

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

October 10, 2017

9:00am

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

Prayer

Pledge

Call to Order

Approval of Past Minutes

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

Bills

- A motion was required to approve the bills for the past month as follows:
 - Administrative & Other \$310,496.50
 - Road Department \$43,307.51
 - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$33,873.21
 - Courthouse \$52,827.44
 - EMA \$122,419.84
 - E-911 \$6,620.41
 - Landfill \$84,511.96

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 progress of the Lamar's Creek project, explaining that the telephone companies should have lines rerouted by November 2017. He also explained that the resurfacing for 2017 was completed, with the striping and shoulder clipping yet to be completed. The final project he discussed was the bridge replacement on Hamburg State Park Road, commenting that the project should be complete within the next two weeks.
- Following the update, the commissioners expressed concern and asked for meeting with the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding the intersection of Highway 15 and Highway 102 in Warthen.

Appointments

- Changing Time of Board Meetings – Cassandra Jackson
 - Ms. Jackson did not attend the meeting to discuss her concern
- School Taxes for Citizens Over 80 – Dan Hutchins
 - Mr. Hutchins did not attend the meeting to discuss his concern

Old Business – None

New Business

- Property Acquisition
 - The County Administrator explained the property of interest and its location adjacent to Landfill Site 2. He reported that Atlantic Coast Consulting, which coordinates the landfill monitoring and environmental compliance for the County, encouraged the purchase of the property to avoid any potential issues with methane and groundwater since the property is down gradient from the landfill site. He also mentioned that this exact issue occurred at a property next this landfill site that forced the County to purchase the property and provide any damages to the property owner pursuant to the Environmental Protection Division's findings, which cost the County over \$200,000 for a parcel smaller than 30 acres. The parcel of interest in this instance is 89 acres, and would certainly cost much more if a similar accident were to occur.
 - The property of interest is ready to be sold by the owners for a price of \$207,000, which is less than its appraisal value. A vote was required to approve the purchase of the property.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the purchase of the 89-acre tract adjacent to the Landfill Site 2 to avoid any future environmental litigation, seconded by Commissioner Jones. 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