

Minutes
June 3, 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, Road Department Crew Leader Lynn Cribbs, Elections Supervisor Lisa Paradise, EMA Director Walt Rogers, 911 Director Monica Douglas, EMS Director Dustin Dasher and County Attorney Joe McGovern.

There were also several other County employees in attendance.

Also, in attendance: Sheriff Kyle Sapp, Tax Commissioner Dale Dutton, Clerk of Courts Sherry Bland and Probate Judge Gloria Dubberly.

State Legislators in attendance: State Representative Bill Werkheiser, Senator Jack Hill, and Senator Blake Tillery.

Chairman Trim called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Ronnie McCall lead the pledge of allegiance. Mr. McCall commented that the flags were left up from Memorial Day in recognition of the late Commissioner Bubba Burkhalter. He further commented that the flags would be left up from Memorial Day this year and each year through June 6th for the anniversary of the Battle of Normandy. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Normandy.

Royce Kennedy, Brother in law of the late Commissioner Bubba Burkhalter gave the invocation.

There was a Motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2nd by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes **May 6, 2019**
2. Pit easement – Jacinta Oglesbee
3. Easement to construct culdesac – Brazell's Creek Land & Timber
4. Easement to construct culdesac – Joey & Kimberly Brown
5. Easement to construct culdesac – Tattnall County Board of Education

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Chairman Trim called for approval of the agenda.

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

2. Chairman Trim announced the special recognition of the late Commissioner Herbert 'Bubba' Burkhalter. He stated that the crowd for today spoke volumes of Bubba.

State Representative Bill Werkheiser presented resolution in honor of Bubba to Bubba's wife and family. He read the resolution aloud as he did when presented during the State House of representatives.

Senator Jack Hill then presented the identical resolution in honor of Bubba to Bubba's wife and family that he presented to the Senate. Senator Hill stated that Bubba was unique as he was professional and kind. He admired him as a person and a public official.

Senator Blake Tillery stated that Bubba was always kind to him and thanked Bubba's family for letting him share his life with he and others.

Chairman Trim thanked the State Legislators. Chairman Trim then stated that today was a special day, that he thought a lot of Bubba and was proud to be leading this special recognition ceremony today for Bubba. Chairman Trim then presented to Bubba's wife and family a Resolution in honor of the late Commissioner Burkhalter and read the resolution aloud into the minutes. (Resolution attached)

Chairman Trim then presented a plaque from Yancey Brothers/Caterpillar to the family of Bubba. He then thanked everyone for attending and announced the meeting would break for the reception downstairs in honor of Bubba. The meeting will resume following the reception.

Meeting resumed after reception at 9:48 a.m.

3. Chairman Trim presented appointment of Tattnell County Library Board Member. Chairman Trim recommends Ms. Marka Shaffer who is the CFO at South Georgia Bank.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2nd by Commissioner Edward Kennedy to appoint Ms. Marka Shaffer as member to the Tattnell County Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

4. EMS Director, Dustin Dasher, presented request to purchase two Lucas

Devices. A Lucas device is a mechanical CPR device. Mr. Dasher explained that he plans to use equipment funds within the EMS budget to purchase these devices. In 2015 grant funds were used to purchase one Lucas device. It was placed on a Reidsville ambulance in a centralized location. They transport the device when needed. If the County could purchase two more devices, this would allow for County wide coverage. CPR is more successful when using the Lucas device and makes a substantial difference. The quote for two Lucas devices is \$31,419.24 which includes a service agreement plan. Mr. Dasher stated that the late Commissioner Burkhalter was the biggest advocate in purchasing the 1st Lucas device. The approval to purchase two more devices today, would be an honor to his legacy.

Mr. Murphy stated 2014 SPLOST Emergency Service funds would be used to purchase these devices. Mr. Murphy stated that there are no local vendors who could provide a quote of these machines.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2nd by Commissioner GW Thompson to approve the purchase of two Lucas devices in the amount of \$31,419.24 from Physio-Control, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

5. EMA Director, Walt Rogers, presented the Heart of Georgia, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Contract. Mr. Rogers explained that in 2010 a Mitigation Contract was signed with GEMA. The County is required to update their Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Contract every 5 years, with the new one being in 2020. The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan is a requirement of FEMA in order to receive FEMA funds. Mr. Rogers explained that FEMA provides grant money for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan and the County's portion will be covered.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2nd by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to approve the 2020 Heart of Georgia Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

6. EMA Director, Walt Rogers, next presented the Consideration of the Georgia Fireworks Tax Grant to purchase turn out equipment. In 2014 Legislators passed for a portion of tax from firework sales to be set aside for fire protection. Mr. Rogers is requesting permission to apply for this grant in order to purchase 10 sets of turn out equipment for fire fighters. The cost to the Fire department budget, once reimbursement is received will be \$2,887.60 which will include the \$1,693.60 of the matching funds.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2nd by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to approve applying for the Fireworks Tax Grant to purchase turn out equipment with will cost \$2,887.60 to the fire department budget. Motion carried unanimously.

7. County Engineer, Dennis Odom presented the resolution concerning the 3rd

Band of Transportation Investment Act (TIA) funds. Mr. Odom explained that a regional sales tax was passed several years ago. The County has received 2 bands of TIA funds this year which paid 100% of funding 4 projects. TIA also picks up 20% of LMIG which totals around \$80k each year. This 3rd band will fund three projects which include Hillview Road, Cyril Burkhalter/Mile field intersection and a portion of Airport Road. This resolution to be adopted today will allow the County to manage the projects for the 3rd band of TIA.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2nd by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to adopt the resolution required by code section O.C.G.A 32-4-61 to allow the County to have authority to contract work on all or part of the county road system concerning the 3rd band of TIA funds. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Mr. Odom then presented Paving bids for Fairhaven Drive. Bids were as follows:

T & K Hicks Contracting	\$86,659.00
RB Baker	\$73,046.00
East Coast Asphalt	\$64,746.10
Sikes Brothers	\$58,434.00
McLendon Enterprises	\$54,524.10

Mr. Odom recommends low bid of \$54,524.10 from McLendon Enterprises. Mr. Odom stated that McLendon Enterprises are currently working on the LMIG resurfacing project for the County. The bid came in lower than cost estimated for this project.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2nd By Commissioner Edward Kennedy to accept and approve the low bid of \$54,524.10 from McLendon Enterprises. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Chairman Trim presented Kenny Hicks, Road Superintendent, letter of Resignation. Chairman Trim asked Mr. Hicks to speak. Mr. Hicks stated that he turned in his letter of resignation, with his last workday being June 13, 2019. Mr. Hicks then stated that he had overcome challenges over the years and made progress within the Road department. He hoped to leave the County with no one upset with him over resigning. Chairman Trim remarked that he appreciated all Mr. Hicks has done during his tenure with the County.

There was a motion by Commissioner Wayne Tatum and 2nd by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy to accept Mr. Hicks letter of resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Chairman Trim announced that with the approval of Mr. Hicks resignation letter, The Board would need to motion to 1) Approve Lynn Cribbs, Current Crew leader, as Interim Road Superintendent and 2) Approve to advertise job opening of Road Department Superintendent.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2nd by Edward Kennedy to approve Lynn Cribbs, Current Crew leader, as Interim Road Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

There was then a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2nd by Wayne Tatum to advertise the job opening for Road Department Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Next on the agenda was Consideration to give one step cost of living pay Increase in addition to the One Step for meeting expectations in the July performance evaluation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Calculator.

Mr. Murphy explained that each step in the current pay scale was worth 1.25%. He is recommending one additional step for a cost of living in conjunction with the one step for meeting expectations. He further explained that the final tax digest would be ready in July which would reflect any increase in tax revenue. Evaluations are to be performed in July as well. He is asking that the Commissioner consider the one additional step for cost of living in conjunction with the one step for meeting expectations in the July Commissioners meeting. Mr. Murphy stated that the current CPI indicated an inflation rate of 1.8% which is why he brought forth the consideration of the one step for cost of living increase.

There was a motion by Commissioner Wayne Tatum and 2nd by Commissioner GW Thompson to consider the one step for cost of living increase in conjunction with the one step for meet expectations and to approve or disapprove in the July Commissioners meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Sheriff Sapp then presented permission to surplus Patrol division in car camera System on Govdeals. Sheriff Sapp explained that new in car cameras which are currently used, download to the server and are online. The Sheriff Department no longer uses this type of car camera system but other departments out there, may have use for this type of car camera system. The reserve should be set at \$500.00.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2nd by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to approve permission to surplus of patrol division in car camera system on Govdeals with a reserve of \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Next of the agenda was approval to extend lease agreement for one year of State Properties Commission State Probation lease located in the Annex. Mr. Murphy commented that the location of the State probation was a benefit for citizens in not having to travel so far.

There was a motion by Commissioner Wayne Tatum and 2nd by Commissioner GW Thompson to approve the one-year lease extension to State Properties Commission for State Probation lease located in the Annex. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports:

14. Glennville City Manager, Amy Murray, thanked the Board for all their support.

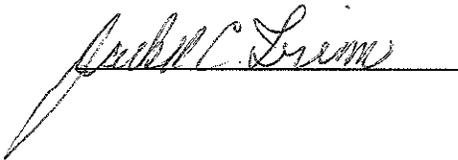
Walt Rogers stated that most were aware of the passing of Fire Chief, Frank Kersey. Many ceremony's have been held in his honor. He would like for the Board to consider recognizing Mr. Kersey's service to the County at the next Commissioners meeting.

Fifth District Commissioner Candidate, Bill Kicklighter reminded everyone to vote.

Chairman Jackie Trim stated that today was a good day in recognizing the late Commissioner Burkhalter. He further stated that Commissioner Burkhalter did a lot for the VFW as well as the Fire departments. The County is building the 15th Fire station currently and Commissioner Burkhalter was very instrumental in the building of the first 14 fire stations to better aid the citizens of the County.

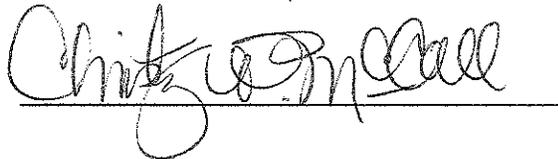
There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2nd by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JACKIE C. TRIM, CHAIRMAN



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CHRISTY D. MCCALL, COUNTY CLERK



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