

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 1, 2018**

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt- Chairman, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mrs. Vera Jones, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper – Vice Chairman and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in regular meeting 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 1, 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. Vicki Dunn – HR Director, Mr. Thomas Kilmartin- Finance Director, Mr. R.C. Barenchik – Zoning Administrator, Mr. Clint Hodges – Fire/EMA Director, Mrs. Fiona Charleton – Purchasing Agent, Mr. Andy Rich – IT Department, Judge Beth Mosely, Mr. Scott Lewis – Magistrate Judge, Mr. Tony Chiariello, Mr. Brannen Edwards (EOM), Mr. Brett Bennett, Dr. Franklin Goldwire, Mr. Murray Marshall and Mr. Jack Garvin

I - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

II - INVOCATION

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

III - PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Pledge was sounded in unison.

IV - AGENDA APPROVAL

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

V - MINUTES

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 Commission meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI - PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

VII - 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.

VIII – OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF AN APPLICATION BY TASIA & BILLY OGLESBY FOR A CONDITIONAL USE TO CONSTRUCT A SHOP AND OFFICE AND A STORAGE YARD FOR DUMP TRUCKS & TRAILERS LOCATED AT 115 BAY ROAD MAP# 304 PARCEL# 14 LOCATED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT (01):

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the Second Reading. Vice Chairman Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT OFF OF BLUE JAY ROAD MAP# 433 PARCEL# 1 (02):

County Administrator Davis asked the Board to remove this item from the agenda. There are still some negotiations taking place.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IX – NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION LIMITING PROBATE JUDGE FEES FOR VITAL RECORD SERVICES (01):

Probate Judge Mosely explained this fee was established some time ago. If there is not a resolution in place for this allowance, the additional fees are required to be submitted to the State rather than the County. Probate Judge Mosely recommended approving a Resolution annually.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Chairman Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH INTEGRATED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FOR HYDROLOGY ASSESSMENT SERVICES AT THE ATLAS SITE (02):

County Administrator Davis explained this is an existing contract, however, some additional meters are being required by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD).

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

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A WORK AUTHORIZATION WITH INTEGRATED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FOR SUBMIT A SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE ATLAS SITE (03):

County Administrator Davis explained this contract and the following are the next steps in the process. The water withdrawal permit application and the water quality sampling will only be required if the upon the success of the hydrology assessment.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve The Surface Water Withdrawal Permit Application contract. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A WORK AUTHORIZATION WITH INTEGRATED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FOR WATER QUALITY SAMPLING AT THE ATLAS SITE (04):

County Administrator Davis explained this will be the final step before a system design. This is the application for GEFA and Governor's reservoir funds. This application is contingent upon hydrology assessment approval.

Vice Chairman Loper made a motion to approve the water quality sampling contract. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CAPACITY AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF GEORGIA, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (05):

Purchasing Agent Charleton explained we currently have an Intergovernmental Capacity Agreement with the State Department of Corrections which stipulates how many state inmates the County is able to accept, and how much compensation the County will receive for housing state inmates. The agreement expires on June 30, 2018.

Per the new agreement, the County Prison will house 192 State inmates. The County will receive \$20.00 per State inmate per day. The State Department of Corrections has sole authority of transfers of inmates to and from the County Prison. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney.

Vice Chairman Loper made a motion to approve and execution of the Intergovernmental Capacity Agreement with the State of Georgia, Department of Corrections for inmate housing for the year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICE AGREEMENT (17-001) WITH ATLANTIC WASTE SERVICES (06):

Purchasing Agent Charleton explained the County currently has an agreement in place with Republic Services for the removal of non-hazardous waste sludge from the wastewater treatment plant. The agreement expires on May 5, 2018.

This amendment to the Atlantic Waste Services Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Service Agreement is for the removal of non-hazardous waste (sludge) from the wastewater treatment plant. The removal rate is \$180.00 per haul and \$44.00 per ton for disposal. The agreement falls in line with the Atlantic's current agreement.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve to approve Amendment No.1 to the Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Service Agreement with Atlantic Waste Services for the

removal and disposal of wastewater treatment plant sludge at the rate of \$180.00 per haul and \$44.00 per ton disposal.

CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT AND ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH MUSCO LIGHTING FOR THE “PURCHASING” OF THE LIGHTING AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR REDDICK FIELD (07):

County Administrator Davis explained lighting had been ordered for the stadium at a cost of \$94,500, however, the roof of the stadium was not accounted for. The height of the poles had to be adjusted from sixty feet to eighty feet to eliminate shadowing at home plate. The contract has been revised.

County Administrator Davis stated that in addition to the “purchasing” agreement (in the amount of \$109,500 – to improve the poles and lighting). There is a “financing” agreement, which is not included in the packet information, in the amount of \$109,500. The purchase agreement will increase cost by \$15,000. We intend to pay for the \$15,000 difference out of SPLOST dollars rather than try to amend the financing agreement.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the agreement as submitted.

Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT 2018-08.2 WITH THE COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION REGARDING MEAL FUNDING (08):

Vice Chairman Loper recused himself from voting on this item.

Finance Director Kilmartin explained the agreement presented is an amendment to the existing contract reflecting a reduction of revenues due to a decrease in home delivered meals.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the amended contract for 2017-18.

Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AMENDED AGREEMENTS WITH CONSTELLATION ENERGY GAS CHOICE, LLC (FORMERLY MXENERGY, INC.) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 (09):

Finance Director Kilmartin explained the contract with Constellation Energy Gas provider expired in 2014. Currently the County is currently paying a variable rate pricing of \$.799 per Therm. The proposed contract locks the rate of Natural Gas for fixed sales price per Therm at \$.419. This is a per Therm reduction of in price \$.38 per Therm or 48 percent lower. Projected 1st year saving is \$18,000.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the amended contract for 2017-18.

Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH VISA INTELLILINK SERVICES (10):

Finance Director Kilmartin explained items number 10 and 11 go hand in hand. The current BB&T Purchasing Card Plan does not allow for codification and reconciliation of charges within the online program. Employees are currently spending time to manually review code, reconcile and add receipts for each purchase made prior to forwarding to accounts payable for processing.

IntelliLink Plan will allow for automation of the review, codification, and reconciliation process saving the employees' time and speeding the process time for review, reconciliation and payment. IntelliLink offers several package options which have been attached for review.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the agreement with IntelliLink with choice of options. Vice Chairman Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BB&T INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (11):

Finance Director Kilmartin explained the County currently has a banking relationship with BB&T. This agreement will allow us to increase interest revenues on balances being held with BB&T. The Investment Management option will yield a higher interest rate on balances being held at BB&T.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the Investment Management Agreement with BB&T. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO RENEW TASK ORDER NO. 2018-09 WITH ECOLOGICAL PLANNING GROUP FOR CONSULTING SERVICES (12):

County Administrator Davis explained Ecological Planning Group monitors and collects data to assist the County in maintaining compliance with the Environmental Protection Division, related to Stormwater management. The cost of the contract is for \$7500.

Vice Chairperson Loper made a motion to approve Task Order No. 2018-09. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XI – REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF & COMMISSIONERS

County Administrator Davis discussed the following:

- 1. Ash Road Update**
 - Provided a listing of roads being repaired May – July. Approximately 10 roads have already been completed.
- 2. Atlas**
 - Hydrology testing is underway
- 3. Clarence E. Morgan Complex**
 - The Josh Reddick Stadium is under construction, final completion possibly end of June

4. Abercorn & Steel Bridge Landings

- Abercorn is complete and reopened, Steel Bridge is still under construction

5. Budget

- Meetings still underway, discussing capital projects; meeting will 2-3 members of the Board next week

6. City of Savannah

- Spoke with City Manager Hernandez regarding change in water source

7. Blue Jay Water Loop

- RFP has gone out, bidding \$200,000 under cost; construction to begin soon

8. Rebranding & Logo

- Has a few options for the Board to view and provide input

Vice Chairman Loper discussed the following:

1. Abercorn Landing Sign

- Still need to get a sign posted

Commissioner Deloach discussed the following:

1. Eggs & Issues Breakfast

- Wednesday, May 2nd at Career Academy

2. ACCG Conference

- Gave highlights from the conference; noted Dave Wills has been promoted to Executive Director of ACCG

3. Expression of Thanks

- Expressed thanks to Staff for their work and support

County Clerk Johnson discussed the following:

1. ACCG Legislative Update

- A copy of the legislative update delivered and discussed during the ACCG Conference Saturday by Todd Edwards has been provided. There is key new legislation relevant for counties the Board should review

2. Meeting Cancel

- Would the Board like Staff to place consideration to cancel the July 3, 2018 meeting on the next agenda?

3. National Day of Prayer

- Pastor Lewis of First Baptist Church of Rincon extends an invitation for prayer Thursday, May 10th at 6:30 pm across from the Judicial Complex

XI – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:08 pm, Commissioner Kieffer made to go into executive session to discuss Personnel, Property and Pending Litigation. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

At 6:27 pm, Commissioner Deloach made a motion to go back into regular session. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XII - EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the April 17, 2018 executive session minutes as presented. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XV - ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jones was not present for executive session or adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business, at 6:28 pm, Vice Chairman Loper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman



Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk

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