

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PRESENT:	DAVID SIKES, ALFRED CASON, BUCK MOON, DARRIEL NOBLES, TOMMY ROLLINS, JOHN M. JONES, AND HELEN HARRIS
Call to Order:	Chairman Sikes called the October 21 st Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
Invocation:	Commissioner Cason gave the Invocation.
Approve Agenda:	Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting:	Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on September 16, 2025 Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the minutes from September 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Approval of Minutes: September 19, 2025 Called Board Meeting:	Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the Called Board Meeting held on September 19, 2025 Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the minutes from September 19, 2025 Called Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Development Authority Report:	<u>Michele Johnson</u>, announced next week she will be with the Region Nine Georgia Economic Developers Association in Atlanta where she will do a presentation to the State. Wednesday she will be doing the redevelopment powers to the Rotary Club at the library. They will be hosting the Youths Leadership Professional Development session on the 18th of November. Development Authority will meet on the 20th of November at noon. November 21st they will host the Adult Leadership Class. Bids have been submitted for the Ace one construction for the industrial park. A two million grant application has been submitted for stock development funds, with a site visit on November 4th.
Department Report:	<u>Drew James</u>, Director of EMS, stated there was 530 Calls for Service in the month of September, in which, ninety two were in Montgomery County. Georgia Trauma Commission opened up their trauma equipment grant that our services apply for and EMS Department should receive around nine thousand dollars. The side-by-side gator will be very useful at the local football games. The Brewton Parker Christian Academy has partnered with us on the nursing program. Their students will be riding along with our crews. November 8, 2025 will be Safety Day at Lowes and on November 15, 2025 there will be a safety car seat check.
Public Participation:	None
Consideration of Request to Close a Portion of McNatt Falls Road:	Before the Commissioner’s meeting there was a public hearing and the resident of 1190 McNatt Falls Rd, Valerie and Brad Mason, which was the last home at the end of road, stated that there are eight families that will affect the proposed portion of the road and all are in favor of closing the road. Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to close and abandon a portion of McNatt Falls Road beginning past 1042 McNatt Falls Road and continuing to the dead end. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Resolution Accepting the 2025 Tax Digest and Setting the 2025 Gross Maintenance & Operations Millage Rate:	Manager Jones stated the five 5 Year History of the Digest and Millage rate was not published correctly in the legal organ and had to run again in the next week legal organ. Commissioners were asked to approve the Resolution as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to approve the corrected Resolution, accepting the 2025 Tax Digest and setting the 2025 Gross Maintenance & Operations Millage Rate at 9.9580, with roll-back of 2.768 mills with Local Option Sales Tax, net millage rate of 7.1900. Motion carried unanimously.
Consideration of Resolution Setting the 2025 Toombs County Development Authority Millage Rate:	The Commission was asked to approve the one (1) Mill Resolution for the Toombs County Development Authority and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to accept the one (1) Mill Resolution for the Toombs County Development Authority and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
Consideration of Resolution Setting the 2025 Toombs County Board of Education Millage Rate:	Manager Jones stated the Resolution setting the 2025 Toombs County Board of Education Millage rate at 13.990 and net 13.990 and levy the tax as stated. Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Resolution that sets the 2025 Toombs County Board of Education Millage Rate at 13.99 percent. Motion carried unanimously.
Consideration of Memorandum of Agreement between the GA Toombs County Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public	Manager Jones stated that a summary was given by C.J. Worden, Deputy EMA Director and the summary was included in the Commissioners packet. C. J. Worden attended the meeting and spoke to the Commission and explained that this system will provide citizens alerts on eminent threat in their area and the citizens would receive alerts on their mobile devices (similar to amber alerts). There will not be a cost for this service. Vice-Chairman Rollins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to
Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office:	approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the GA Toombs County Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on the behalf of The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and Toombs County:	Manager Jones stated there are no changes to the Memorandum of Understanding from the prior agreement, this just refreshes the document. Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on the behalf of The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and Toombs County and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
Consideration of Proposal for Stryker Maintenance Agreement for Stryker Stretchers, Heart Monitors and CPR Machines:	Manager Jones stated this is an annual maintenance agreement the County signs to cover the maintenance and repair to the stretchers, Heart Monitors and CPR Machines. The cost of this agreement is \$28,354.30 and would be paid from EMS Funds. The value of all this equipment that will be covered under this maintenance agreement is \$490,000 (four CPR Machines at a value of \$60,000; seven Heart Monitors at a value of \$240,000; and eight Stretchers at a value of \$160,000). Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Stryker's proposal of \$28,354.30 for annual maintenance agreement for EMS Equipment and pay from EMS Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointing Darriel Nobles to the Toombs County Library Board:

Manager Jones stated the office had received a request from Cameron Asbell, Regional Library Director, requesting that Darriel Nobles be appointed to the Ochoopee Regional Library Board.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to appoint Darriel Nobles of Lyons, Georgia to the Ochoopee Regional Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to Declare Land and Building at 109 Morris Street as Excess Property and Dispose of the Same:

Manager Jones stated the building on Morris Street needs a lot of repairs and the grounds need to be cleaned up. This building was previously used by Habitat for Humanity but since has dissolved operations and the use of the building.

This building does not have a use for the County and in addition to adding to the insurance bill, it has become a property we are constantly receiving calls about. The City of Vidalia is not interested in the building therefore this building is a liability rather than an asset right now. The Commission was asked if they would like to declare this land and property as excess property and authorize the sale through a local real estate agent.

Commissioner Cason spoke on behalf of the citizens of our County stated there was a great need for a place for meeting and would help for the general public in a place to hold meetings. He requested that the request be tabled for further discussion.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to table this Consideration for further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Declaring Nineteen (19) Vehicles as Excess Property and to Sell by Seal Bid:

Manager Jones stated in the Commissioners packet was the list of the Nineteen (19) vehicles that needed to be approved as excess property and authorize the sale by seal bid with certain large items maintaining a minimum price. This would be the salvages value less estimated transportation cost.

<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>VIN/Serial #</u>
Ford	F350	1999	Pick-up	Red	1FDWFF37L5XEB80207
Chevrolet	Van	2001	Van	Burgundy	1GAHG39R411200479
Mack	Truck	1974	Tractor/Fire Truck	Red	MB487FC1008
Dodge	Ram	2016	1500 Series	Silver	1C6RR7XT3GS291721
Dodge	Ram	2016	1500 Series	Silver	1C6RR7XT7GS291723
Dodge	Ram	2016	1500 Series	Silver	1C6RR7XT9GS291724
Ford	F150	2011	Pick-up	White	1FTNF1CF7BKD82318
Dodge	Ram	2016	1500 Series	Silver	1C6RR7XT8GS282545
Ford	F150	2014	Pick-up	White	1FTFW1EF5EFA63336
Ford	F150	2014	Pick-up	Silver	1FTFW1EF9EFA63338
Ford	F150	2007	Pick-up	Blue	1FTRF14W97KD53393
Dodge	Ram	2016	1500 Series	Silver	1C6RR6KG4GS243486
Ford	Crown Vic	2011	Car	Gray	2FABP7BV1BX103508
Ford	F150	2011	Pick-up	Gray	1FTFW1CF4BFD15611
Chevrolet	F150	1987	Tractor/Fire Truck	Red	1FDYK87U1GVA07326
Ford	F150	2002	LGT Convtnl	White	1FTRX18W42NB48370
Federal Motors	E-one	1987	E-One Pumper - Fire	Yellow	1F9PBAA84H1037175
John Deer	6310	1997	Tractor	Green	L06310H232262
Military Built	2330-01-050-5635	??	Semi-Trailer Tanker	Black	502300

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Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nobles to declare nineteen (19) vehicles as excess property and to be sold by seal bid with larger items maintaining a minimum price. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Declaring a Motor Grader at the Landfill as Excess Property and Transferring to the City of Lyons:

Manager Jones stated that this is an old motor grader that no longer functions properly and has not for several years. The City of Lyons has inquired about because they currently use the same model. They wish to obtain for the parts on the machine. The County declares the Motor Grader as excess property and transfer the ownership to the City of Lyons because they are a local government and the County can transfer assets to local government without going through a bidding process.

Commissioner Nobles made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to declare a Motor Grader at the Landfill as Excess Property and transfer ownership to the City of Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager’s Report: Manager Jones stated Sales Tax for September increase from prior year was 0.17%. This is Sales Tax for September increase from prior year was 0.17%. This is the lowest in many months. While concerning, let’s hope this is not the beginning of a trend but we will see next month. Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Budget broke even for the month of September. Landfill’s Revenue has made budget for the year with an entire quarter to go. While expense are above budget due to the on-going testing etc, for the expansion and long range master plan. EMS reported a good month for September; expense over revenue was only \$8,000 for the month. This was because expense for the month was \$100,000 less than the previous 8 month average.

Miscellaneous: The equipment that is being rebuilt for the Landfill is going well. The 730 Dump Truck is expected to be completed by October 29, 2025. One of the D6 is November 15, 2025 and the other one is November 21, 2025. On Workman’s Comp, there are five outstanding claims but none are large in nature. Health Insurance monthly reports and YTD reports were included in the Commissioner Packet. There seem to be experiencing an overuse of the emergency room visits. For September, before the disallowance it would be our single largest expense item. After disallowance, it is second only to prescriptions which are the largest. For September it was more than surgical. FEMA, still no good news here as everything seems to hit a complete standstill. We are being told anything over \$100,000 and to be signed off by the Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem. The Public Safety Committee will be presenting an updated Emergency Management Ordinance that will update and replace the existing Emergency Management Ordinance in our next meeting, held on November 18, 2025.

Standing Committee Reports: None

Commissioners Comments: None

Adjournment: Chairman Sikes asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 6:01 PM.

Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Rollins to adjournment the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

David Sikes, Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk