

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PRESENT:	DAVID SIKES, ALFRED CASON, BUCK MOON, DARRIEL NOBLES, TOMMY ROLLINS, JANSEN KILLIAN, JOHN M. JONES AND HELEN HARRIS
Call to Order:	Chairman Sikes called the July 15 th Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
Invocation:	Commissioner Cason gave the Invocation.
Approve Agenda:	<p>Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to amend the Agenda and to add after the Commissioners Comments, an Executive Meeting to discuss legal matters. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Approval of Minutes: June 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting:	<p>Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on June 17, 2025</p> <p>Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the minutes from June 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Development Authority Report:	<p><u>Michele Johnson,</u> announced Toombs County Development Authority (TCDA) Regular meeting will be held Thursday, July 17th at 12:00 Noon in the Dot Foods Business Hub, Greater Vidalia Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, 208 East First Street, Vidalia. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Memorial Health Meadows Hospital Emergency Department Remodel and Expansion, 1 Meadows Parkway, Vidalia, held on Tuesday, August 5th at 9:00 AM. Greater Vidalia Center for Rural Entrepreneurship (GVCRE) Business Builders Series Event “Scale Up Strategies” will be held on Thursday, August 7th at 12:00 Noon in the Dot Foods Business Hub. Leadership Greater Vidalia Orientation Session will be held on Thursday, August 14th and Friday August 15th. (Save the Dates) Georgia Chamber 2050 Tour Stop featuring President Chris Clarke on Thursday, September 4, 2025. Greater Vidalia Chamber (GVC) “Summit” Event will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025.</p>
Department Report:	<p><u>Drew James,</u> Director of EMS, stated there were 529 calls for service for the month of June. On June 23rd to the 27th the Ambulance Service provided an outdoor medical station for the Win-Shape Camp (there were about 350 camp members). The gator that was purchased was used during this time and was a wonderful resource to the department. This year seems to have a higher rate of injuries due to fireworks. The department is planning on doing a lot of public relations on fireworks next year. People seem to not realize the power or danger in the fireworks that can be purchased locally. High School football season will be starting shortly and will cover about 30 meeting this fall.</p>
Public Participation:	<p><u>Rodney Wiggins,</u> 296 Jane Drive. In front of his home, when it rains it is almost impossible for him to use the road. He explained that his grandmother is 98 years old and has a lot of doctor appointments for her cancer and sometimes the appointments have to be cancelled due to the road conditions. Jane drive has no ditches on either side so there is nowhere for the water to go.</p>
Consideration of Appointments to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Aging Advisory	<p>County Manager explained Mr. Raymond Turner has passed away and management requested the Board to reappoint Mr. Darriel Nobles and to appoint Mr. Billy Snell to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Aging Advisory committee.</p>

Committee:	<p>Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to approve re-appoint Mr. Darriel Nobles and to appoint Mr. Billy Snell to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Aging Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Commissioner Darriel Nobles announced that he attended a meeting in McRae, Georgia and he was elected to be the Chairman of this Advisory Committee. The Heart of Georgia Regional Altamaha Regional Commission Aging Advisory gives assistance to people that is below poverty level. Commissioner Nobles asked if someone is in need of assistance, please let him know.</p>
Consideration of Proposal for Emergency Repair for Storm Drainage Improvement on Gray’s Landing Road:	<p>The Commissioners Packet includes a copy of the design and specifications prepared by our engineering firm, Hofstadter & Associates, along with a proposal from DHE Contractors. DHE Contractors is run by Dustin Hall, who resides locally. DHE Contractor has completed some work for the county and for Looks Great Services in the weeks following Hurricane Helene. Additionally, DHE Contractor is the civil contractor for the Collins Subdivision, a 60-lot mobile home park located in the northern part of Toombs County on Mosley Road, off SR 297. Public Works Director, Chris Keene, will serve as the inspector for this project and is confident in DHE Contractor's ability to carry out the work.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to approve DHE Contractor to do an emergency Repair Storm Drainage Improvement on Gray’s Landing Road. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of a Proposal for Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:	<p>Manager Jones explained that Toombs County needs to update its Hazardous Mitigation Plan. In the past 12 months, the County has experienced Tropical Storm Debbie, a tornado in downtown Vidalia, Hurricane Helene, and a 100-year flood, as well as an ice storm and a snow storm. The Commissioners were given a presentation by Deputy EMA Director, C.J. Worden; he is leading the effort on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan and recommended Lux Mitigation and Planning Corporation to facilitate and complete the Toombs County Hazardous Mitigation Plan.</p> <p>Commissioner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner to approve Lux Mitigation and Planning Corporation to facilitate and complete the Toombs County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Proposal for a Medical Storage Bank for EMS:	<p>Manager Jones stated the hospital handle our pharmaceutical inventory and distribution for the EMS Department, but HCA wishes to discontinue this practice; because of this the County needs purchase storage and inventory software. The County will continue to be able to purchase directly from the hospital at a reduced wholesale rate but we will have to manage our own invention and distribution. The County could lease it and place the maintenance burden and liability to the vendor (Carefusion Solutions, LLC.). In the Commissioners packet, Drew James, EMS Director has made recommendation to lease the machine for distribution of the necessary pharmaceutical medicines. The monthly lease is \$1,058 per month and would be paid from EMS Operations Budget.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the proposal from Carefusion Solutions, LLC. for a medical Storage Bank for EMS pharmaceutical medicine for a monthly lease of \$1,058 per month which will be paid from the EMS Operations Budget. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Approval of Resolution for Temporary Property Tax Relief for Eligible Standing Timber Located in A Disaster Area in	<p>Manager Jones stated, a Proposed Model Resolution from ACCG Informational Summary of the TREES Act (addressing only the temporary tax relief provisions), Georgia Forestry & ACCG Hurricane Helen Ad Valorem Temporary Tax Relief Certification Form and Power Point Presentation by ACCG, Georgia Forestry and Georgia Department of Revenue. The County’s Attorney, Blake Tillery has prepared the Resolution for Toombs County. Once approved by the Board, harvested Timber Harvest in Toombs County that qualifies will be exempt from</p>

