

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
*Special Called*  
*October 24, 2016*

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The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wendall Kessler, Chairman, Mr. Forrest Floyd – Vice Chair, Mrs. Vera Jones, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in regular meeting 9:00 am on Monday, October 24, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. Toss Allen, County Administrator, Mr. Edward Newberry, County Attorney, Mrs. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mrs. Joanna Wright – Finance Director, Mrs. Fiona Charleton-Purchasing Agent, Mr. Don Collier, Ms. Claudia Collier, Mr. Jack Garvin, Mrs. LaMeisha Kelly, Mr. Wesley Corbitt and Mr. Allen McClarin

**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.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Loper 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO A TASK ORDER WITH SOUTHERN DISASTER RECOVERY SC FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES (01):**

County Administrator Allen explained in 2014 the Board approved two contracts, one for disaster debris removal and one of monitoring services. The scope of services proposed is

limited to debris removal. Staff is requesting the board approve a Task Order for these services. Area covered under this order is 50,000 cubic yards, not to exceed \$600,000. If these numbers are exceeded the item will be brought back to the Board for consideration.

A compliance checklist was provided by FEMA which resulted in the County Attorney reviewing and altering the portion of the document known as Attachment G.

Albert McClarin, owner of Southern Disaster Recovery in Greer SC advised under the 2CFR200 there is a two year grace period based on fiscal year. A resolution should be adopted accepting the grace period as a safety precaution.

There was a discussion about measures to take to ensure FEMA compliance

Ms. Claudia Collier asked if debris would be removed from individual property and the time frame permitted. It was explained the debris from private property would be picked up from the county right of way. The company is not allowed to enter private property. The pickup should be complete within approximately 45 days, not to exceed 180 days.

There was a discussion about if citizens who live on a private road or in a gated community would receive these services. It was discussed that those roads are not included. A waiver should be applied for through FEMA in order to be eligible.

Mr. Wesley Corbitt questioned if there was a reason that the cities were not being included. It was explained it was the belief that Guyton and Springfield were handling areas within their jurisdiction.

Ms. LaMeisha Kelly, City of Rincon stated if possible she believes the city would like to opt in. More open lines of communication were also encouraged.

Dialogue continued about agreements between the county and the cities and reimbursement.

Mr. Jack Garvin asked if local contractors would be used. The response was yes.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Task Order 2016-01, with the following stipulations (1) removal of hazardous stumps, (2) adopt 2 year grace period as referenced in 2CFR200, (3) the cities can opt in for up to one week from today by entering into an agreement with the county, (4) because this is a reimbursable item the cost will be initially paid for from either the Special Tax District or the Sanitation fund, (5) apply for a Waiver required by FEMA in order to reimburse possible private communities and (6) with the amended Attachment G created by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A TASK ORDER WITH THOMPSON CONSULTING SERVICES FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL MONITORING SERVICES (02):**

County Administrator Allen explained the job of this company is to monitor the debris removal and note yardages and keep up with trucks, and provide documents to submit to FEMA for the County to be reimbursed. The fee is at an hourly rate. The total cost allocated for this service is \$150,000.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Task Order with the following stipulations (1) removal of hazardous stumps, (2) adopt 2 year grace period as referenced in 2CFR200, (3) the cities can opt in for up to one week from today by entering into an agreement with the county, (4) because this is a reimbursable item the cost will be initially paid for from either the Special Tax District or the Sanitation fund, (5) apply for a Waiver required by FEMA in order to reimburse possible private communities and (6) with the amended Attachment G created by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business at 10:00 AM, Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

  
WENDALL A. KESSLER, CHAIRMAN

  
STEPHANIE JOHNSON, COUNTY CLERK