

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

Staff Present: County Manager Frank Murphy, County Clerk Christy D. McCall, County Engineer Dennis Odom, Road Superintendent Lynn Cribbs, EMA Director Walt Rogers, EMS Director Dustin Dasher, EMS Staff Blake Monroe, County Extension Agent Rachel Stewart and County Attorney Joseph McGovern.

Also, in attendance was Sheriff Kyle Sapp.

Chairman Trim called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Trim gave the invocation and then led the pledge of allegiance.

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

- 1) Regular Meeting Minutes **December 2, 2019**
- 2) Easement – Linda McDilda

Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

- 1) Chairman Trim called for approval of the agenda.

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

2) Census Representative, Mr. Earl Rilington introduced himself to the Board. He explained that he is a partnership specialist for the Census and has some Census Bureau colleagues here with at the meeting. He along with his colleagues are here to help Tattall County prepare for the 2020 Census. He stated that mailers would go out March 12<sup>th</sup> and Census would begin April 1<sup>st</sup>. He also explained that you can phone in, email, or mail in the census. Mr. Rilington commended Tattall County for forming the Complete Count Committee and stated that the Committee would need the Commissioners support.

Mr. Peter Nichols, Recruiter for the Census Bureau stated he needed 95 more applications for Tattall County and asked the Commissioners to help with getting people to apply.

Chairman Trim thanked them for attending the meeting and for the job they are doing.

Mr. Murphy commented that the Complete County Committee as well as others would be meeting with the Census Bureau following the Commissioners meeting today.

- 3) County Extension Agent, Rachel Stewart, introduced two new Extension office Employees. Derrick Bowen, New Ag Agent and Maegan Franco, New 4H Educator.

Mrs. Stewart then thanked the Commissioners for the New Extension office building and announced they recently moved in.

4) Ranger Kim Lynn then presented the annual Forestry Report to the Board. Report highlights were as follows:

- 1) Forestry equipment includes 2012 Ford F550 which holds 450 gallons of water, 2013 International truck, 25 ton lowboy, 89 Caterpillar D4H, 2012 Freightliner, 25 ton lowboy, 07 JD 650J, 09 Freightliner, 25 ton lowboy, 16 Caterpillar D6N, 2017 Ford F250 which holds 150 gallons of water, 4 wheeler with burn tank, torch and water tank holding 10 gallons of water, Two Glennville Fire Dept trucks that hold 1400 gallons of water combined and One Collins Fire Dept truck which holds 1000 gallons of water.
- 2) Wildfires – 18 wildfires burned 47.75 acres in FY2019
- 3) Firebreaks & Burning assistance – Plowed 72 miles, harrowed 232.75 miles, assisted with 3658 acres of burn which included burn assistance to 46 landowners.
- 4) Permits – Issued 4,660 burning permits in FY2019
- 5) Forest Management – Provided assistance involving 3,315 acres for 67 management cases
- 6) Education programs – Programs at local school to include Smokey the Bear, Classrooms and City and Farm Day
- 7) Timber Sales – Total Timber Sales \$7,595,568.16 in FY 2019 which included timber tax revenue of \$214,233.00. Down \$3-\$4M from last year.
- 8) GA Forestry Commission provides wildfire, rural fire assistance, pre suppression, forest management and educational programs to the people of Tattnall County for 10 cent a forested acre-\$17,792.00.

Tattnall County has four personnel in the Forestry department. When needed the agency will provide any necessary assistance from its total state resources. Ranger Lynn stated that there is a new program (Firefighter property program) which allows the County to obtain equipment for a \$100 paperwork fee. The Equipment must be put into service after 18 months and then belongs to the County.

Chairman Trim thanked Ranger Lynn for the presentation along with all that the Forestry does for the Country.

5) Chairman Trim presented Board Appointments for approval as follows:

Vice Chairman – Commissioner GW Thompson

County Manager – Frank H. Murphy

County Clerk – Christy D. McCall

County Attorney – Joe McGovern

There was a motion by Commissioner Wayne Tatum and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bill Kicklighter to approve all Board appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Next Chairman Trim presented Board Liaisons for approval as follows:

Roads & Bridges – Commissioners Edward Kennedy & GW Thompson

Public Buildings – Commissioner Bobby Kennedy

Code Enforcement – Commissioner Bobby Kennedy

Recreation – Reidsville – Commissioner Bobby Kennedy

Utility Billing/Curb Side Pick-Up – Commissioner Wayne Tatum

Recreation – Glennville – Commissioner Wayne Tatum

Emergency Services/Public Safety – Commissioner William J. (Bill) Kicklighter

There was a motion by Commissioner Bill Kicklighter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to approve all Board Liaisons. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Resolution to set qualifying fees for the 2020 General primary and General election for Tattall County was then presented. The following qualifying fees were presented to be fixed and published for the following offices: (Qualifying for the below offices will begin at 9:00 a.m. on March 2, 2020 and end at 12 noon on March 6, 2020)

Chairman, County Commissioner	\$ 234.00
Member, County Commissioner	\$ 126.00
Clerk of Courts	\$1,491.65
Coroner	\$ 108.00
Chairman, Board of Education	\$ 126.00
Member, Board of Education	\$ 90.00
Probate Judge	\$1,491.65
Sheriff	\$1,779.84
Tax Commissioner	\$1,491.65
Chief Magistrate	\$1,491.65

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Edward Kennedy to adopt the Resolution setting the qualifying fees for the 2020 General primary and General election. Motion carried unanimously.

8) EMS Director, Dustin Dasher presented bids for the purchase of a new ambulance. Bids Were as follows:

First Priority Emergency Vehicles	
2020 Ford F350 Demers MXP-150	\$144,790.00
First Class Emergency Vehicles	
2019 Ford F450 Medix MSVII	\$157,445.00

Mr. Dasher recommended the 2020 Ford F350 at a price of \$144,790.00. It was noted that this ambulance will be placed at the Collins EMS station. It was also stated that we should received the ambulance within 60 days after ordering.

Chairman Trim extended his gratitude to Mr. Dasher, EMS staff and all First responders on the excellent job they are doing.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bill Kicklighter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to approve the low bid of \$144,790.00 to First Priority Emergency Vehicles for the 2020 Ford F350 Demers MXP-150. Motion carried unanimously.

9) Next on the agenda was permission to solicit bids for a new motor grader. Mr. Murphy Stated that the 2008 140M Motor grader, Vin 0601 would be traded in on the new motor grader purchase. The 2008 Motor grader is out of warranty and has 11,000 hours on it.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Kicklighter to approve permission to solicit bids for a new motor grader. Motion carried unanimously.

10) EMA Director, Walt Rogers presented the Assistance Firefighter grants. Mr. Rogers is requesting permission to apply for two grants.

First grant would be to purchase 60 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to replace the 2002 models that need to be replaced due to age and have exceeded NFPA requirements. Cost for 60 at \$6,500 would be \$390,000. The County share/portion would be \$39,000.

Second grant would be for a 3000-gallon tanker pumper to assist with water shuttles throughout the county. This in turn will help to lower our County ISO rating. This truck will replace an engine that we currently have that only holds 1000 gallons of water. Cost is \$310,000. The County share/portion would be \$31,000.

Mr. Rogers stated that grants are normally awarded in September or October. Mr. Rogers is seeking permission to move forward with applying for the two grants.

Mr. Murphy indicated money is still on hand from the 2014 SPLOST for the matching grant portions of \$39k and \$31k. Mr. Murphy also stated the 2014 SPLOST Bond would pay out in Spring of this year.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bill Kicklighter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner GW Thompson to grant permission to Mr. Rogers to proceed with applying for the two grants, obligating the County to fund the 10% matching share of \$39k and \$31k. Motion carried unanimously.

11) Chairman Trim then presented Board member appointment for the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission. Chairman Trim recommends the new City of Glennville Mayor, Mr. Bernie Weaver.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to appoint Mayor Bernie Weaver to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

12) The following Road closures and changes were presented for permission to advertise.

**Note:**

**Road change notices will be posted at the beginning and end of each road for these requested changes. Road closings and changes will run in the newspaper on Jan 9, 16, 23, and 30<sup>th</sup>. A Public Hearing for these road changes will be held here at the Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. on January 30, 2020. Board will then vote on February 3, 2020 to approve or disapprove.)**

Road closing for **District 1:** (1) Close WE Mulling Road from Live Oak Street to Lynntown Road.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bill Kicklighter to approve advertising Road closure of the WE Mulling Road for District 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Road closing/renaming for **District 2:**

(1) Close Thomas K. Scott Road from Jim Rowe Hightower Road to beginning of State Road.

(2) Rename Jim Rowe Hightower Road from Doster Hutcheson to Hwy 23. Rename to W.J. Akins Road.

County Engineer, Mr. Odom stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> request would be confusing for Emergency Services for one road to have two names.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Edward Kennedy to approve advertising Road closure of the Thomas K Scott Road and to advertise Road name change for part of the Jim Rowe Hightower Road to W.J. Akins Road for District 2. Motion carried unanimously.

Road closing for **District 3:** (1) Close Juanita K. Rogers Road from end of Zeddie Smith Lane to end of Juanita K. Rogers Road.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bill Kicklighter to approve advertising Road closure of the Juanita K. Rogers Road for District 3. Motion carried unanimously.

Road closing/renaming for **District 4:**

(1) Close a portion of the Laddie Kennedy Road. From Graham Knight Road to right past Kennedy Road.

(2) Rename portion of closed Laddie Kennedy Road to TJ's/Elegance Way Road.

There was a motion by Commissioner Wayne Tatum and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner GW Thompson to approve advertising closing a portion of the Laddie Kennedy Road and to advertise renaming the closed portion of the Laddie Kennedy Road to TJ's/Elegance Way Road for District 4. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

13) Mr. Murphy reminded everyone of the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr Parade To be held Saturday, January 18, 2020.

14) Mayor Bernie Weave stated he looked forward to working together with the County.

15) Amy Murray, Glennville City Manager, reminded everyone of the swearing in Ceremony for the City of Glennville tonight, January 6, 2020 at 6 pm.

16) Wayne Dasher, Tattall County Industrial Development Authority Chairman, Stated that the referendum for alcohol would be on the ballot in March. He also announced the Development Authority was currently working with a local business for expansion.

17) Commissioner Bill Kicklighter thanked the Public Safety workers for their assistance In finding and rescuing a young girl recently.

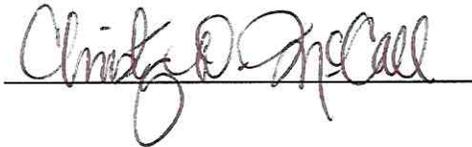
18) Chairman Trim reminded everyone of all the upcoming events which included Holidays, Roads Public hearing and the GA Clerks Conference. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming election and stated that the new voting machines would be used in the upcoming election.

19) There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to adjourn the meeting at 9: 45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JACKIE C. TRIM, CHAIRMAN

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CHRISTY D. MCCALL, COUNTY CLERK

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