

Minutes  
April 1, 2019  
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Members Present: Chairman Jackie Trim, Commissioners Edward Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy, G.W. Thompson, and Wayne Tatum.

Staff Present: County Manager Frank Murphy, County Clerk Christy D. McCall, Road Superintendent Kenny Hicks, County Engineer Dennis Odom, County Extension Manager Rachel Stewart, and County Attorney Joseph McGovern.

Also in attendance: Sheriff Kyle Sapp.

Chairman Trim called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Larry Rader gave the Invocation.

There was a Motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes March 4, 2019
2. Public Road hearing Minutes March 28, 2019
3. Sheriff Department Vehicle acquisition
4. Easement to remove Beaver Dams – John Baxter

Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

1. Chairman Trim called for approval of the agenda.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chairman Trim presented Proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness.

Mrs. Becky Anderson, Family Connection Coordinator, stated that the month of April is Child Abuse Awareness month. Tattnall County had 6 reported cases of child abuse in 2018.

Chairman Trim read proclamation aloud. (See attached) He then thanked DFCS for all that they do. A picture was taken for the local newspaper.

3. Next Chairman Trim presented resolution to reappoint Tax Assessor Board Member, Tara Martin. Mrs. Martin's term will begin April 2, 2019 and expire on April 2, 2022.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Edward Kennedy to adopt resolution to reappoint Tara Martin to the Tax Assessor Board. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Chairman Trim then presented appointment of Tattnall County DFCS Board Member. Rose Morris, Region 9 Coordinator for DFCS, recommends Mrs. Deborah Carter who is retired from DFCS. Board member terms are 3 years.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to appoint Mrs. Deborah Carter to the Tattnall County DFCS board. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Chairman Trim next presented Audio/Visual equipment for Courtrooms and Commissioners meeting room bids. Chairman Trim stated that the low bid was Solutionz in the amount of \$166,044.82. Solutionz is based in Buford, GA.

Sheriff Kyle Sapp relayed that the Judicial annex is well over 10 years old now. The equipment in the courtrooms has not been working properly for some time now. Many cases require audio/visual to display documents and evidence. The Sheriff has received many complaints from Judges about the equipment being nonfunctional. Last year the metal detector and x ray machine were replaced.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> Edward Kennedy to accept and approve the low bid of \$166,044.82 from Solutionz for audio/visual upgrades to both courtrooms and the commissioners meeting room. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Next on the agenda, were Motor grader bids.

Road Superintendent, Kenny Hicks, stated that he was asked to bid for two new motor graders to replace the two motor graders that the warranty has expired on and are currently having problems with. Bids were as follows:

Trading 2009 Motor grader, SN:1813

Flint	Financed amount	\$176,990.00	Payments	\$14,308.00
	Rate	6.25%	Purchase option	\$144,300.00
	Trade allowance	\$55,000.00		
Yancey	Financed amount	\$166,882.00	Payments	\$16,499.00
	Rate	6.10%	Purchase option	\$100,048.00
	Trade allowance	\$55,000.00		

Trading 2008 Motor grader, SN:0601

Flint	Financed amount	\$169,490.00	Payments	\$13,026.00
	Rate	6.25%	Purchase option	\$144,300.00
	Trade allowance	\$62,500.00		
Yancey	Financed amount	\$166,882.00	Payments	\$16,499.00
	Rate	6.10%	Purchase option	\$100,048.00
	Trade allowance	\$55,000.00		

Discussion was held regarding Yancey having the lowest overall bid but Flint having the lowest payment option. The difference between bids from Yancey and Flint is due to the different purchase or buyback quotes presented from the two vendors.

Commissioners asked Yancey representative, Jason Benton, would prices increase next year. Mr. Benton responded that last year there was a 1 1/2 % increase and another 2% increase this year. Therefore, he does not foresee another increase next year as there has already been two increases recently. Mr. Benton stated he could have the machines here within 2 weeks.

Mr. Frank Murphy stated that the motor graders would be paid for from SPLOST capital improvements. If new motor graders are not bought, and old ones are kept that have no warranty, then repairs could get costly. Repairs would have to be paid from the general fund and could not be paid from SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Bobby Kennedy stated he would like to make a motion to buy only one motor grader from Yancey with trading in the 2009 Motor grader, SN:1813.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to purchase one motor grader from Yancey in the amount of \$166,882.00 with payment of \$16,499.00 and trade allowance of \$55,000.00 on the 2009 motor grader, SN:1813. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Chairman Trim presented mower head bids. Bids were as follows:

Low Country Machinery	\$12,961.74
Diamond Mowers	\$10,473.00

Mr. Murphy stated this was a custom-built mower head for a limber. Diamond Mowers is the low bid and dealer is based out of Savannah.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to accept and approve low bid of \$10,473.00 from Diamond Mowers. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Next were Fire station bids. Fire station to be located at Tattall County High School. The Board of Education deeded 1 acre to Tattall County Commissioners to construct fire station. Bids were as follows:

United Grounds Maintenance	\$47,875.00
Riley Contracting	\$50,000.00
Hawk Construction	\$43,500.00
Agritech	\$36,308.00
Atlas Metal buildings	\$43,600.00

Chairman Trim along with Mr. Murphy recommend low bid, Agritech, in the amount of \$36,308.00. Agritech built 13 fire houses previously for the County and is a local company.

There was a motion by Commissioner Wayne Tatum and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner GW Thompson to approve and accept the low bid of \$36,308.00 from Agritech. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Chairman Trim then presented approval to purchase GDOT surplus vehicles for Both EMA and Road department. Vehicles are as follows:

EMA Department:

ST-19-98473-001 1998 DODGE 1500 1B7HF16Y5WS689731 (452-00869) \$1025

Road Department:

ST-19-98503-001 2007 FORD F250 1FTNF20597EB45241 (401-3047) \$1950

ST-19-98497-001 2005 FORD F250 1FTNF20536EA66811 (401-2925) \$1675

ST-19-98499-001 2005 FORD F250 1FTNF20595EC24664 (401-2849) \$1675

ST-19-98512-001 2006 FORD F250 1FTNF20526EB58976 (401-2959) \$1825

Mr. Murphy stated these vehicles would replace the last of vehicles obtained from DNR.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner GW Thompson to approve the purchase of one vehicle for EMA in the amount of \$1,025.00 and four vehicles for Road department in the total amount of \$7,125.00 from GDOT. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Chairman Trim next presented approval to rename a portion of the Alexander

Mill Pond Road to the Louie Hightower Road. The Alexander Mill Pond Road will not close until May 31, 2019.

A public hearing was held on March 28, 2019. Two citizens signed in approval of renaming the portion of the road. There was no opposition.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Edward Kennedy to approve renaming a portion of the Alexander Mill Pond Road to the Louie Hightower Road. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Chairman Trim presented approval of the Superior Court Law Clerk Budget 2019-2020.

Overall budget total is \$16,240.00. There was an increase from last year. The increase for Tattnall County is \$316.80 annually.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Edward Kennedy to approve the Superior Court Law Clerk Budget with a total of \$16,240.00, with an annual cost to Tattnall County of \$2,598.40. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Chairman Trim then presented resolution to establish a Regional Roundtable for Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST).

Mr. Murphy stated this Committee is being formed by the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission. The 10-year TPLOST plan is expiring and this Committee is being formed to come up with the new TPLOST plan. Tattnall has benefited over the years from TSPLOST.

Chairman Trim along with Mayor Chris Roessler of Glennville will serve on this Committee.

There was a motion by Commissioner Wayne Tatum and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner GW Thompson to adopt the resolution to establish a Regional Roundtable for Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Trim then read the resolution aloud. (See attached)

**Public Comments:**

13. Dennis Odum commented that the resurfacing projects will begin soon.

14. Stan Dansby, Public Works from the City of Glennville, thanked the Board along With the Road department for all their assistance with the demolition of buildings in Glennville.

