

EFFINGHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 2, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt – Chairman, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mrs. Vera Jones, Mr. Jamie Deloach Vice-Chairman, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in regular meeting 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Steve Davis – County Administrator, Mr. Edward Newberry - County Attorney, Mrs. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mrs. Fiona Charleton – Purchasing Agent, Mrs. Christy Carpenter, Mrs. Vicki Dunn – HR Director, Mr. R.C. Barenchik – Zoning Administrator, Mr. Clint Hodges – Fire/EMA Director, Mrs. Wanda McDuffie – EMS Director, Mr. Clarence Morgan – Recreation Director, Mr. Scott Lewis- Magistrate Judge, Mr. Brannen Edward- EOM Operations, Mr. Tony Chiariello, Mr. Willie Wright and Mr. Jack Garvin

I - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm

II - INVOCATION

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

III - PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Commissioner Jones led the Pledge.

IV – ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Commissioner Jones nominated Commissioner Reginald Loper for Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Floyd seconded the nomination. Each commissioner voted by written ballot for their commissioner of choice. The ballots casted were unanimous for Commissioner Loper.

V - AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the agenda as read. Vice Chairperson Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI – MINUTES

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 Commission meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII - PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Corbitt stated public comment should be limited to agenda items only.

VIII - CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Corbitt explained all correspondence and documents from the meeting are located in the Clerk's office and on the Board of Commissioner's website.

IX – OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (01):

Purchasing Agent Charleton explained Effingham County has an annual professional services agreement with the Chamber of Commerce which requires that the Chamber of Commerce perform certain services and Effingham County provide compensation for those services. The current agreement expired on December 31, 2017.

A new agreement has been drawn up which runs for six months rather than a year in order to align it with the County's fiscal year and also with the Lodging Excise Tax Distribution Agreement with the Chamber. A new 12 month agreement will be brought to the Board in June.

The agreement requires compensation in the amount of \$2,250. The agreement is for a period of six months from January 1, 2018. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve and execute the professional services agreement with Effingham County Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII- NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO AMEND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN JOSH REDDICK AND EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FUNDING FOR THE NEW FIELD/STADIUM AT THE CLARENCE E MORGAN COMPLEX (01):

County Administrator Davis explained an agreement was signed back in November 2017 for the donation of the new field. The initial deposit was estimated as \$400,000. A deposit has been made in the amount of \$250,000. The revised agreement reflects the new deposit amount. The amendment also includes a change of the name from Josh Reddick Field to Josh Reddick Stadium.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the amendment. Vice Chairperson Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE LOCAL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) APPLICATION AND PROJECT LIST FOR FY18 (02):

County Administrator Davis explained there are two pools of LMIG funds, off system safety funds and the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant funds. The legislature did not approve off system safety funds for 2018; however, there are unused funds for 2016/2017 that are set to expire. Staff proposes to combine the 2016/2017 funds to finish the 2016 project list. We will reapply for the LMIG funds for the 2017 project list.

Vice Chairperson Loper made a motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FY17 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT (CIE) UPDATE (03):

County Clerk Johnson explained on October 3, 2017 the public hearing was held regarding the update and transmittal of the CIE. We now have to adopt a Resolution. We have received confirmation from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) that the information they received is sufficient.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Resolution to adopt the Capital Improvement Element Update. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON RECOGNITION OF JOANNA WRIGHT FOR HER SERVICE TO EFFINGHAM COUNTY (04):

Commissioner Jones led the discussion about naming a site after Joanna Wright.

County Administrator Davis stated his original recommendation was to name the new Administrative Complex after Mrs. Wright. However, it may be some time before that project is complete. Therefore, another suitable location would be to name the playground at the Clarence E. Morgan Complex after Joanna Wright.

Recreation Director Morgan agreed the playground would be a good location for the dedication.

Vice Chairperson Loper mentioned the death of Noel Kessler while employed by Effingham County.

There was a discussion among the Board and Staff about identifying various areas to designate to honor employees such as naming roads, batting cages, concessions and the gym.

At the next meeting there will be a discussion about honoring Noel Kessler and identifying sites to honor other individuals.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CLERK TRAVEL FOR CLERK CONFERENCE/TRAINING (05):

County Clerk Johnson explained this training is a continued process toward obtaining master certification. The upcoming training will be a completion of 5 out of 10 classes required.

Vice Chairman Loper made a motion to approve the Clerk Travel. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XI – REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF & COMMISSIONERS

County Administrator Davis discussed the following:

1. Weather Update

- Recommend closing offices to non-essential personnel

2. Development Services Consolidation

- The Building, Zoning and Engineering departments will be moving to another location near the Judicial Complex. Water, sanitation and business licenses will remain at the Administrative Complex.

3. Atlas Update

- Surface items are about 95% complete; buildings have been removed and most of the dirt. Water testing- (10) samples were taken throughout the lake; only one location exceeds the EPA standards

4. SR17 Resurfacing

- GDOT is bidding the project this month and it will contain 10 miles of resurfacing from SR30 to Guyton city limits

5. Ebenezer & Old Augusta Roundabout

- GDOT bid this project in Dec 2017; it was awarded at \$2.1 Million. Construction to begin in the spring and will last approx.. 20 months

6. SR2 & Beebe Road

- GDOT bid this project in Dec 2017; it will create a median break but no traffic signal.

7. Atlantic Waste

- Transition is coming along smoothly; Several trucks are in and cans are ready to be distributed this week weather permitting; service to begin February 19th

8. Finance Director

- Finalist interviews were held; selection with Board consent to be made within the next week

County Clerk Johnson discussed the following:

1. EOM Monthly Report

- The report for November is in the Board boxes.

2. County Days at the Capitol

- County Days at the Capitol will be held February 28th and March 7th

3. MLK Day Events

- To be held January 15th beginning with a breakfast at 7:30 am and an evening program at 6:00 pm

Commissioner Deloach discussed the following:

1. Boat Landing Improvements

- Asked about the status of the improvements to Steel Bridge & Abercorn Landing. RFPs will be redone and staff will complete some of the items listed, will be complete this year

XII – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:43 pm, Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss Personnel, Property and Pending Litigation. Vice Chairperson Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

At 6:04 pm, Vice Chairperson Loper made a motion to go back into regular session. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XIII - EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the December 12, 2017 executive session minutes as read. Vice Chairperson Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XV - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 6:05 pm, Vice Chairperson Loper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


WESLEY M. CORBITT, CHAIRMAN


STEPHANIE JOHNSON, COUNTY CLERK