

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

January 11, 2018

9:00am

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

Prayer

Pledge

Call to Order

Special Announcement

- Following the Call to Order of the meeting, Chairman Daniel asked that a moment be taken to recognize Mr. Larry Mathis for his years of outstanding service as a county commissioner. Mr. Mathis submitted a resignation letter to Chairman Daniel with an effective date of December 31, 2017, which was read aloud by the County Administrator to the commissioners and public attending the meeting. Chairman Daniel and Mr. Mathis's son, Rob, gave moving sentiments to commemorate the resignation and recognition of Mr. Mathis. A copy of the letter submitted by Mr. Mathis is attached with these minutes.
- In accordance with the law of the State of Georgia, a special election must be called to elect a candidate to fill the vacant commission seat for the remainder of the unexpired term that ends December 31, 2018, since there are 180 days or more left in the unexpired term. The special election will be held on the third Tuesday in March to adhere to state law. There will be two and one-half days for candidates to qualify for the vacant seat; the exact dates will be determined by the Washington County Board of Elections.

Approval of Past Minutes

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

Bills

- A motion was required to approve the bills for the past month as follows:
 - Administrative & Other \$330,608.05
 - Road Department \$80,673.69
 - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$78,302.98
 - Courthouse \$35,943.94
 - EMA \$255.79
 - E-911 \$6,066.90
 - Landfill \$73,570.33

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

Road Department Update

- The Public Works Superintendent explained that the restriping scheduled to be done via federal grant funds is ongoing, with several roads left to be completed, including Old Savannah Rd., Holmes-Canner Rd., and N. Davisboro Rd. He also asked to purchase 2 new tractors, 1 large mower, and 1 small mower for the upcoming grass cutting season, since the crew fell behind last year due to high growth rates from substantial rainfall. He also asked to purchase a new Ford F-550 to go on the routes for cleaning up debris at dumpster sites and other areas of need, as the current truck utilized for those activities is beginning to wear down significantly. Should these purchases be allowed, the formal bidding process will take place for each item as detailed in the financial policy of Washington County.

Appointments

- Meeting Times – Cassandra Jackson
 - Ms. Jackson did not attend the meeting to discuss this item.
- Family Connections – Roy Jackson
 - Mr. Jackson did not attend the meeting to discuss this item.

Old Business – None

New Business

- Development Authority Appointment – Travis Collins
 - The County Administrator explained that Mr. Collins is a native and resident of Washington County and the Chief Technology Officer at Queensborough National Bank. He was highly recommended by several sources in the community, and was very interested in joining the Development Authority. A vote was required to appoint Mr. Collins the Development Authority board.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the appointment of Mr. Collins, seconded by Commissioner Burten. 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