration of Request from Toombs County Board of Education for two (2) Trucks previously declared as Surplus for Disposal: Manager Jones stated that previously there were two (2) vehicles declared as surplus and the Toombs County Board of Education would like for the Board of Commissioners to donate to them the 2007 Ford F-150 (four doors) Grey, VIN# 1FTPW14V87FB76116 and 2011 Ford F-150 (four doors) Black, VIN# 1FTFW1FFXBKE19122. The school plans to use these two truck to haul their grass cutting equipment (mowers, weed eaters, etc.). The Board of Education is another government entity the Board of Commissioners can transfer assets directly to the other government entity. Management recommended the Board to approve the transfer of two (2) vehicles to the Board of Education.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the transfer of ownership to the following two (2) Trucks to the Toombs County Board of Education. 2011 Ford F-150 (four doors) Black,

VIN# 1FTFW1FFXBKE19122; 2007 Ford F-150 (four doors) Grey, VIN# 1FTPW14V87FB76116. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between Southeastern Technical College and Toombs County Board of Commissioners- EMS Instruction:

Manager Jones stated there was a copy of the cover letter and Contract from the Southeastern Tech. This is an arrangement we have has for many years with Southeastern Tech. This allows Southern Tech to send their students seeking a Paramedic Degree/License to our EMS Department for their internship. Many of our current employees came from this program. Management recommended that the Board approve this contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to the Memorandum of Agreement between Southeastern Technical College to send their students seeking a Paramedic Degree/License to our EMS Department for their internship section of their education requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Lease Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation and Toombs County Board of Commissioners for building at 509 Maple Street, Vidalia, Georgia:

Manager Jones stated this lease is for ten years with an option for an additional ten years. GDOT is responsible for all utilities at the building. The county will maintain the building and perform all repairs to the building. We anticipate that EMS will be moved into the new building by December 3, 2021; at that time a contractor will come do some repairs and painting. We anticipate that GDOT can begin moving in January 2, 2022 into the building located at 509 Maple Drive. Management recommended that the Board approve this lease and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Lease Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for the building located at 509 Maple Drive, Vidalia, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Proposed Settlement of National Prescription Opiate Litigation & Approval of Resolution of Memorandum of Understanding of the Same:

Manager Jones stated that in the packet for the meeting there was a copy of the proposed settlement. At the present time we cannot provide what the final settlement will be for Toombs County. It depends on how many other government entities agree to this settlement. Management has discussed this with the County Attorney and based on those discussions, recommended that the Board approve the Proposed Settlement and the Resolution of Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Resolution of Memorandum of Understanding with the settlement of National Prescription Opiate Litigation and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointment of Third Member to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Council:

Manager Jones stated in the packet there was a copy of the letter from Brett Manning, Executive Director explaining this appointment. Currently, the County Manager serves as this third member. Management defers to the wisdom of the Board as to this appointment.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to appoint John Jones, County Manager to serve as the third member of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Radio Console for E911:

Manager Jones stated the proposal from Macon Communication was in the packet. The current provider to E911, of a proposal for a new Radio Console. The current console is very old and is no longer manufactured. We have recently had several issues with the system and replacement parts are becoming more difficult to obtain. The proposed system costs \$124,876. Additionally you have an

annual cost of \$11,452 for software updates & maintenance and hardware maintenance. E911 Director, Darlene Smith & Sherriff Junior Kight are requesting this purchase. Given all of the foregoing, management recommended that the Board approve this purchase as presented and to pay with SPLOST Funds.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Radio Console for the E-911 Department to be purchased from Macon Communication for the cost of \$ 124,876, with an annual cost of \$ 11,452 for software updates & maintenance and hardware maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
Approval Bids for
2020 CDBG Project :**

In your packet you have a copy of the Bid Tabulation Summary. We received only one bid from McLendon Enterprises for a total bid of \$1,538,680.09. The CDBG is \$750,000. This is a project that has been in the planning stages for many years. This was our second attempt at this grant. The Engineer has recommended that the Board accept this bid. Management recommended that the Board approve this Bid and to use the CDBG funds and the balance to be paid with a combination of SPLOST and TSPLOST discretionary funds as management determines as appropriate.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the only bid we received was from McLendon Enterprises in the amount of \$ 1,538,680.09. Our CDBG Grant will cover \$ 750,000 of this cost and the balance would be paid with a combination of SPLOST and TSPLOST discretionary funds as management determines as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report:

Manager Jones stated the sales tax continues to be strong and has been all year. All building projects are proceeding on. The EMS/ EMS building is completed. The RFP for Landscaping is out and the date for Bid Opening is December 10th with a 45 day completion once the Notice to Proceed is given. The hearing for the Landfill Revenue Bond is Thursday November 18, 2021 at 2:30 PM. The closing date of the Bond Issuance is November 30th; we have not established a definite time. From the GDOT District Quarterly Meeting the Management Let Date for the By-Pass is June 15, 2022.

Adjournment:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk

WORK SESSION

Direct Drew James gave a proposal for an additional truck and shift for the EMS Department. The Commissioners will take the information presented by Director James and will consider his proposal.

2022 Budget Discussion: The commissioners discussed the growing need in an increase due to the inflation of essential day-to-day items. There is a substantial increase in food, gas and clothing prices. Manager Jones gave several options on what could be included in the budget and still have a balanced budget at the end of the year.