

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting
November 9, 2017
9:00am

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

Prayer

Pledge

Call to Order

Approval of Past Minutes

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

Bills

- A motion was required to approve the bills for the past month as follows:
 - Administrative & Other \$638,324.15
 - Road Department \$78,597.85
 - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$66,986.46
 - Courthouse \$43,978.84
 - EMA \$20,752.96
 - E-911 \$70,012.37
 - Landfill \$115,441.47

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the bill for the past month, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

Road Department Update

- The Road Superintendent gave an update on the activities of the road department and landfill, in which he explained that road crews are working on Old Eighty-Five Road to rebuild shoulders since there are several areas requiring attention, as well as mentioning that the landfill closure project has been completed and that an inspection of the site will be performed by the Environmental Protection Division once grass has completely grown in and covered the area.
- He went on to discuss the intersection of Highway 15 and Highway 102 in the community of Warthen. There have been numerous concerns regarding the intersection due to its location on a curve. The Georgia Department of Transportation will be investigating the intersection and develop potential solutions to the issue.
- In closing, he announced that the bridge replacement over Cowpen Creek has been completed, reopening Hamburg State Park Road in its entirety.

Appointments

- Kaolin Festival Update – Katie Moncus
 - Mrs. Moncus discussed the Kaolin Festival's activities and the economic impact that it created this year. She explained that food vendors increased by 25%, arts and crafts by

12%, and parade entries by 6%. She expressed her gratitude to the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, for the in-kind services provided to help with this year's festival.

- Changing Time of Board Meetings – Cassandra Jackson
 - Ms. Jackson requested that the regular meeting time be changed from 9:00am to a time after 5:00pm, to allow for herself and anyone working until 5:00pm a chance to make the meetings without having to leave their jobs or interrupting their daily professional routines.
 - Chairman Daniel explained that holding the meetings at a later time was tried in the past, but resulted in less attendance from the public than the meetings held at 9:00am. No formal action was taken on the request, however it will be considered further before any decision is made.
- Newman Street – Howard Swint
 - Mr. Swint did not attend the meeting to discuss the condition of Newman Street. Newman Street is a road under the jurisdiction of the City of Sandersville.

Old Business – None

New Business

- Reappointments to Library Board
 - A letter was received from the Library Board requesting the reappointments of Mr. Randy Thomas and Mr. John Wilson to serve a term from January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2020.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Jones to reappoint Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wilson to the Library Board for another three-year term, seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

Contract Ratification – None

Chairman Comments


Meeting Adjourned

Public Comment Session



Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest:



Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk