

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PRESENT:	ALFRED CASON, BUCK MOON, DARRIEL NOBLES, TOMMY ROLLINS, JANSAN KILLIAN, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS
Call to Order:	Vice –Chairman Rollins called the June 17 th Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
Invocation:	Commissioner Cason gave the Invocation.
Approve Agenda:	<p>Vice –Chairman Rollins asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.</p> <p>Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to add Consideration of Liability and Property Insurance proposal after the Consideration of Approval of Resolution Requesting the Call of An Election to Authorize Toombs County to Exercise All Redevelopment Powers; And Other Purposes. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Approval of Minutes: May 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting:	<p>Vice-Chairman Rollins asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on May 20, 2025</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the minutes from May 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Development Authority Report:	<p><u>Michele Johnson</u>, announced Toombs County Development Authority (TCDA) Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19th, at 12:00 Noon. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26th, at 11:30 AM; both meetings will be in the Dot Foods Business Hub, Greater Vidalia® Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, 208 East First Street, Vidalia. Office will be closed for Independence Day Holiday on Friday, July 4th. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Proximity Gap Network, 105 Moore Circle, Lyons, on Thursday, July 10th at 4:00 PM. Future items, Greater Vidalia Center for Rural Entrepreneurship (GVCRE) Business Builders Series Event “Scale up Strategies”, Thursday, August 7th. Georgia Chamber 2050 Tour Stop featuring President Chris Clarke on Thursday, September 4th. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) “Summit” Event on Thursday, September 25th.</p>
Department Report:	None
Public Participation:	None
Consideration of Approval of Class A Alcohol Application for Cedar Crossing Grocery:	<p>Manger Jones stated this location has an operator change and is in compliance with the Toombs County Alcohol Application License Ordinance.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Class A Alcohol Application for Cedar Crossing Grocery. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Approval of Department of Family & Children Services (DFCS) County Budget:	<p>Manger Jones stated the County has the option to supplement the Local County DFCS Budget Funds, although the county is not required to do so. The Board is presented to approve the DFCS County Budget as presented with no additional Budgeted Funds.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to approve the Department of Family & Children Services (DFCS) County Budget with no additional funding from the County. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Addendum 8 for Disaster Debris	<p>Manger Jones stated this Addendum extends the current contract term for three (3) additional renewal terms of two years each and the parties agree to exercise the first renewal option. This keeps the county will a valid Debris</p>

Removal & Disposal with Looks Great Services:	<p>Removal contact as we wait to see if there will be any funding for debris removal in the rivers and creeks of Toombs County. This does commit us to any future specific endeavor.</p> <p>Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the addendum 8 for disaster debris removal and disposal with Looks Great Services with either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to sign the addendum. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Proposal for Speed Limit Study for Five (5) Roads in Toombs County:	<p>Manger Jones stated to run radar on certain roads there must be an approval from the Georgia Department of Transportation and Georgia Department of Public Safety before they will add any paved roads to that list, there has to be a speed study for both divisions to review. The five roads are, Bud Jordan Road, Ezra Taylor Road, Glynn James Road/Joe Harden Road, Vidalia Cedar Crossing Road, and Cedar Crossing Road. The Sheriff’s Office has requested the speed study to be done and to consider one of the two proposals; one from POND’s, Peachtree Corners, Georgia, and proposal was \$37,500 and EMC Engineering Services, Inc, Statesboro, Georgia was \$18,100. This will be paid from the General Fund once approved.</p> <p>Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the speed study from the low bid of \$18,100 from EMC Engineering Services, Inc. of Statesboro, Georgia and authorize the County Manager to sign the proposed agreement. The speed study will be paid from the General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Proposal for Excess Loss Insurance for Health Insurance Plan:	<p>Manager Jones stated a copy of the proposal was in the Commissioners Packet. As a partially self-funded Health Insurance Plan we need an umbrella insurance policy that will cover any claims exceeding \$100,000 with a deductible of \$75,000 per person. This provides the county with maximum liability coverage on our health insurance. The annual premium cost to Great Midwest Insurance is \$384,658.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Umbrella Insurance Policy with Great Midwest Insurance for the amount of \$384,658, to be paid with General Funds. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Approval of Toombs County Health Insurance Renewal:	<p>Manger Jones stated the County is offering two policies this year; HSA plan and co-pay plan, previously there were three plans but one has been phased out. In addition to the policy, employee are offered to pay for a short-term disability plan as in the past but the County now will offer a County funded Long Term disability plan.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to continue with the County’s Partially Self-Fund Health Insurance Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Proposal of Under-carriage Rebuild on CAT D6 Bulldozer for Public Works:	<p>Manger Jones stated the normal maintenance on a bulldozer is due for this D6 Bulldozer’s undercarriage to be rebuilt. The D6 currently has 2,506 hours on it and it was purchased in July 2022 so we are using it approximately 1,000 hours/year or about 20 hours/week. CAT proposal to rebuild the undercarriage is \$15,756.80</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the proposal from CAT for the undercarriage rebuild at a cost of \$15,756.80; paid from General Fund/Public Works Repairs and Maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Acceptance of Offer From Adjacent Property Owners Of the Previously Closed Ohoopee	<p>Manager Jones mentioned that a letter was sent from the County Attorney to the adjacent property owners regarding this land purchase. All three property owners have made equal payments as outlined in the letter. The assessed value of the land adjacent to the road and calculated a per-acre price based on an average of the four parcels bordering this section of the road. This calculation resulted in a price of \$2,187.45 per acre. The road's width is 30 feet,</p>

Station Road: and based on the total length, we determined that the road occupies 4 acres of land. Four (4) acres multiplied by \$2,187.45 equals \$8,749.80. The adjacent property owners can acquire the land directly from the county, provided they offer 85% of the market value. Therefore, 85% of \$8,749.80 is \$7,437.33. The three property owners have submitted checks that total this amount which is being held in the Commissioner’s office.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to accept this offer and authorize the Chairman to sign a Quit Claims Deed prepared by the purchaser and approve the County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointment to the Board of Elections: Manger Jones stated Mr. Eugene Jones resigned from the Board of Elections last year; these are four year staggered terms. Under the legislation that created the Board of Elections, each member serves his term until someone else is appointed. The appointment could be the current member or someone new. The purpose being that the Board of Elections always had a valid serving Board whether a new appointment was made or not. In this case, Mr. Jones’ term expired in December 31, 2023 but he was still a member until someone else was appointed. To keep consistency with the staggered terms in place, this open position term would end December 31, 2027 OR until someone was appointed. A copy of the local legislation that created the Toombs County Board of Elections and moved Elections from the Probate Judge to a Board of Elections was included in the packet. Management recommended the appointment of Travis Anderson of Lyons Georgia to serve on the Board of Elections Beginning June 18, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027. Travis is married to Courtney Anderson, an attorney here in Lyons, Georgia and he is a truck driver by trade.

Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to appoint Travis Anderson of Lyons, Georgia to fill the remaining term of Mr. Eugene Jones, from June 18, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Resolution Requesting the Call of An Election to Authorize Toombs County to Exercise All Redevelopment Powers; and Other Purposes: Manger Jones stated in the packet was the financial scheduling and time-line that has been prepared on all of these activities. The Board passed a Resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation to pass local legislation allowing the county (the cities did the same) to declare some land, as they determined, to be a special taxing district. This allowed the county and the cities to bond the cost of adding the necessary infrastructure for future development, more specifically retail development. The bonds would be paid by the additional property and sales tax the development would generate. This way the local governments would not lose the current taxes they were collecting on the property just future tax dollars. Once the bonds were paid off, these tax dollars would then go to their respective designation as to use and local government. This will NOT create a new tax on anyone. Once the Resolution has been approved by the Board of Commissioners, then the copy of the Resolution would be sent to the Board of Elections, directing the Board of Elections to place on the November Ballot for the voters to vote on. If this is voted down, that ends it. If approved, the Toombs County Board of Commissioners has the freedom to move forward. The Board was also asked to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the Resolution to be signed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Liability and Property Insurance proposal: County Manager Jones stated the County’s Coverage ends on June 23, 2025. Bishop, Durden, and Hale Insurance showed the premiums price difference from 2024 to 2025. The largest increase is in property coverage the comparison \$35,000 to \$52,000 premium; General Liability went up \$25,000 to \$34,000; Auto went up from 151,000 to 223,000; all other coverage same somewhat the same. Trident and Selective are the two Insurance coverage in the amount of \$435,604 and will be paid out of General Fund.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the proposal from Bishop, Durden, and Hale Group in the amount of \$435,604 to be paid out of the General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Report County Manager Jones stated the Sales Tax was up 5.62% from May of Last Year.
Financial Report: The M&O (Maintenance and Operating) Budget, with the exception the Road Department due to expenses related to Hurricane Helene, all of the departments are within budget on expenses and those who are not are just one to two percent over with seven months left to correct.

Miscellaneous: Workmen’s Comp claims have dropped off a bit. Fire Calls were down significantly from the month before, from 32 to 17. I guess everybody burned everything in Jan-April. Candler County is getting out of the Landfill business and there is a trip schedule next week to look as some of their equipment.

Standing Committee
Reports: None

Commissioners Comments:

Adjournment: Vice-Chairman Rollins adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 PM.

Tommy Rollins, Vice-Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk