

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

August 7, 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, August 7, 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, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mrs. Vicki Dunn – HR Director, Mr. Clint Hodges – Fire/EMA Director, Mrs. Fiona Charleton – Purchasing Agent, Mrs. Janis Bevill – Tax Appraiser, Mrs. Linda McDaniel – Tax Commissioner, Mrs. Wanda McDuffie – EMS Director, Mr. Jimmy McDuffie – Sheriff, Mr. Scott Lewis – Magistrate Court Judge, Ms. Christy Carpenter – Interim Finance Director, Mrs. Amanda Clement – Zoning Administrator, Mr. Tony Chiariello, Mr. Michael Coon, Mr. Clyde Dyson, Ms. Carol Hogge, Mr. Jack Garvin and Mr. Lamar Norton

I - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm

II - INVOCATION

Chairman Corbitt gave the invocation.

III - PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Pledge was sounded in unison.

IV - AGENDA APPROVAL

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

V – MINUTES

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the July 17, 2018 millage hearing minutes. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Floyd abstained from the vote due to being absent. Commissioners Jones, Deloach, Loper and Kieffer voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the July 17, 2018 regular Commission meeting minutes. 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 – APPEARANCE 5:15 pm

Mr. Kevin Edwards addressed the Board about allowing chickens in an R-1 zoning district. Mr. Edwards asked the board to consider revising to ordinance to allow this use in districts other than agricultural and explained the benefits of raising poultry.

There was some conversation among the Board about performing research on options to revise the ordinance.

IX – CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Loper made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items: (1) Consideration to approve an Assemblage Permit to hold a turkey shoot at 187 Church Road in Springfield. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

X – OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT# 1 (RENEWAL AND ADJUSTMENTS) WITH EOM OPERATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND SEWER, WWTP AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SERVICES (01):

County Administrator Davis explained EOM Operations is on an annual renewal contract. The modifications made relate to personnel. In addition EOM Operations request for a five (5) year contract rather than a one (1) year contract.

There was discussion among the Board, Staff and County Attorney about extending a five year contract and limitation of liability.

Kristen Achtziger with EOM Operations agreed to allow a termination clause to be included in the agreement.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve with the following changes:

1. Strike entirety of item 7 with regard to limited liabilities and liabilities.
2. Specify that the contract has specifications that comply with the multi-year government contract law.
3. The contract include as termination clause without cause for 90 day term.

Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO LEVY THE 2018 TAXES (02):

County Administrator Davis explained all advertising and hearing requirements have been met. The resolution presented is to levy the 2018 taxes which is 6.558, same as last year.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the resolution to levy the 2018 taxes for Effingham County. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE COUNTY MILLAGE RATE
CERTIFICATION FORM FOR TAX YEAR 2018 (PT-35) (03):**

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

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE COMPUTATION OF MILLAGE RATE
ROLLBACK FORM FOR TAX YEAR 2017 (PT-32) (04):**

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the millage rate rollback form. Vice Chairman Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XI – NEW BUSINESS

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
RESCUE TRAINING, INC. SPONSORED BY CHATHAM COUNTY PARAMEDIC
CONSORTIUM FOR STUDENTS TO RIDE ALONG WITH EMS TO OBTAIN
CLINICAL HOURS (01):**

EMS Director McDuffie explained all students will be insured with one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in liability insurance and will receive training during these ride-alongs during the 12 hour shifts.

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

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE GEORGIA INDIGENT DEFENSE
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE OGEECHEE CIRCUIT PUBLIC
DEFENDERS OFFICE FISCAL YEAR 2019 (02):**

Purchasing Agent Charleton presented the request.

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

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO AWARD A CONTRACT AND ISSUE A
NOTICE TO PROCEED FOR 2018 TO CARROLL & CARROLL, INC FOR ROAD
MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS (03):**

Purchasing Agent Charleton explained three (3) bids were received from the Invitation to Bid for 2018 road resurfacing. Carroll and Carroll Inc. was the low bidder with a total bid price of \$1,777,500.00. The bid came in higher than expected, staff and EOM met with Carroll and Carroll, Inc. to discuss options which brought the contract price down to \$1,486,637.15.

Carroll and Carroll Inc. responded in accordance with the Invitation to bid and provided the required bid bond. The County attorney has reviewed and approved the contract with Carroll and Carroll Inc.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the contract with Carroll and Carroll Inc. in the amount of \$1,486,637.15 for 2018 Road Resurfacing and issue a Notice to Proceed. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION AGING CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 (04):

Interim Finance Director Carpenter explained this contract is renewed yearly. Within this budget we will be able to serve 9,086 in congregate meals and 12,624 in home-delivered meals.

The contract shows: A total funding budget, from all sources, of \$187,292; Federal funding of \$89,687; State funding of \$57,739; Required match of \$10,552 and Program income and other local funding of \$29,314.

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

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO THE FIRST READING TO AMEND CHAPTER 42 – OFFENSES SECTION 42-10 OF THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES (05):

County Attorney Newberry explained the revisions were requested by the Sheriff due to complaints received.

Sheriff McDuffie confirmed the revised ordinance is for solicitation of sales. The issue regarding solicitation has existed for many years. The revisions will allow for improved enforcement and regulations.

Vice Chairman Loper made a motion to approve the First Reading to amend Chapter 42, Section 42.10 as presented. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE COMMISSIONER TRAVEL FOR THE ACCG LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT JEKYLL ISLAND AND APPOINT A BOARD MEMBER AS VOTING DELEGATE (06):

County Clerk Johnson explained this conference was discussed during committee reports at the last commission meeting. This is an annual event held by ACCG. Several Commissioners plan to attend. During this conference it is requested that a voting delegate is appointed to attend the business meeting during this conference.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the travel and to appoint Vice Chairman Loper as the voting delegate. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CLERK TRAVEL FOR THE GEORGIA CLERKS EDUCATION INSTITUTE IN ATHENS (07):

County Clerk Johnson explained attending this conference will allow for completion of two of three remaining classes to complete master clerk certification. The dates are September 9th through September 11th.

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

XI – REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF & COMMISSIONERS

County Administrator Davis discussed the following:

- **Zoning Administrator** – welcomed and introduced Amanda Clement to the Board
- **Division Meetings** – being held with County Staff on a monthly basis
- **Finance Update** – 9.6 million SPLOST collection; department is functioning well
- **Reddick Stadium** – was struck by lightning, minimal damage
- **Annex Building** – work continuing for remodeled 4-H site
- **Old Concerted Service Bldg.** – soon to be demolished
- **School Resource Officer** – Sheriff made request, needed at school
- **CRC Comp Plan Update** – under review
- **EOM Report** – an engineering report was provided/ Michael Coon introduced engineering staff
- **First Tryon** – met with staff to discuss financial advisement for bond marketing

County Clerk Johnson discussed the following:

- **Animal Control Report** - Director Shelton has provided the report for July 2018.
- **2018 District Meeting Schedule** - For your information, a schedule of ACCG district meetings being held across the State has been provided. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested in attending any of these events.
- **NAACP 50th Celebration Gala** - The Effingham Branch of the NAACP will be having its 50th Anniversary Celebration & Freedom Fund Gala Saturday, September 8, 2018 beginning with a Meet n Greet at 5:30 pm and Dinner and Program at 6:00 PM at the Rincon Lions Club. The Speaker for this event will be Georgia State Representative Al Williams. A commemorative booklet will be forth forming; details on placing an advertisement in the booklet has been provided.

XI – EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:19 pm, Commissioner Kieffer made to go into executive session to discuss Personnel, Property and Pending Litigation. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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6:56 pm - Vice Chairperson Loper made a motion to go back into regular session. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XII - EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the July 17, 2018 executive session minutes as presented. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XV - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 6:57 pm, Vice Chairman Loper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman



Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk