

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

August 18, 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 regular session 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 18, 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, Mr. George Shaw-Zoning Administrator, Mrs. Fiona Charleton – Purchasing Agent, Mrs. Katie Barenchik – Purchasing Assistant, Mr. R.C. Barenchik- GIS, Dr. Franklin Goldwire, Mr. Jack Garvin, Mr. Tony Chiariello, and Ms. Gg Rigsby

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kessler called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Chairman Kessler gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Chairman Kessler led the Pledge to the American Flag.

AGENDA APPROVAL

County Clerk Johnson requested that the minutes of the August 13th and August 14th emergency called meetings be added to the agenda for consideration of approval, as well as the executive session minutes for both dates.

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

MINUTES

Chairman Kessler asked that the minutes being considered are approved individually. County Clerk Johnson confirmed there were changes to be made in the minutes of August 13th and August 14th. The changes are as follows: the August 13th meeting minutes reads Tuesday, August 13, 2015 and should read Thursday, August 13th. In addition it is written in the first paragraph "the Commissioners met in regular session", should read emergency session.

The August 14th meeting minutes reads Tuesday, August 14, 2015 and should read Friday, August 14th. In addition it is written in the first paragraph "the Commissioners met in regular session", should read emergency session.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the Recreation Workshop minutes of August 4, 2015 as read. Vice Chairperson Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 regular meeting as read. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Jones made a motion to approve the August 13, 2015 minutes with the noted changes. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the August 14, 2015 minutes with the noted changes. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

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

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH EGPS SOLUTIONS FOR AN EGPS BASE STATION (01):

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Chairperson Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Beverly Davis with RS & H and consultant for of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) gave an overview of what the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Metropolitan Transportation plan consists of.

There is only a small area of Effingham County that is part of the CORE MPO planning area. The projects within the MPO's plan are still included by reference in the Statewide Transportation Plan.

There will be coordination between local Staff and elected officials, GDOT and the CORE MPO. Public participation is encouraged through public meetings and presentations as well as an online survey.

OLD BUSINESS**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO ACCEPT A BID AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO GOVPLANET, LLC FOR 2015-2016 SURPLUS VEHICLE AUCTION SERVICES (01):**

Purchasing Agent Charleton explained each year the County contracts for surplus vehicle auction services. The current contract expired on June 30, 2015. A request for quote was issued and posted in the typical advertising areas. Quotes were received from two (2) vendors: Gov Planet, LLC and Lane Brothers.

Staff recommends the Board approve Gov Planet LLC's quote and approve to issue a contract to Gov. Planet LLC for surplus vehicle auction services. The contract has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve Gov Planet LLC's quote and approve to issue a contract to Gov Planet LLC for surplus vehicle auction services. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A ROUNDABOUT AT SR HWY 17 AND BLUEJAY ROAD (01):**

County Administrator Allen explained the Department of Transportation has identified the intersection of SR 17 at Blue Jay Road as a candidate for possible Roundabout consideration.

An indication of Roundabout Support Letter will be required for the Department of Transportation to begin to validate the roundabout as a feasible alternative. Effingham County is agreeing to pay the full and entire cost of the electric energy used for any lighting installed and any maintenance costs associated with the landscaping of the intersection.

If the roundabout is selected as the preferred alternative, a formal Local Government Lighting Project Agreement with proposed costs will need to be executed. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve to authorize the Chairman to sign the Indication of a Roundabout Support. Vice Chairperson Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CLERK TRAVEL FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION (02):

County Clerk Johnson explained the travel presented is for continuing education credits towards clerk certification in Athens, GA.

Vice Chairperson Jones made a motion to approve the cost for travel. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE COMMISSIONER TRAVEL FOR THE ACCG LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN JEKYLL ISLAND, GA (03):

County Clerk Johnson explained the conference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th through Friday, October 9th. One day course training is included in the conference cost of \$400.00. A second day of training will cost an additional \$200.00. The training is needed for continuing education credits.

Vice Chairperson Jones made a motion to approve the travel expense for Commissioners who need training for the ACCG conference. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

The minutes for the executive sessions of August 4, 2015, August 13, 2015 and August 14, 2015 will be approved at the September 1, 2015 Commission meeting.

PLANNING BOARD

There were no Planning Board items to be considered for this meeting.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

County Administrator Allen discussed the following:

- 1. Monthly Fire Report**
 - A copy of the monthly fire report for the month for July 2015 is being provided.
- 2. Monthly Senior Citizens Report**
 - A copy of the monthly senior citizens report for the month for July 2015 is being provided.
- 3. Animal Shelter Report**
 - A copy the monthly animal shelter report for the month of July 2015 is being provided.
- 4. EMS Report**
 - A copy of the quarterly ems report for the second quarter of 2015 is being provided.
- 5. Georgia's Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Implementation FY 2016 Grant**
 - Provided is the information on Georgia's Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source implementation FY 2016 Grant
- 6. Friends of Disabled Adults and Children**
 - Friends of Disabled Adults and Children has entered into a partnership agreement with Coastal Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging to provide home medical equipment for area residents with disabilities, including seniors and their caregivers.
 - Attached is information about that partnership.
- 7. Thank You Letter from the Beaufort County Sherriff's Office to Effingham E-911**

- A letter thanking Mr. Spinks for his help in loaning necessary equipment to restore functionality to Beaufort County's disabled 911 Dispatch Center.
- 8. Monthly Travel Reports**
 - A copy of the travel reports for the months of May 2015, June 2015 and July 2015 is being provided.
- 9. Kolic Helmly Road**
 - Work will begin Thursday, August 20, 2015
- 10. Recreation Project Master Plan**
 - Copies of the layout location on the property are being provided for the Board's review.

County Clerk Johnson discussed the following:

- 1. Freedom Fund Banquet**
 - To be held Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 801 Central Blvd, Guyton.
- 2. IDA Special Called Meeting**
 - To be held Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the King & Prince Hotel, Jekyll Island

Commissioner Loper discussed the following:

- 1. Right of Way Grass Cutting**
 - The grass growth is excessive. Administrator Allen explained the contractual agreement is being fulfilled. The Board may want to consider increasing the number of cuts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 5:42 pm, Commissioner Loper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


WENDALL KESSLER, CHAIRMAN


STEPHANIE JOHNSON, COUNTY CLERK