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Members Present: Chairman Jackie Trim, Commissioners Bobby Kennedy, G.W. Thompson, Wayne Tatum and Bill Kicklighter.

Commissioner Edward Kennedy was absent.

Staff Present: County Manager Frank Murphy, County Clerk Christy D. McCall, County Engineer Dennis Odom, EMA Director Walt Rogers, 911 Director Monica Douglas, and County Attorney Joseph McGovern.

Also, in attendance was Sheriff Kyle Sapp.

Chairman Trim called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed the Tattnall 4H club and all in attendance. He then gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Regular Meeting Minutes September 9, 2019
2. Called Meeting Minutes September 23, 2019
3. Outfall Ditch Easement - Oliver

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 the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chairman Trim welcomed the Tattnall County 4-H club. County Extension Agent, Rachel Stewart thanked the Board for allowing them to be at the meeting and thanked them for all the support and for the New facility still under construction. Mrs. Stewart then had each 4H student introduce themselves. She then introduced the County Extension staff present, to include: Kay Nease, Rebekah Green, Aubrey Shirley and Anthony Cantanzariti. She also introduced intern, Megan Franko and helpers, Tarsha Brown, Brenda Swatko and Amy Hernandez.

4H student, Madison Parker, then spoke to the Board about her 4h experience. Crediting 4H for who she is today. She then thanked the Commissioners for their support.

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Another student, Ashton Gray, then gave a speech about Mrs. Kay Nease, Administrative Assistant for the Extension office. Mrs. Nease has worked at the Extension office for 35 years. Ms. Gray noted how Mrs. Nease has helped the 4h program and how she has impacted 4H students. She also stated how helpful and loving Mrs. Nease is. Mrs. Nease was presented with a plaque recognizing her for her years of service.

A picture was made for the newspaper of Mrs. Nease receiving her plaque as well as a picture of all 4H students with the Board of Commissioners.

At 9:10 a.m, a short break was taken to enjoy refreshments provided by 4H.

The meeting resumed at 9:29 a.m.

3. Chairman Trim presented request to surplus EMA vehicles.

Mr. Walt Rogers, EMA Director, stated these vehicles were no longer needed. The vehicles for surplus included:

2002 International Bus 3000 Series, VIN# 1HVBRAAN02B920307  
2001 BYMH Harsco Military Truck, SN# 23A1313

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner GW Thompson to approve the surplus of two EMA vehicles as listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Chairman Trim then presented request to purchase Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) surplus vehicles for Road Department.

Mr. Lynn Cribbs, Road Superintendent, stated the four vehicles he is requesting includes:

2006 Ford F250	\$1,150.00
2005 Ford F150XL	\$ 880.00
2005 Ford F150 XL	\$ 940.00
2005 Ford F250	\$1,800.00

Mr. Cribbs explained that if these vehicles are purchased, he will then surplus some older road department vehicles, later. It was noted that these vehicles normally average 100k miles on them when purchased.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bill Kicklighter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to approve the purchase of the four GDOT surplus vehicles as listed above for the Road department. Motion carried unanimously.

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5. Chairman Trim next presented Paving bids for the CDBG project, the Gloria Jean Road. Bids were as follows:

	<u>Base Bid Amount</u>
East Coast Asphalt, LLC	\$811,586.86
Sikes Brothers, Inc	\$925,372.04
McLendon Enterprises, Inc	\$976,206.70
JW Oliver Construction, Inc	\$1,188,493.14
Reeves Construction Company	\$1,412,779.32

Engineering Company, Hofstadter & Associates recommended the low bid, East Coast Asphalt, LLC. Mr. Odom, County Engineer, stated that East Coast Asphalt paved the Dennis Oliver road previously for the County and all work was satisfactory.

There was a motion by Commissioners Bill Kicklighter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to approve the low bid, East Coast Asphalt, LLC, in the amount of \$811,586.86. Motion carried unanimously.

A citizen raised a question about a paved road in the Elza district. He stated that half of the road has been resurfaced and spot leveling done in areas that needed it. However, the other half of the road has not been resurfaced. He also had questions about how thick the asphalt would be on the Gloria Jean Road. Board members along with Mr. Murphy explained that the Gloria Jean Road was a CDBG project. Chairman Trim then informed the citizen, that he could request to be on the agenda for next month's meeting to address his concerns.

6. Next on the agenda was permission to solicit bids for a new motor grader to Replace Grader-SN:0298 that currently has less than 100 hours remaining on the warranty.

Mr. Cribbs explained that the SN:0298 Grader has less than 100 hours and the Grader is also having some mechanical problems.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy to grant permission to solicit bids for a new motor grader to replace Grader SN:0298. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Chairman Trim presented a request from the Glennville Recreation department. The request is seeking assistance from the County with one of the parking lots at the Recreation department. The Recreation department is specifically asking for assistance with filling in potholes, patching up utility cut outs behind the concession stand, and for the entire parking lots to be resurfaced.

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Chairman Trim stated that he would like to help the Glennville Recreation department. However, he recommends, to task County Engineer, Dennis Odom along with Glennville Recreation department Chairman, Glenn Durrence to look at the parking lot to come up with an estimate of what the cost would be to fulfill the Glennville Recreation department request. County Engineer, Mr. Odom, agreed he would do that.

The Board agreed with Chairman Trim's recommendation. The request will be brought back to the Board for approval once cost estimate is determined.

8. Chairman Trim then presented the Crew leader position.

Commissioner Bill Kicklighter motioned to table the item and go into executive session to discuss the Crew leader position.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bill Kicklighter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to table the Crew leader position to discuss in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

9. County Attorney, Joe McGovern, stated that executive session was needed, not Only for personnel but for legal also.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bill Kicklighter to go into executive session at 9:43 a.m. to discuss personnel and legal. Motion carried unanimously. **(Affidavit signed by Chairman Trim and made part of the Official Record)**

10. There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bill Kicklighter to go back into open session at 10:38 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

11. There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy to approve the Crew leader position and award the job to the top interview candidate, Mr. Don Cowart. Motion carried unanimously.

12. There was then a motion by Commissioner Bill Kicklighter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to "opt-in" to the Class action Opioid lawsuit settlement. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. Public Comments:**

Mr. Murphy stated that a full budget report would be ready soon for Commissioners review. It looks like the County is 1% under in revenue currently, however, we still have one month of revenue to post once received. Construction projects: The Extension office is close to completion. He will be working on getting a contract to resurface the parking lot soon.

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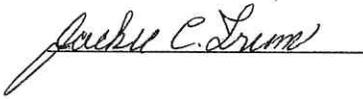
Citizen, Willard Sikes, stated that the Commissioners need a pay raise. He then raised concerns he has with some County employees' salaries.

Citizen, Jewell Jones, asked the Commissioners when the Willie Alberta Robinson Road would be paved. He stated the road gets in bad condition when wet and he has brought this before the board several times previously. Chairman Trim informed Mr. Jones that he would discuss with County Engineer and get back with him.

Chairman Trim then stated that Commissioner Edward Kennedy had fallen over the weekend and asked all to pray for Commissioner Kennedy.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bill Kicklighter to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JACKIE C. TRIM, CHAIRMAN

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CHRISTY D. MCCALL, COUNTY CLERK

Handwritten signature of Christy D. McCall in cursive, written over a horizontal line.

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STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF TATTNALL

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN

JACKIE C. TRIM

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman of the Tattnall County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1.  
The Tattnall County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on 10/7/19.

2.  
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.  
The executive session was called to order at 9:43 (a.m.) p.m.

4.  
The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter (s) within the exceptions provided in the open meeting law:

Consultation with the County Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer may be directly involved in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1);

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Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(2)  
And \_\_\_\_\_.

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Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (4);

Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6);

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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As provided in \_\_\_\_\_  
This 7th day of October, 2019.

Jackie C. Trim

JACKIE C. TRIM, Chairman  
Tattnall County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed  
Before me this 7th  
Day of October, 2019  
Christina  
Notary Public



MEMBERS PRESENT: Bobby Kennedy,  
G.W. Thompson, Wayne  
Tatum + Bill Kichlighter

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