

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PRESENT: **ALFRED CASON, BUCK MOON, TOMMY ROLLINS, JOHN M. JONES, JANSEN KILLIAN AND HELEN HARRIS**

Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Rollins called the December 16th Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

Invocation: Commissioner Cason gave the Invocation.

Approve Agenda: Vice-Chairman Rollins asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to amend the Agenda and add two topics, the first is the Consideration of the purchase of two patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Officers and the second is the Consideration of approval of the Toombs County Emergency Management Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Regular Board Meeting November 18, 2025: Vice-Chairman Rollins asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting held on November 18, 2025.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to approve the minutes from November 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Development Authority Report: **Michele Johnson**, announced Thursday 12-18-25 at Noon Teens Regular and the following week we will be closed Wednesday thru Friday for Christmas Holidays. They will be closed for the New Year Holiday on the 1st of January. Youth Leadership Economic Development Session will be held on January 6th. Legislative Luncheon will be held on January 8th. Development Authority will be held on January 15th. John Jones did a very good job at the State of City and County Luncheon, Thank you for your participation.

Recognition of Bill Collins: Vice-Chairman Rollins gave a motivated speech on Mr. Collins and his work history. Toombs County EMA appreciates the forty-nine years of service that he had provided and stated retirement was not the end of the road, it was a new adventure. The Commission presented an engraved stone with the years of service he had provided for Toombs County.

Recognition of Nickie Muzafarov: Vice-Chairman Rollins gave a motivated speech on Mrs. Muzafarov and her work she had done for the County Tax Assessors Office. Vice-Chairman Rollins stated, you have finally done it, you have reached the finish line. We understand you are pursuing other interests and we wish you well. Enjoy your freedom, sleep-in, travel and do all the things you have been putting off, (with the

exception of answering a work email). Mrs. Muzafarov received an engraved stone with the years of service she had provided for Toombs County.

Department Report: **Drew James**, Director of EMS, stated there was 552 Calls for Service in the month of November, in which, one hundred fourteen were in Montgomery County. The 8.5' x 18' enclosed trailer has been delivered and are extremely pleased with the set-up and design that will help rehab the fire-fighters and on-site recovery at special events. The department was invited to Meadows Hospital End-of-The-Year Banquet and to their surprise they were called up to the podium by CEO Wesley Taylor and were recognized as "The Community Partner of the Year". Mr. James stated, "This is a testimony of our women and men of just that partnership with Meadows Hospital and the appreciation that we have for their facility for what we do, day-in and day-out." On December 8th a tour was given of the EMS facility to the Greater Vidalia Youth Leadership Group and a tour was given to the Adult Leadership Group on December 9th.

Public Participation: None

Consideration of Bids for RFP-2025-SW-001 Solid Waste Collections and Transport: Manager Jones stated in the Commissioners Packets was a copy of the newspaper advertisement and a copy of the RFP for supplying the containers and transporting the containers to the Landfill and to Morris Salvage for the metal recycling containers. The Bid opening was Monday (12-17-2025) at 2:00 PM there is a copy of the bids, as well as who attended the bid opening was in the packet. The breakdowns of the bids were: Smith's Roll-Off was \$132.00 per transport; Allgreen Services was \$140.00 per transport; Republic Services was \$125.00 per transport and Ryland Environmental was \$140.00 per transport. The Commission was asked to award one of the four vendors as the Solid Waste Collections and Transport.

Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to award the contract to Republic Services at the rate of \$125.00 per transport. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Moon added a comment; Allgreen has been a tremendous partner to Toombs County since he had been on the Commission for the past year, the decision just comes to what is best for the tax payer.

Vice-Chairman spoke and stated he wanted to say, Thank you to Sam.

Consideration of Approval of Agreement for Ambulance & Emergency Medical Services with Montgomery County: Manager Jones stated a copy of the proposed agreement that is similar to the previous agreement with Montgomery County was included in the Commissioners Packet. This agreement is for a three years agreement with one year renewal. Our County keeps all the EMS reimbursements and Montgomery will pay a set monthly amount with an annual escalation based on the CPI medical services for the prior twelve months from November 30th with annual escalation to begin on January 1st.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to approve the Ambulance & Emergency Medical Services with Montgomery County and authorize the Vice-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 behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and Toombs County:

Manager Jones provided a copy of the Agreement that the County has had for years with the UGA Extension Services. There are no changes to the previous Memorandum of Understanding and Mr. Jones requested the Board to approve and authorize the Vice–Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and Toombs County and to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Proposal for Four (4) Transport Ventilators for EMS:

Manager Jones stated, EMS would like to update the ventilators which are six or seven years old and purchase four (4) new ones. EMS has been awarded the Fiscal Year 2026 Georgia Trauma Grant in the amount of \$9,275.50 to go toward this purchase, this will help off-set the total cost of \$27,473.56. The County's portion will be paid from SPLOST Funds.

Commissioner Cason made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moon to approve the purchase of four (4) Transport Ventilators for EMS Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentment of 2026 County Offices for Election in 2026 from Election Supervisor, Probate Court Judge and County Offices.

Manager Jones met prior to the December Meeting to identify the potential offices up for election in the coming year. The list that was enclosed in the packet was signed by all three individuals identifies those offices.

This is informational only, a vote does not need to be cast.

Presentation of the Proposed 2026 Budget:

The 2026 Budget Notebook was given to the Commissioners for review. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Friday, March 19, 2025 at 4 PM for public comments on the proposed budget. A Called Meeting will be held on December 29, 2025 at 9:00 AM to vote on the 2026 Budget.

Presentation of the Proposed Holiday Schedule for 2026:

The Commissioners were given a copy of the proposed Holiday Schedule. There has not been any adjustment to the holiday schedule; which means there are eleven (11) Holidays per year.

Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson approve the Holidays as followed: New Year's Day, 01/01/2026; MLK Day, 01/19/2026; Good Friday, 4/03/2026; Memorial Day, 05/25/2026; July 4th, 07/03/2026; Labor Day, 09/07/2026; Veterans Day, 11/11/2026; Thanksgiving,

11/26/2026 and 11/27/2026; Christmas, 12/24/2026 and 12/25/2026. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of the
Purchase of Two
Patrol Vehicles for
The Sheriff's
Officer.**

Manager Jones noted that they were a need for additional vehicles. Woody Folsom Dealership has two vehicles on their lot for sale at the cost of \$40,000 each. This invoice for the two vehicles will be paid with SPLOST.

Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson to approve the purchase of two (2) trucks for the Sheriff's office and pay with SPLOST funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of
approval of the
Toombs County
Emergency
Management
Ordinance:**

Manager Jones stated the draft of the Toombs County Emergency Management Ordinance was presented at the last board meeting for review. If there are not any questions or concern the Board need to approve.

C. J. Worden spoke to the Commission and summarized the Ordinance in case there is any Emergency that arises.

Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carson to approve the Toombs County Emergency Management Ordinance and to be signed by the Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager's
Report:**

Manager Jones stated the County has been notified that GEMA has received funds from FEMA, less than half of what is owed by FEMA reimbursement to our County but hopefully we will be receiving our funds soon and in a timely manner receive the rest of the funds that are due to our County. Maintenance and Operating Budget – When you remove the impact of FEMA, the revenue for 2026 will exceed the budget for the year. Removing the impact of FEMA on expenses, we will be slightly over budget but the excess revenue over budget will more that cover this overage for 2026.

Miscellaneous:

The sales tax growth was positive; it was 4.82%, the second lowest for the year. Currently Landfills Revenue Exceeds Budget by \$367,000. EMS billing for Medicare and Medicaid payments have been delayed due the government shutdown and they have been slow to catch back up but should be by the end of December. Executive Summary for our Health Insurance Coverage was added to the packet; claims are running as expected. Solid Waste Collection Centers Report & Solid Waste Facility Report were in the Packet as well. The County's Fire Department had 55 calls in November, our highest month.

**Standing Committee
Reports:**

None

**Commissioners
Comments:**

None

Adjournment:

Vice-Chairman Rollins asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 6:08 PM.

Commissioner Moon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cason
adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Tommy Rollins, Vice-Chairman

Attest: _____
Helen Harris, County Clerk

WORK SHOP DISCUSSION:

SPLOST and FLOST tax was discussed for the ballot in 2026.