

**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 the December 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**Invocation:** Vice-Chairman Cason gave the Invocation.

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

Vice-Chairman Cason 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 November 16, 2021.

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

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to approve the minutes for November 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Development Authority**

**Michele Johnson** stated their holidays are as follows; Closed December 23rd – December 27<sup>th</sup> and New Year’s Holiday they will be closed- December 31st. Ceremony to Honor Senator Blake Tillery, “Library Champion of the Year”, to be followed by the Dr. Mark and Tonya Spivey Library Groundbreaking Ceremony – Altama Museum of Art & History, 611 Jackson St., Vidalia – Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Legislative Luncheon – First Baptist Church of Lyons, 144 S. Washington St., Lyons, Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting for Moon Insurance Agency, 411 Jackson St., Vidalia – Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. On the Development Side, we are pleased to say we are getting a lot of attention in our area.

**Department Reports:**

**Lynn Moore**, EMA Director gave an update on the building and they have successfully moved from the Board of Education building to their new location.

**Drew James**, EMS Director stated in November there were 610 calls. We are beginning to see a little stress on our local hospitals. We have had a transfer to Orange Park Florida and to Jacksonville Florida just in the past 24 hours. Thursday should be the first twenty-four shift in the new location.

**Tina Lindsey**, Probate Judge explained the Bell Hargrove ruling on Concealed Weapons Permit and the process of issuing a Weapons Permit.

**Public Participation:** None

**Consideration of Approval  
Alcohol Licenses:**

Manger Jones stated there are ten applications and all are existing license of holders. All have complied with ordinance requirements. Management recommended the approval of all the license applications.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to approve the ten applications, all have existing license holders. Businesses that are approved: Dennis Sport Shop LLC, Pop’s General Store, Fruteria Rodriguez, OMK Convenience Store DBA Cedar Crossing Grocery, Center Grocery/CEKK LLC,

Shrijeejalaambe LLC dba Jani's Mart, Benton Lee's Steakhouse, LaJoya Mexican Store, Big Ma's and Frank's Country Club Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation of 2022 Local Offices with Election from Board of Elections, Probate Judge and County Manager:** Manager Jones explained as per the county policy, The Chief Election Officer, Probate Judge and County Manager meet prior to the regularly scheduled December Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to review and identify all upcoming elections for the next year (2022).

Presentation only, no motion was needed.

**Consideration of Approval of 2022 Holiday Schedule:** Manager Jones stated the holidays for 2022 are the same paid Holiday Days that the county has observed in the past. Most of these days are set based on the particular Holiday being observed. Since 2022 Christmas is on a weekend Day, the county will be observing this Holiday on Friday and Monday of the Christmas Weekend. Management recommended the Board approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule as presented.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to approve the following Holidays for the year of 2022: New Year's Day, 01/03/2022; MLK Day, 01/17/2022; Good Friday, 04/15/2022; Memorial Day, 05/30/2022; July 4<sup>th</sup>, 07/04/2022; Labor Day, 09/05/2022; Veterans Day 11/11/2022; Thanksgiving, 11/24/2022 and 11/25/2022; Christmas, 12/23/2022 and 12/25/2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Declaring EMS and EMA Furniture as Excess Inventory and Authorize the Sales of the Same:** Manager Jones stated the county purchased new furniture for both departments the old furniture is no longer needed. If approved we will advertise in the paper and each item will be labeled and take seal bids and sale them. Management recommended the Board approve these items as excess property and to depose by seal bid.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rollins to declare the old office furniture from the EMS and EMA Offices and dispose of the items with a sealed bid. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Bids for Landscape Construction EMS/EMA Building:** Manager Jones stated we received four (4) bids and the low Bid was Progressive Landscape at a price of \$36,989.40. Management recommended the Board – approve the low bid from Progressive Landscape of \$36,989.40 and pay from the EMS Budget.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the lowest bid from Progressive Landscape in the amount of \$ 36,989.40 and be paid with Budgeted Fund for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Proposal to Purchase Computers for EMS:** Manager Jones stated there are proposal for two (2) computers and four (4) monitors from Responsive Technology for EMS. We are replacing some of the older computer equipment for EMS. Management will recommend that the Board approve this purchase and to pay with SPLOST Funds.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the purchase of computers for EMS from Responsive Technologies in the amount of \$ 2,737.96 and to be paid with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Proposal to Purchase a New Tarp** Manager Jones stated there were two proposals presented. The tarping system are both the same the difference is one is powered with diesel engine and the

**System for the Solid Waste Facility:** other with a gas engine. The current tarp system is very old and we have welded and patched over the years and the system needs replacing. Management recommended the Board approve the proposal with the diesel engine at \$41,050.92 and to pay from the Landfill Fund.

Vice-Chairman Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the purchase of a new diesel tarp system for the Solid Waste Facility in the amount of \$ 41,050.92 and to be paid with Landfill funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Ratifying the Proposal to Replace the Engine in the CAT 730 Dump Truck:** Manager Jones asked the Board to ratify the proposal for repair for the CAT 730 Dump Truck in the amount of \$51,699.43 and to pay from the Landfill Fund.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cason to approve the replacement of the engine in the CAT 730 Dump Truck in the amount of \$ 51,699.43 and to be paid with Landfill funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval of Proposed Memorandum of Understanding of Transfer of a Portion of Current US#1 to Toombs County for Ownership and Maintenance:** Manager Jones stated the Georgia Department of Transportation has a proposed Memorandum of Understanding whereas Toombs County will receive a portion of the current US#1 for ownership and maintenance. This is a section of the highway located at Route 56, Toombs Central School to Paul Lockley Road. GDOT have agreed to overlay that portion of the highway before transferring to the County. Management requested the Board approve this agreement with GDOT and authorized the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with Georgia Department of Transportation to accept the transfer of a portion of the current US#1 to Toombs County for ownership and Maintenance and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Report:**

**Financial Report:** Manager Jones stated the sales tax continues to look good for the year. Unless something unexpected between now and the end of the year, we will have a balanced budget. Landfill is doing well and so are the other departments.

**Review of 2021:**

**Miscellaneous:** We thank the Vidalia Board of Education and Superintendent Garrett Wilcox for allowing EMA to be housed while we were getting the building completed. The construction on the EMS/EMA building went really smooth and a lot of credit goes to Harry Moses Construction. Landscaping should be finished within forty-five days. Hopefully we will have the ribbon cutting the last part of February or the first part of March 2022. Georgia Department of Transportation will be moving into the old EMS building the First of February.

**Standing Committee Reports:** Each Commissioner and Chairman Sikes wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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David Sikes, Chairman

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