15. Wayne Dasher, Tattnall County Industrial Development Authority, also thanked

The Board along with the Road department for all their assistance with the demolition of buildings in Glennville and is glad we can all work together. He then reminded everyone of the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual law enforcement appreciation event coming up April 18, 2019.

16. Bill Kicklighter, candidate for District 5 Commission seat, asked the board to Please consider opening the Glennville precinct for early voting. He stated that it is a disadvantage to the citizens in Glennville to have to drive to the Shiloh voting precinct. He would like for the Commissioners and the Election board to look into this.

17. Citizen, Abigail Groover, addressed concerns about a county employee who she Says neglected a dog he adopted for his daughter, and later killed the dog. She stated she has seen too much animal abuse in the county, and it needs to be addressed. Chairman Trim stated he would investigate this claim.

18. Lenton Brown reminded everyone of the upcoming 41<sup>st</sup> annual Easter egg hunt. He invited all Commissioners to attend. The egg hunt will be held at the recreation department in Reidsville.

With no need for executive session, there was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner GW Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JACKIE C. TRIM, CHAIRMAN



CHRISTY D. MCCALL, COUNTY CLERK



# A PROCLAMATION

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS: Children are key to the counties future success, prosperity, and quality of life and, while children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable; and

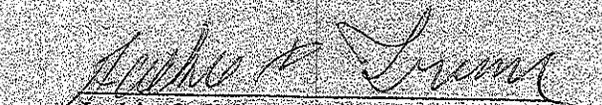
WHEREAS: Children have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow; and

WHEREAS: Child Abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Tattnall County families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds; and consequently, building the foundations of the community; and

WHEREAS: We must come together as partners so that the voices of our children are heard by all and we are as a community extending a helping hand to children and families in need; and

WHEREAS: By providing safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure that Tattnall Counties children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this county, state and nation; now

THEREFORE: I, Jackie Trim, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Tattnall County.

  
Jackie C. Trim, Chairman  
Tattnall County Board of Commissioners

**RESOLUTION**

**04/01/19**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TATTNALL COUNTY, GEORGIA, CALLING FOR COUNTIES IN THE HEART OF GEORGIA ALTAMAHA SERVICE DELIVERY REGION TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE AND PROPOSE A ONE-CENT SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE REGION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 established the ability of each service delivery region in Georgia to levy a sales tax for the purposes of funding transportation infrastructure improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Region; consisting of Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, Wheeler, and Wilcox counties; implemented the requirements of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010; and voters approved a sales Tax Referendum on July 31, 2012; and the Region has been successful in collecting a transportation sales tax and delivering projects in a timely manner; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the adoption of resolutions by a majority of county governing bodies within the Heart of Georgia Altamaha special district, an election may be held for the re-imposition of the tax while the tax is in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the procedural requirements of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 remain in effect regarding the creation of investment criteria, the establishment of the Regional Roundtable and Executive Committee, the development of a draft investment list, and public participation among other items.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tattnall County Board of Commissioners desire to initiate the process outlined in the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 for the voters of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Region to consider the imposition of a one-cent sales tax for the purposes of funding transportation infrastructure improvements in the region; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Director of Planning of the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission; as well as the Boards of Commission of the counties of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Region.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of April, 2019.

TATNALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Jackie C. Trim, Chairman

  
Bobby Kennedy, Member

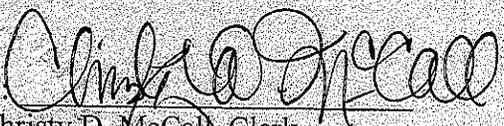
  
Wayne Tatum, Member

  
Edward Kennedy, Member

  
G.W. Thompson, Member

  
Herbert (Bubba) Burkhalter, Member

ATTEST

  
Christy D. McCall, Clerk  
Tatnall County Board of Commissioners