

# Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

February 9, 2017

9:00am

**Commissioners Present:** Horace Daniel, Larry Mathis, Frank Simmons, Edward Burten, Melton Jones

**Prayer**

**Pledge to American Flag**

**Call to Order**

## **Approval of Past Minutes**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held in January, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. The motion to approve the January minutes passed with a show of hands.

## **Bills**

- A motion was required to approve the bills for the past month as follows:
  - Administrative & Other \$264,477.24
  - Road Department \$54,051.32
  - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$57,022.07
  - Courthouse \$36,373.80
  - EMA \$258.74
  - E-911 \$6,691.32
  - Landfill \$62,197.33
- A motion made by Commissioner Mathis to approve the bill for the past month, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion was passed by show of hands.

## **Road Department Update**

- The road superintendent informed the commissioners and public of the upcoming bridge replacement on Hamburg State Park Road near Pine Hill Church, as well as the detour routes that will be available. The bridge is being replaced by the State of Georgia and will be of no cost to the County. The new bridge will be wider and longer than the current bridge.

## **Appointments**

- Fallout Shelters – Agnes Curtis
  - Ms. Curtis inquired of shelters that are available to those in need of a safe space in the event of inclement weather. Chairman Daniel explained that there is a plan in place for emergency situations, and encouraged Ms. Curtis to speak with the EMA Director for more information on the plan. Chairman Daniel also commented that the emergency plan will be publicized for more exposure to the public.
- Urquhart Road (CR009700) – Charles Adams
  - Mr. Adams discussed the history of the road and the recurring request for it to be closed. He also discussed the number of families and concerned citizens that want to see the road remain open and paved in the future. Mr. Adams presented the County's priority list for repaving, in which Urquhart Road is listed albeit at the end. Mr. Adams

requested for the road to (1) remain on the paving list, (2) continue to be maintained in full by the County, and (3) to revise the paving list for the entirety of Urquhart Road to be paved, as opposed to stopping at the intersection with Wright Lane.

- Landers Lane – Bernestine Landers
  - This matter was not discussed as no one was present to discuss this item.

#### **Old Business – None**

#### **New Business**

- Landfill Closure – Contract Award
  - The County Administrator explained the process for receiving bids on the project and presented the Commissioners with the bids received from each of the companies that submitted a proposal. He went on to explain that Cooper, Barnett & Page, Inc. and Southeastern Environmental Contracting, Inc. were the top scoring proposals according to the committee that graded each of the proposals. The committee recommended that the base bid from Cooper, Barnett & Page, Inc. receive the award to undertake the project. The alternative option was approximately \$20,000 less than the base bid, but require further permitting from the Environmental Protection Division, and further engineering, which would delay the project and possibly cost more than the base bid. Also, with the loan secured from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the project, the delay could result in a penalty fee.
  - Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the proposal from Cooper, Barnett & Page, Inc. in the amount of \$2,842,798.78, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion passed with a show of hands.
- Tax Collection Agreements
  - The County Administrator explained that the tax collection agreements with the cities of Davisboro, Deepstep, Harrison, and Tennille were in need of being renewed.
  - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the tax collection agreements, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. The motion passed with a show of hands.
- Amendment to Agreement with 4-H
  - The County Attorney explained the nature of the amendment, whereas the 4-H would like to utilize another 4.50 acres for the purposes of the shooting range approved in the original agreement.
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Jones to approve the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion passed with a show of hands.
- Resolution to Dedicate Georgia Highway 272 – Gordy Memorial Highway
  - A request was made to dedicate Highway 272 to Berry Gordy, Jr. and his family. Berry Gordy, Jr. was the founder of the Motown Record Corporation, which has been identified as an icon in the music industry. The Gordy family resided in an area near the town of Oconee for many years before moving to Detroit, Michigan.
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the resolution to dedicate Georgia Highway 272 to the Gordy family, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. The motion passed with a show of hands.
- Surplus Equipment
  - The County Administrator presented a list of equipment that was no longer being used and requested to sell the items.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to sell the surplus equipment, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. The motion passed with a show of hands.
- Reappointment of Committees
  - Chairman Daniel explained that the commissioners would like to remain on the same committees as the previous year. Chairman Daniel read those committees out to the public.
  - A motion was made Commissioner Mathis to approve the reappointments, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion passed with a show of hands.
- Sheriff Office – Vehicle Purchase
  - The County Administrator explained the request from the Sheriff’s Office to purchase a new police interceptor. Two quotes were received: Brannen Motor Company for \$27,696.00 and Childre Ford -Mercury Inc. for \$27,569.00. The quote from Childre Ford-Mercury Inc. was the recommendation to accept.
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Jones to accept the quote from Childre Ford-Mercury Inc. to purchase a new police interceptor, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion passed with a show of hands.
- Contract Ratification
  - Ricks Glass Company
    - For the replacement of window at the Washington County Health Department
    - \$6,893.00
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons the ratify the contracts for the month, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. The motion passed with a show of hands.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Public Comment Session**

  
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Horace Daniel, Chairman

**Attest:**

  
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Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk