

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING OF THE
COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015
5:00 o'clock p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 o'clock p.m. by Vice – Chairman Donna Herndon. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various county issues and to conduct any other county business deemed necessary. The meeting was duly called and advertised.

PRESENT: Those present were Commissioners Winfred Giddens, Marc DeMott, Donna Herndon, Paul Nagy, and Johnny Hardin, Chairman Terry R. Clark, County Administrator Chas Cannon, County Attorney Lester M. Castellow, and County Clerk Melissa Lawson.

ALSO PRESENT: Click Peters, Human Resources Director.

ABSENT: Commissioner Luke P. Strong, Jr.

MID MONTH REVIEW: Mr. Cannon reviewed several upcoming agenda items with the board.

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Cannon stated that the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance would be led by Commissioner Donna Herndon.
- Citizens Having Business with the County – Mr. Cannon explained that, to date, no citizens had requested to be placed upon the agenda to address the board.
- Contract Renewals:
 - Southwest Georgia Community Action Council – Family Connection Collaborative on Children and Families – Mr. Cannon stated that this contract would facilitate payment, by the county, to the Community Action Council in order to provide specific services related to the Family Connection Collaborative on Children and Families. Mr. Cannon noted that this contract was pursuant to the Family Connection Contract with the Georgia Department of Human Services, which was previously approved at last month's board meeting.
 - Renewal of ACH Origination Agreement and Business Online Agreement–Ameris Bank – Mr. Cannon that the Solid Waste Department has utilized ACH payments as a viable way of collecting payments for solid waste bills since 2002. Mr. Cannon requested that Commissioner DeMott elaborate upon contract terms and conditions.

Commissioner DeMott explained that anytime an ACH payment is sent or received, there is a certain period of time that the payment is not upon the books of the sender or receiver of the payment, basically deeming this form of payment an unsecured line of credit. Commissioner DeMott explained

that executing these contracts essentially protected both parties involved in the transaction.

(Chairman Clark entered the meeting at 5:06 p.m.)

- Ratification of Votes – Mr. Cannon explained that two votes obtained by phone polling the commission necessitated ratification in an open meeting. These votes consisted of:
 - Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections – Mr. Cannon stated that the amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (lease) with the Georgia Department of Corrections was necessary in order to authorize energy infrastructure improvements to the County Prison. Mr. Cannon noted that approval of this amendment was unanimous.
 - Submission of Nominees to Hospital Authority Board – Mr. Cannon stated that, per request from Jim Matney, CEO of Colquitt Regional Medical Center, three names were submitted for consideration regarding nomination to the Hospital Authority Board. He further stated that the board unanimously approved the submission of Mark Mobley, Dr. Thomas Estes, and David Hart as nominees.
- Approval of Bid for 7 Pursuit Vehicles – Sheriff's Department – Mr. Cannon informed the board that five bids were received regarding the provision of 7 pursuit vehicles to be utilized by the Patrol and School Resource Officer divisions of the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Cannon stated that the low and recommended bid was from Alan Jay Fleet Sales in the amount of \$21,633.57, and further stated that funding for five vehicles would be derived from SPLOST, with the remaining two being funded through existing budgeted capital outlay funds. Mr. Cannon noted a savings of \$45,000.00 from originally projected budget estimates.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES: Mr. Cannon presented a list of key, pertinent issues to be brought to the board's attention.

- Drug Enforcement Team – Mr. Cannon stated that the City of Moultrie conveyed that the Moultrie Police Department (MPD) did not currently possess adequate staff to facilitate participation in the joint drug task force. However, Mr. Cannon stated that Mike Scott, City Manager, indicated that the county would be contacted when the MPD reached an acceptable level of staffing.

Commissioner Nagy questioned the number of personnel currently staffed by the MPD.

- Beer and Wine Ordinance – Mr. Cannon stated that Mr. Tim Barber had recently met with several commissioners regarding his request that the board consider the on premises consumption of beer and wine in the county. As a result, Mr. Cannon

informed the board that he had met with Lester M. Castellow, County Attorney, and Chief Compliance Officer Justin H. Cox to further research the issue. Mr. Cannon stated that he would be prepared to submit a list of options for the board to consider during the September Mid-Month Review meeting.

Commissioner DeMott stated that the issue definitely warranted further research, stating that he had received inquiries regarding the topic of Sunday alcohol sales.

Commissioner Herndon questioned if the City of Moultrie currently allowed the Sunday sale of alcohol.

- Health Care Related Items – Mr. Cannon presented three health care related items for discussion: medical services at the Jail and Prison, the Employee Health and Wellness Clinic, and methods in which to discover additional savings on claim charges.

- Medical Services at the Jail and Prison - Mr. Cannon recommended that the board terminate the current contract with Southern Correctional Medicine, the current provider of medical services at the County Jail and Prison. Mr. Cannon stated that the county would realize substantial savings by contracting with Colquitt Regional Medical Center to provide these services.

Mr. Cannon stated that, aside from the obvious benefit of \$200,000.00 in annual savings, other benefits of utilizing CRMC for medical services at the Jail and Prison would be that local vendors and physicians would be utilized, one of whom (Dr. Woodwin Weeks) currently serves as the County Physician.

- Employee Health and Wellness Clinic Update – Mr. Cannon stated that it was also his recommendation that the county terminate the existing contract with Transform Health Rx and instead execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with CRMC in order to utilize the services of The Kirk Clinic. Mr. Cannon declared his belief that county employees would receive quality healthcare in a streamlined and efficient manner.

Mr. Cannon presented graphical data reflecting the cost benefit, and expansion of services, by transitioning to The Kirk Clinic.

Mr. Cannon noted that Mr. Matney guaranteed no more than a fifteen minute wait time for county employees at The Kirk Clinic, and even suggested a penalty could be paid if they could not meet the estimated wait time.

- Cost Savings on Claims – Mr. Cannon suggested revising the county's insurance plan to include a CRMC option, which would incentivize employees to utilize the services of CRMC, but would still allow them the option of choosing a healthcare plan that was ideal for them and/or their

families. Mr. Cannon noted that choosing CRMC would result in lower premiums and lower deductibles for county employees.

Discussion ensued regarding the specifics of the healthcare plans proposed by CRMC.

FURTHER HEALTHCARE DISCUSSION: Mr. Cannon further discussed changes to the county's insurance plan, again emphasizing that county employees would have three options from which to choose the insurance plan most ideally suited for them.

Mr. Cannon noted that satellite clinic locations would also be available for employees.

Commissioner Giddens questioned the operating hours of these clinics.

Mr. Cannon noted that CRMC also recommended that, in an effort to reduce costs, county employees utilize the Health Department for all immunizations.

Mr. Cannon also reviewed a proposed increase in nicotine surcharges from \$23.08 per pay period to \$46.15 per pay period, effective January 1, 2016. Mr. Cannon noted that statistical data reflected increased health claims in individuals who utilize nicotine products. Mr. Cannon explained that the purpose of the surcharge was to compensate for the increase in claims as a result of continued, high risk behavior.

Commissioner Nagy questioned if CRMC would offer cessation products as part of their plan. Mr. Cannon replied that this was included.

Commissioner DeMott questioned if the CRMC plan would present any legal problems. Lester M. Castellow, County Attorney, confirmed that the changes to the plan were appropriate and in compliance.

Mr. Cannon also noted that if CRMC did not offer a certain level of care, the employee would be referred without any form of penalty.

Discussion ensued regarding appointment scheduling and satellite clinic locations.

John C. Peters, HR Director, stated that The Kirk Clinic would keep formulary drugs on site to expedite delivery of prescriptions.

ABM ENERGY CONTRACTING UPDATE: Mr. Cannon explained that energy improvements continued at the Moultrie – Colquitt County Library, with additional grant monies recently being awarded to help fund the project. Mr. Cannon stated that per his request, ABM would provide the board with a project update in October.

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Commissioner Herndon questioned if Mr. Cannon was satisfied with ABM's job performance thus far. Mr. Cannon replied that he was, and urged commissioners to visit the Library to view the improvements.

OLD CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE: Mr. Cannon stated that Freon was currently being collected from old HVAC units at the Old Correctional Institute, as was the attempt to salvage and recycle all materials possible. He further stated that old beds at the facility were being auctioned on the website GovDeals.com, and suggested that the board develop a long term plan for the building.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AWARD (CDBG): Mr. Cannon informed the board that both Colquitt County and the City of Doerun were awarded CDBG grants from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Mr. Cannon noted that the \$421,990.00 designated for Colquitt County would be utilized to pave Jonah Tillman Road.

Commissioner Nagy questioned the total amount awarded for the City of Doerun. Mr. Cannon replied that \$500,000.00 in total was awarded to the municipality.

UPDATE ON DARBYSHIRE ROAD EXTENSION: Mr. Cannon presented a requested change of the location of Darbyshire Road Extension by Mr. Glen Darbyshire. Mr. Cannon stated that Mr. Darbyshire's request would allow more room for land development, and would also direct any water runoff closer to the retention pond.

Discussion ensued regarding water retention and the specifics of the road location.

KIWANIS CLUB BRIEF: Mr. Cannon distributed a copy of the presentation that he, along with Finance Director Wayne Putnal, presented to The Kiwanis Club of Moultrie. Mr. Cannon stated that the information presented as a result of the presentation would inform citizens of the fiscal challenges that the county faces.

MILLAGE RATE INCREASE: Mr. Cannon informed the board of a discrepancy discovered in the millage rate. However, Mr. Cannon explained that it was corrected in a timely manner and stated that the millage rates would be correctly adopted. Mr. Cannon noted that the last minute change actually resulted in a lower millage rate than initially anticipated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Giddens made the motion at 5:50 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously. (An affidavit, as required by Georgia Law, was executed by all Board members present stating under oath that the subject matter of the closed meeting was devoted to matters within the exception provided by law and identified the specific relevant exception as provided by law. The affidavit is hereby made a portion of the minutes by reference thereto.)

REGULAR SESSION: Commissioner DeMott made the motion at 6:04 p.m. to reconvene into regular session. Commissioner Giddens made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner DeMott made the motion at 6:04 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss the disposition of real estate. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously. (An affidavit, as required by Georgia Law, was executed by all Board members present stating under oath that the subject matter of the closed meeting was devoted to matters within the exception provided by law and identified the specific relevant exception as provided by law. The affidavit is hereby made a portion of the minutes be reference thereto.)

REGULAR SESSION: Commissioner Giddens made the motion at 6:25 to reconvene into regular session. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO TERAMORE DEVELOPMENT, LLC:

Commissioner Giddens made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-R-9, authorizing the sale of 12.88 acres of county property to Teramore Development, LLC., and also authorizing Chairman Terry R. Clark and County Clerk Melissa Lawson to execute, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, any and all contractual documents related to the sale of this property, and to specifically include the following documents: a Retention Pond Agreement, Waiver of Closing Date Provision, and the Return of Purchase Price and Property Agreement. Commissioner Nagy made a second. Those in favor were Commissioners Giddens, Nagy, Hardin, and Chairman Clark. Commissioner DeMott abstained due to a conflict of interest resulting from a business relationship as a result of his primary employment at Ameris Bank. Commissioner Herndon abstained due to the appearance of a conflict of interest. (Resolution 2015-R-9 is hereby made a portion of the minutes by reference thereto.)

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Terry R. Clark
Chairman

Melissa Lawson
County Clerk

Approved:

AFFIDAVIT

This is to certify that the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session Meeting (closed meeting) on August 25, 2015 at 5:50 o'clock a.m./p.m. The majority of the quorum present voted in the open meeting to go into Executive Session (closed meeting). The subject matter discussed was applicable under the following code section(s):

O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1) – Consultation with an attorney regarding pending or potential legal action.

O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4) – Discussion of future acquisition of real estate. (Notice was given as required and minutes taken.)

O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6) – Discussion of personnel matters.

I further certify that the subject matter of the Executive Session (closed meeting) was devoted to matters within the exception provided by law and the above checked identifies the specific relevant exception.

This 25th day of August, 2015.

Terry Clark
Terry Clark, Chairman

Winfred Giddens
Winfred Giddens, Commissioner

Donna Herndon
Donna Herndon, Commissioner

Johnny Hardin
Johnny Hardin, Commissioner

Luke Strong
Luke Strong, Commissioner

Marc DeMott
Marc DeMott, Commissioner

Paul Nagy
Paul Nagy, Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of August, 2015.

Melissa Lawson
County Clerk or Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____



AFFIDAVIT

This is to certify that the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session Meeting (closed meeting) on August 25, 2015 at 10:04 o'clock a.m./p.m. The majority of the quorum present voted in the open meeting to go into Executive Session (closed meeting). The subject matter discussed was applicable under the following code section(s):

 O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1) - Consultation with an attorney regarding pending or potential legal action.

O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4) - Discussion of future ^{acquisition} of real estate. (Notice was given as required and minutes taken.)

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This 25th day of August, 2015.

Terry Clark
Terry Clark, Chairman

Winfred Giddens
Winfred Giddens, Commissioner

Donna Herndon
Donna Herndon, Commissioner

Johnny Hardin
Johnny Hardin, Commissioner

Luke Strong, Commissioner

Marc DeMott, Commissioner

Paul Nagy, Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of August, 2015.

Melissa Lawson
County Clerk or Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____



MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, August 25, 2015
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman Terry R. Clark. The public hearing was duly called and advertised for the purpose of receiving public input regarding a proposed property tax increase, which will require an increase in property taxes by 4.51% over the rollback rate for the unincorporated areas of the County; a decrease of 4.91% under the rollback rate for the incorporated areas of the County; and a decrease in property taxes by 0.07% under the rollback rate for the Special Service District.

PRESENT: Commissioners Marc DeMott, Donna Herndon, Paul Nagy, and Johnny Hardin, Chairman Terry R. Clark, County Administrator Chas Cannon, and County Clerk Melissa Lawson.

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Wayne Putnal and Mr. Brent Chitty.

ABSENT: Commissioners Luke P. Strong and Winfred Giddens.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No one from the public formally addressed the commission.

The public hearing forum remained open for ten minutes. With no citizens addressing the commission, Chairman Clark adjourned the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Clark
Chairman

Melissa Lawson
County Clerk

Approved:

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, August 25, 2015
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Terry R. Clark. The purpose of the called meeting was to adopt millage rates for 2015. The meeting was duly called and advertised.

PRESENT: Commissioners Marc DeMott, Donna Herndon, Paul Nagy, and Johnny Hardin, Chairman Terry R. Clark, County Administrator Chas Cannon, and County Clerk Melissa Lawson.

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Wayne Putnal and Mr. Brent Chitty.

ABSENT: Commissioner Luke Strong and Commissioner Winfred Giddens.

APPROVAL OF MOTION TO ADOPT MILLAGE RATES: Commissioner Nagy made the motion to adopt the following millage rates, as presented, for 2015:

Unincorporated	14.554
Incorporated	16.875
Special Service District	2.935
Board of Education	10.297

Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Clark
Chairman

Melissa Lawson
County Clerk

Approved:
