

**THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wendall Kessler, Chairman, Mr. Steve Mason, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mrs. Vera Jones, Mr. Reginald Loper, Sr., and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in regular session at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Eric Gotwalt, County Attorney, Mr. Toss Allen, Interim County Administrator, Mr. Adam Kobek, Director of Community Relations, Ms. Karen Arnold, Executive Assistant, Stephanie Johnson, Interim County Clerk, Mrs. Joanna Wright, Finance Director, Ms. Rushe Hudzinski-Sero, Mr. George Shaw, Zoning Administrator, Mr. Steve Liotta, County Engineer, Ms. Fiona Charleton, Purchasing Agent, Mrs. Janice Bevill, Tax Assessor and Mrs. Linda McDaniel, Tax Commissioner, Mr. Rick Lott, and Mr. Arthur Rud.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kessler called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Chairman Kessler gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the American Flag.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Chairman Kessler asked that two items be considered as additions to the agenda. Under New Business# 1 – consideration to appoint Stephanie Johnson as interim County Clerk, and New Business #27 – consideration of a memorandum of understanding between Effingham County and the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit Drug Court of Effingham County.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions above. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Chairman Kessler questioned if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the June 4, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2013 as read. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT & AUDIT

Finance Director Wright gave an overview of the annual financial statements for fiscal year 2012/2013.

Commissioner Jones asked how much money is accounted for the cities. Finance Director Wright confirmed the number to be \$1,473,097.

Chairman Kessler asked if funds received from the State (for road pavement), which has not been expended, increase fund balance even though the funds have been committed to be spent.

Finance Director Wright replied the funds are placed in deferred revenue.

Mr. Donald Caines with Caines, Hodges & Company explained the report created by Caines, Hodges & Company on the current communications and auditor opinions for fiscal year 2012/2013.

There was a brief discussion among the Board regarding policy and procedures, and the current audited numbers versus the numbers from the previous year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Kessler stated if anyone would like to discuss an Agenda item, they may do so when said item is presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RELEASING SANITATION FEES AS SUBMITTED BY THE
SANITATION DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Loper made a motion to release the sanitation fees as submitted by the Sanitation Department. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM LAKESIDE WATER FOR A REFUND
OF TAXES OWED ON A 3.67 ACRE PARCEL IN CYPRESS LAKES FOR TAX YEARS 2010,
2011 & 2012 (01):**

Chairman Kessler removed himself (as he heard this matter while serving on the Board of Equalization). Vice Chairman Mason presided.

Tax Commissioner McDaniel confirmed a refund cannot be released until the taxes have been paid. Tax Commissioner McDaniel further explained if the taxes are paid the applicants will need to come back before the board for consideration of a refund.

Attorney Gotwalt advised the board the adjustment can only be made after the taxes have been paid. Attorney Gotwalt further advised the interest and penalties for 2010-2012 may be released and if good cause for nonpayment is found for 2008-2009 they may be released as well.

Tax Appraiser Bevill explained a machine fabrication building was located on the property prior to the property being subdivided. Upon the property being subdivided the paperwork remained to establish the building as being located on the property in question. The Board of Equalization later removed the building. The Board of Assessors is only allowed to retro back up to three years.

There was a discussion prompted by Commissioner Jones regarding back taxes prior to the owner.

Tax Commissioner McDaniel explained the breakdown of the taxes owed and interest and penalties fees to potentially be released.

Dennis and Kimberly Morris presented an aerial photo to depict the area where the building was once located on the property. Mr. Dennis Morris stated the building was removed prior to 2007.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve to release interest and penalties for 2008/2009 and current interest accrued this year for a total of \$2,770.88. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kessler returned to the meeting

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY

BOARD (02):

Director of Communications Kobek explained applications were submitted for Freddie Fulford and Larry Weddle.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to appoint Larry Weddle to the Library Board. Vice Chairman Mason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT STEPHANIE JOHNSON AS INTERIM COUNTY CLERK (01):

Chairman Kessler called for a motion.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to appoint Stephanie Johnson as interim County Clerk. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE 2012 DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN ACTUARIAL REPORT (02):

Human Resources Director Hudzinski-Sero gave an overview of the defined benefit plan actuarial report.

Mrs. Jenny Nichols of LPL Financial explained the defined benefit plan actuarial report in detail. Demographics, assets investment performance and contribution levels were items highlighted.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS AGREEMENT FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR TWO-SITE SIMULCAST SYSTEM UPGRADES AND

DISCUSSION ON PAYMENT OPTION (03):

EMA Director Myrick gave background on tower construction and the need for the system upgrades.

There was a discussion on the cost, process for proceeding with upgrades and capabilities with the upgrades.

Mr. Wade Britt with Savannah Communications stated this is an agreement in place for frequency use from the sites in Effingham County.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to move forward with tower infrastructure with financing options to be presented at the July 8, 2013 meeting, staff to return with suitable financing options. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN ANNUAL AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA FOR COMMUNICATION TOWERS AND 911 EQUIPMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE (04):

EMA Director Myrick explained the request for a maintenance agreement. Agreements are for maintenance on existing equipment. The proposed contract combines both the tower infrastructure and the E-911 service agreements.

Finance Director Wright explained the funding may not be readily available due to the amount being in excess of \$100,000 over prior year numbers. Finance Director Wright stated fees are not currently budgeted.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to table the request until the July 8th Commission meeting. Vice Chairman Mason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH

EMERSON NETWORK POWER, LIEBERT SERVICES, INC. (05):

EMA Director Myrick stated communications equipment is vulnerable to a number of force majeure events that could cripple the infrastructure if uninterruptable power supply systems are inoperable for any period of time. Agreements are maintained on existing Uninterrupted Power Supplies that are located at the MACC, Judicial Complex, South tower, North Tower, MACC Tower and the Administrative Complex. The proposed contract combines all existing one year service agreements under a single three year contract to provide an overall savings of \$8,526.00.

Vice Chairman Mason made a motion to table the request until the July 8th Commission meeting pending further information. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM SAVANNAH COMMUNICATIONS FOR GROUNDING TVSS AND ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AND OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS TO COMPLETE TOWER UPGRADES (06):

EMA Director Myrick presented the request for work to be completed for grounding and electrical upgrades and repairs. The work is preventive maintenance and adds protection against majeure events. The different sites where the work is needed are MACC, tower locations, and Sanitation office.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to table the request until the July 8, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kessler called for a break at 7:08:43 pm

Chairman Kessler called the meeting back to order at 7:16:33 pm

CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A BID TO AIKEN-HARPER ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR ON-CALL ELECTRICAL SERVICES (07):

Purchasing Agent Charleton explained in order to standardize and lock-in an hourly rate for a contractor to perform electrical work that cannot be self performed; a request for quote was issued. Purchasing Agent Charleton gave the cost breakdown for Aiken Harper Electrical Services, Proctor Electric Services and A & V Electric Company.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to award the bid to Aiken-Harper Electrical Services to provide on-call services to Effingham County. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A BID TO AUGUSTA CHILLER SERVICE INC FOR ON-CALL HVAC SERVICES (08):

Purchasing Agent Charleton explained in order to standardize and lock-in an hourly rate for a contractor to perform HVAC work that cannot be self performed; a request for a quote was issued. Purchasing Agent Charleton gave the cost breakdown for August Chiller Service, Inc., Mike Scott Heating & Air, Southeastern Air Conditioning Co., J.D. Heating & Air Therm Co Inc., and AAF McQuay Inc.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to award the bid to Augusta Chiller Service Inc. to provide on-call HVAC services for Effingham County. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A BID TO DIXIE WATERWORKS FOR ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES (09):

Purchasing Agent Charleton explained in order to standardize and lock-in an hourly rate for a contractor to perform plumbing work that cannot be self-performed; a request for quote was issued.