Toombs County:	<p>timber taxes for the 4th Quarter of the year 2024 and all of the year 2025.</p> <p>Timber owners that have already paid the timber tax, there is a procedure to be followed that will allow the tax to be refunded back to the tax payer. The State will reimburse the county for any loss revenue due to the waiving of the timber tax. Forms will be distributed by Georgia Forestry Commission.</p> <p>Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to approve the Resolution for Temporary Property Tax Relief for Eligible Standing Timber Located in A Disaster Area in Toombs County. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Approval of Proposal for 730 Dump Truck from CAT for the until Landfill:	<p>The 730 Dump Truck is a large off-road vehicle used for transporting dirt for the landfill. Alongside the MACK dump truck, it plays a vital role in the County's operations. During periods of heavy rain, when the landfill becomes very muddy, the landfill will park the MACK dump truck and use the 730 exclusively until the conditions improve. Under normal circumstances, both trucks are utilized. The County has owned the 730 for several years, and it is beginning to experience chronic repairs. In the Commissioners packet was a comparative analysis of purchasing a new 730 versus rebuilding the current one, along with specifications for both options. Both alternatives come with the same warranty and include the Premier Maintenance Agreement with CAT. To lease a new 730, the total cost over a 5-year amortization period will amount to \$480,150. In the optional buy-back plan, the total cost will rise to \$715,550. Under the rebuild, after 3 years the total payment will be \$439,068, with this option being structured as a 3-year, no-interest amortization.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve CAT to rebuild the 730 Dump Truck in the amount of \$439,068. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Consideration of Approval of Proposal for Two (2) D6 Bulldozer from CAT for Landfill	<p>Manager Jones stated the landfill has two bulldozers, one for the MSW Landfill and the other for the C & D landfill; both Bulldozers are down. They are currently using one that we have borrowed from the road department. Bulldozer VIN 818 has 11,240 hours on it and VIN 478 has 7,862 hours and a blown engine that we have a proposal to replace at \$44,778. In the packet there was a copy of the comparison analysis of purchasing a D6N and the cost of rebuilding the VIN 818 and VIN 478. Both options have the same warranty and Premier Warranty. The lease on the purchase is 5 years and the amortization on the rebuild is 3 years with 0% interest. At the conclusion, the purchase would be \$698,865 for a new D6N and the two rebuilds together would be \$627,806.</p> <p>Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the rebuild for both D6 Bulldozer and to be paid from the Landfill Operations Budget in the amount of \$627,806. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
County Manager Report Financial Report:	<p>County Manager Jones reported the M & O (Maintenance & Operations) Revenues are on budget for the year excluding the FEMA Grant monies; the same for the expenses as well. Currently, we have expended slightly over \$2 million more than reimbursements. Solid Waste revenue is 18% above budget, expenses are twelve over budget. This overage is directly related to the expenses incurred in developing the Long Range Plan for the Landfill. Revenue over Expense is thirty-seven percent above budget. EMS had its highest revenue from fees for the year. In the coming weeks there will be an action plan to improve the overall efficiencies of the service and an action plan to increase revenues. Sales taxes continue to increase from last year.</p>
Miscellaneous:	<p>Tax Allocation District – The Board of Elections approved their Resolution to place the Referendum before the voters of Toombs County in the November 2025 Election.</p>
Standing Committee Reports:	<p>None</p>

Commissioners Comments: None

Executive Meeting: Chairman Sikes stated there would be a five minute break before the Executive Meeting would begin to discuss legal matters.

Chairman Sikes called the executive meeting to order at 5:48 PM to discuss legal matters for the County.

Adjournment: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Meeting.

Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to adjourn the Executive Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

During the Executive Meeting there was discussion only, therefore a motion was not presented to the Board to cast a vote.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk