

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED EMERGENCY MEETING**
August 14, 2015

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wendall Kessler, Chairman, Mrs. Vera Jones, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in emergency session 4:00 pm on Friday, August 14, 2015 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Edward Newberry, County Attorney, Mr. Toss Allen, County Administrator, Mrs. Stephanie Johnson, County Clerk and Ms. Gg Rigsby

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kessler called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Vice Chairperson Jones gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Chairman Kessler led the Pledge to the American Flag.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:11 pm, Commissioner Kieffer made to enter executive session to discuss Personnel, Property and Pending Litigation. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 5:13 pm

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SETTLEMENT LETTER BETWEEN EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND OLD AUGUSTA DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED ON OLD AUGUSTA ROAD (01):

Vice Chairperson Jones stated the item for consideration will be in reference to the settlement letter presented on behalf of the Old Augusta Development Group which was discussed in executive session.

Chairman Kessler called for a motion.

Vice Chairperson Jones made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the settlement agreement agreeing to the principle terms outlined in the settlement letter dated August 14, 2015 with four attachments identifying the property legal description and all incumbencies. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

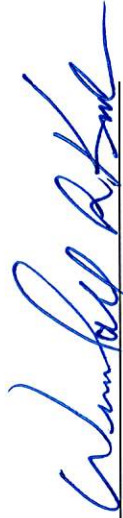
County Attorney Newberry stated the principle terms as follows: The County will purchase the Old Augusta property for \$7 million dollars to settle the pending lawsuit. The property will be sold subject to all incumbencies of record and there will be a real estate closing to transfer the property. As a result, releases will be signed by all Plaintiffs releasing all claims of this matter. A dismissal with prejudice will be filed.

For the record, the motion was restated as follows:

Vice Chairperson Jones made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the settlement agreement agreeing to the principle terms outlined in the settlement letter dated August 14, 2015 with four attachments identifying the property legal description and all incumbencies. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 5:17 pm, Commissioner Loper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairperson Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



WENDALL KESSLER, CHAIRMAN



STEPHANIE JOHNSON, COUNTY CLERK