Chairman Mason expressed concern for only receiving one quote for services. It was explained by Community Relations Director Kobek that calls were made by the Purchasing Agent to vendors informing them of the bid opportunity.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to accept the bid to Dixie Waterworks to provide on-call plumbing services to Effingham County. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE FACILITATING DIRECT DEPOSIT TRANSFERS FOR EFFINGHAM COUNTY'S RETIREMENT PARTICIPANTS BY OPENING AN OPERATIONAL CHECKING ACCOUNT (10):

Finance Director Wright explained over the past year the county's retirement funds were moved to LPL from Merrill Lynch and Bank of America. This was due to Bank of America phasing out its handling of these type plans. One function was the disbursement of retirement funds through ACH directly to our participant's bank accounts. The current setup of LPL retirement funds and accounts does not allow for this function. Currently only a disbursement of a paper check is allowed. This presents an issue for many of the participants who were previously getting direct deposit of their retirement.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE MAINTENANCE IN LIEU OF RENT (MIL) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES (11):

Finance Director Wright stated the agreement is executed each year. The Maintenance in Lieu of Rent stipulates that the State Department of Human Resources will pay to Effingham County Board of Commissioners \$8.77 per square foot per month for a twelve (12) month period from the date of acceptance, to coincide with fiscal year 2012. Total payments to the county will be \$75,860.50.

There was a discussion on the increase in fees.

Attorney Gotwalt explained the numbers are completed by DFCS who adds 5% each year.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the maintenance in lieu of rent for the Department of Family & Children Services (DFCS) pending the completion of form 5465. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTINUING BUDGET RESOLUTION (12):

Finance Director Wright stated the fiscal year for the County begins on July 1st of each year and ends on June 30th the following year. Currently the Budget calendar has been amended to allow for discussion of the new proposed budget into July 2013. A workshop is proposed to be held on July 8, 2013. Finance Director Wright requested approval of a resolution continuing the FY 2012/13 funding levels.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the continuing resolution. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OGEECHEE JUDICIAL

CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE (13):

Community Relations Director Kobek explained the Ogeechee Public Defenders Office has been providing indigent defense services to Effingham County for several years. This is an annual contract which memorializes the obligations of the Public Defender's office and the cost of services to the County. Effingham County's share of this year's annual contract is \$172,676.23 paid in

monthly installments of \$14,389.69 an increase from last year by \$5,016.01 for personnel. Effingham County's share of operating expenses this year is \$31,392 paid in monthly installments of \$2,616.00 which is the same as last year.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to execute this contract for Public Defender Services. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL

CODE OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY BY ADDING A HOTEL/MOTEL EXCISE TAX

ORDINANCE (14):

Interim County Administrator Allen stated this is the same agreement with change to Sec. 6 (g) to allow authority of the County Administrator to grant extension of time of filing, authority, requirements, remittance, penalty and interest.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance to impose an Excise tax on rooms, lodging and accommodations and other purposes. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH EFFINGHAM COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR LODGING EXCISE TAX DISTRIBUTION (15):

Interim County Administrator Allen stated the agreement is for the use of the five cent tax levied. The agreement contemplates using the Effingham Chamber of Commerce as the only qualifying non-profit entity in the County. The agreement states 4/5 of the funds to go to the Effingham Chamber and 1/5 of the funds to go to the County for administrative purposes.

Mr. Arthur Rudd expressed concern for the Effingham Chamber receiving the funds. Mr. Rudd expressed his belief the County should receive all of the funds for the first couple of years.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve an agreement for lodging excise tax distribution with the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO SIGN AN EASEMENT CONTAINMENT LETTER FOR A TRACT OF LAND INTENDED TO BE DEVELOPED AS AN APARTMENT COMPLEX KNOWN AS GOSHEN CROSSING, PHASE II (16):

Interim County Administrator Allen stated a containment letter was executed for Phase I of Goshen Crossing. There are three easements located on the parcel for Phase II of the development.

Attorney Gotwalt confirmed his satisfaction with the containment letter.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve an easement containment letter for Goshen Crossing, Phase II. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FOR WETLAND DELINEATION SERVICES FOR HERBERT KESSLER ROAD (17):

Interim County Administrator Allen explained quotes have been obtained to determine where the wetland lines are located. The property lines are to be determined. Eight bids were received for the project. Environmental Services, Inc. submitted the lower bid price of \$600.00 lump sum, with a five day notice to schedule services.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the quote from Environmental Services, Inc. for wetland delineation services for Herbert Kessler Road. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON THE AMOUNT OF IMPACT FEES AVAILABLE AND ALLOWABLE USES FOR THE FUNDS (18):

Interim County Administrator Allen gave an overview of all three categories Public Safety, Roads and Parks . The Board was asked to consider categories on which to spend funds. Interim County Administrator Allen asked the Board to release funds for Hodgeville Road. Effingham Parkway is in the study for engineering or right of way acquisition. Highway 21 and McCall Road are being proposed to shift the northern portion of the Parkway from new alignment to utilize McCall Road, realigning the intersection of Courthouse and McCall Roads and Highway 21 for easier flow. Another option was to consider the intersection of Bluejay and McCall Roads.

There was a discussion of amending the study in-house. There was also a discussion about expending funds prior to year end.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to amend item# 18 from a discussion to a consideration to authorize the use of \$90,000 road impact fees and \$22,950 of public safety to pay for reimbursement of the Hodgeville Road paving and the Sheriff's South Precinct. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Mason opposed the vote. The motion carried.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to authorize use of \$90,000 road impact fees for reimbursement of Hodgeville Road and \$22,950 to public safety to pay for the sheriff's south precinct. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ON CALL RIGHT-OF-WAY SERVICES FROM MORELAND ALTABELLI ASSOCIATES, INC (19):

Interim County Administrator Allen stated that the County has had an on-call contract with Moreland Altobelli Associates since 2003. The on-call contract allows staff to utilize the right-of-way services of Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. as needed while providing a fixed cost for the services. Moreland Altobelli Associates is a Georgia Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Consultant.

Interim County Administrator reviewed highlights of the consultant services agreement.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the contract for on-call right-of-way services with Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PURCHASE AND SALE CONTRACT WITH GEORGIA POWER FOR 27.20 ACRES OF LAND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CLOSING DOCUMENTS (20):

Interim County Administrator Allen stated Georgia Power is requesting that the Board of Commissioners sell approximately 27.20 acres of unopened right-of-way to them. They would like to place a gated security entrance within the current right-of-way to better control access to the Plant McIntosh facility.

Vice Chairman Mason made a motion to sell the property to Georgia Power with the stipulation that if there is any future movement of the gate a truck turn around is provided for traffic purposes. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT AND ISSUE A NOTICE TO PROCEED FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN WESTWOOD HEIGHTS TO DIVISION II CONTRACTING, LLC (21):

Interim County Administrator Allen stated the Board of Commissioners awarded a bid at the last meeting. The agreement is being brought forth for execution.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to award the contract to Division II Contracting, LLC and issue a notice to proceed. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MOVING THE JULY 2ND COMMISSIONERS MEETING TO JULY 8TH AND THE JULY 16TH COMMISSIONERS MEETING TO JULY 23RD. (22):

Interim County Administrator Allen stated the date change was discussed at the last meeting. The item is being presented for a vote.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the date changes. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO RENAME PORTIONS OF FT. HOWARD ROAD AND RINCON STILLWELL ROAD TO OLD AUGUSTA ROAD SOUTH AND A PORTION OF OLD AUGUSTA ROAD SOUTH TO GRACE LANE (23):

County Engineer Liotta stated Effingham County has substantially completed the Old Augusta Road Phase II project. It has been intended since the beginning of this project that the entire corridor from Highway 21 to Ebenezer Road would have a single name, Old Augusta Road South. At this time, final Board approval of the necessary road name changes is needed. Staff will then proceed with the re-addressing of all affected properties. There is an additional change in the creation of a cul-de-sac to be named Grace Lane.

Interim County Administrator Allen explained Grace Lane was a name derived from a county resident in the area who has resided at the location for over sixty years.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the request to change the road names to Old Augusta Road South and Grace Lane. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO REAPPOINT HERB JONES AS THE NON-PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE FOR EFFINGHAM COUNTY TO SERVE ON THE COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION (24):

Community Relations Director Kobek stated that Mr. Herb Jones serves on the Coastal Regional Commission. The appointment is a joint appointment

between the cities. The County and cities have all agreed to reappoint Mr. Jones. The appointment is for a one year term.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to reappoint Mr. Herb Jones as the non-public representative for Effingham County to serve on the Coastal Regional Commission. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE COMMISSIONER'S TRAINING FOR CHAIRMAN KESSLER AND COMMISSIONER FLOYD (25):

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the request for Commissioner's Training for Chairman Kessler and Commissioner Floyd. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE COMMISSIONER'S TRAVEL FOR COMMISSIONER LOPER (26):

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the request for Commissioner's travel for Commissioner Loper. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN EFFINGHAM COUNTY AND THE OGEECHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DRUG COURT OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY FOR STATE OF GEORGIA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (27):

Chairman Kessler stated the Memorandum of Understanding is changing the process for fund distribution for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit Drug Court of Effingham County.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A SPECIAL

ENGAGEMENT WITH OLIVER MANER, LLP (28):

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the request for a special engagement with Oliver Maner LLP. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

CHARLES HELMLY (01): A public hearing was held on the application of

Charles Helmy to rezone 1 acre located at 4990 McCall Road from AR-1 to AR-2 Map# 450D-6 in the Second District.

Zoning Administrator Shaw explained there were three dwellings on the property. The owner wishes to subdivide the property to allow for a home site for his son.

Zoning Administrator Shaw presented the request and stated staff and the Planning Board recommends approval.

No one was present in favor or against the request.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the request with the following stipulations:

1. Each lot shall meet the requirements of the AR-2 Zoning District.
2. Site development plans shall comply with the Effingham County Water Resources Protection Ordinance and the Storm Water Management Local Design Manual.
3. All wetland impacts shall be permitted by the USACE.
4. Subdivision plat shall be approved by the Health Department and the Zoning Office. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CHARLES HELMLY (02): A public hearing was held on the application of

Charles Helmy for a variance use located at 4990 McCall Road Map# 450D-6 in the Second District.

Zoning Administrator Shaw presented the request and stated staff and the Planning Board recommends approval. The variance is required under section 6.6 of the Subdivision Regulations. What was the request for?

No one was present in favor or against the request.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FREDDIE TUTEN (03): A public hearing was held on the application of Freddie Tuten to rezone 1 acre located at 2879 Hwy 17 North from AR-1 to AR-2 Map# 250-29 in the Third District.

Zoning Administrator Shaw stated staff and the Planning Board recommends approval.

No one was present in favor or against the request.

Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve the request with the following stipulations: Each lot shall meet the requirements of the AR-2 Zoning District.

1. Site development plans shall comply with the Effingham County Water Resources Protection Ordinance and the Storm Water Management Local Design Manual.
2. All wetland impacts shall be permitted by the USACE.
3. Subdivision plat shall be approved by the Health Department and the Zoning Office.

Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

WILLIE REWIS (04): A public hearing was held on the application of Willie Rewis to rezone 5.96 acres located at 126 Needle Pointe Drive from AR-2 to AR-1 Map# 369-20A in the Fourth District.

Zoning Administrator Shaw stated the two parcels are located adjacent to each other. The applicant requests to rezone the parcel to combine with adjoining property. Staff and the Planning Board recommend approval.

No one was present in favor or against the request.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the request with the following stipulations:

1. Each lot shall meet the requirements of the AR-1 Zoning District.
2. Site development plans shall comply with the Effingham County Water Resources Protection Ordinance and the Storm Water Management Local Design Manual.
3. All wetland impacts shall be permitted by the USACE.
4. Subdivision plat shall be approved by the Health Department and the Zoning Office.

Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Interim County Administrator discussed the following:

1. Video Recording of Meetings

- Moving forward with limited equipment purchases based on previous direction provided by the Board. The camera has been ordered for CDWG.
- Google has been contacted about creating a government page on YouTube.

2. Ash Road Repairs for bid

- Patterson, Needlepoint, Ogeechee, Cherokee, Hester, Ingram, Green Morgan School Road, Indigo Road, Taylor Chapel Road, Union Springs Road, Log Landing Drive.
- Bids were received on 6/13. Only one bid was received. The bid was received from Littlefield Construction with a price of 846,554.00 for Alternative #1 and 472,606.00 for Alternative #2.
- Does the Board wish to re-bid?

3. Road Resurfacing

- Fair Street, Fox Bow Drive, High Bluff Road, Honey Ridge Road, Little McCall Road, Log Landing Road, Long Bridge Road, Marion Avenue, Old Dixie Highway, Oliver Kildare Highway, Sisters Ferry Road, Stillwell Road, Williams Avenue and Wylly Road are currently under consideration.
- Would like to complete approximately 9 miles of resurfacing.
- McCall and Blue Jay are considered under a separate project.

4. Old Augusta Road

- Work on the signal is now underway.
- Asphalt is complete, striping, signage and final grading is all that remains.
- Erosion is occurring in the vicinity of Dasher Creek due to an excessive amount of water which is caused by maintenance pumping from a surface mine located on Ft. Howard Road.
- Lining the ditch with rip rap seems to be the best solution and would cost approximately \$80,000 to complete.
- Direction from the Board?

5. Herbert Kessler Road

- Topographic survey is complete from Blue Jay Road to the Davis Property

- Boundary survey revealed major discrepancies between recorded plats. Those discrepancies have been resolved.
- Once the wetlands have been delineated the route needs to be negotiated with the Davis’.

6. Courthouse Road Extension

- Survey is complete.
- Next step is to begin to acquire right-of-way. Estimated cost of acquisition is \$200,000.

7. Eli Whitney Watershed Ditch

8. Redevelopment of SR 119 Recreation Facility

- The Recreation Board met at a joint workshop with The Commissioners on 6/13
- The improvements would need to be started in November and be completed by February to avoid conflicts in the use of the facility.

9. Logging Ordinance

- A revised draft of the logging ordinance will be presented to the Board in July.

10. Signage at Blue Jay and Midland Roads

- Double indicated 48” High Intensity Prismatic stop signs with a vertical retro reflective strip on the sign support will be installed at both approaches.
- The signs have been ordered and will be installed once they arrive.

11. Signage at Ft. Howard Road and Old Augusta Road

- A W-7 (48) and two OM-4 (12) signs will be installed at this intersection as part of the contract for Old Augusta Road.

12. Effingham Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Retreat

- The community Retreat will be held Thursday, August 22nd and Friday, August 23rd at The King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort on St. Simons Island.
- Rooms must be booked by July 21st.
- Please notify the Clerk if you plan on attending.

13. Building Insurance Renewal

- Insurance needs to be renewed by July 1st. The premium is \$372,325.
- Last year’s premium was \$366,082.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to enter Executive Session.

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the June 4, 2013 executive session minutes. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to add to the agenda item New

Business item #28, consideration to authorize the chairman to execute a special

engagement with Oliver Maner, LLC. Vice Chairman Mason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENED

At 10:44 pm, a motion was made to reconvene and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:46 pm, Commissioner Loper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



WENDALL KESSLER, CHAIRMAN



STEPHANIE JOHNSON, INTERIM COUNTY CLERK