

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2017
5:30 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Sarah Boatright and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present at the meeting was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Present from the news media was Jamie Gardner from the Baxley News Banner and Joe Taylor. Commissioner Wilkerson was not present at this meeting.

Commissioner Boatright led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Rentz gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the minutes of the Work Session held on December 6, 2017 and the Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Wilkerson was not present to vote at this meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no Public Input at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY/CONSENT FORM, SAFETY COORDINATOR RESOLUTION, SEAT BELT POLICY

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to approve the Substance Abuse Policy/Consent form, the Safety Coordinator Resolution and the Seat Belt Policy. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Wilkerson was not present to vote at this meeting.

(Insert Substance Abuse Policy/Consent Form, Safety Coordinator Resolution & Seat Belt Policy)

NEW BUSINESS

2012 SPLOST PROJECTS – JAIL ADDITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve placement on the March Election Ballot of the redirecting of funds allocated for the Jail Addition on the 2012 SPLOST to instead be used for the construction of a Judiciary Complex. This motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Wilkerson was not present to vote at this meeting.

TAX ASSESSOR EQUIPMENT UPGRADE

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Tax Assessor Equipment Upgrade of the computers and server in the amount of \$6,823 with the funds for the purchase coming out of Administrative Contingency. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Wilkerson was not present to vote at this meeting.

DFACS BUILDING REPAIRS

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that the stucco is starting to deteriorate on the DFACS building. A quote has been obtained for the cost to redo the stucco on the building. Mr. Lewis will be working on obtaining an additional quote for the repair work before a decision is made to move forward with the DFACS Building repairs.

BOARD OF ELECTION APPOINTMENTS

The Board agreed to wait until the next meeting to make a decision on Board of Election Appointments.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to reappoint Daryl Edwards, Mike Dyal and Jamie Hughes to the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Wilkerson was not present to vote at this meeting.

2017 BOARD MEETING DATES & TIMES

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to keep the Board Meeting dates and times as it has been with one Regular Meeting the first Tuesday of every month with the meeting beginning at 5:30 pm except for the Regular scheduled meeting for July which will be held on July 11th instead of July 4th due to the Fourth of July Holiday. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Wilkerson was not present to vote at this meeting.

2017 VICE CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to appoint Commissioner Boatright to serve as the 2017 Vice Chairman. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Wilkerson was not present to vote at this meeting.

ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

ROADS-HAYDEN ROZIER

Mr. Rozier reported that the Road Department has started back on road grading.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that the construction of the Concerted Services Senior Center/Head Start is ahead of schedule.

Mr. Lewis also reported that Hofstadter and Associates have made corrections to the Community Development Block Grant for the City of Surrency that was previously submitted but not approved and may be resubmitted for consideration if the Board desires to resubmit it. The Board was in agreement to resubmit the CDBG Grant for the City of Surrency.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT/COMMENTS

County Manager Lee Lewis reminded the Commissioners that the Annual Chamber Banquet will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 and the Legislative Conference will be February 20-21, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and land acquisition. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Wilkerson was not present to vote at this meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to close Executive Session and reopen the Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Wilkerson was not present to vote at this meeting.

After reconvening from Executive Session, there was no action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2017
5:30 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present at the meeting was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Present from the news media was Jamie Gardner from the Baxley News Banner and Joe Taylor.

Commissioner Boatright led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Rentz gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 3, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Christopher Jones addressed the Board concerning the Veteran’s Crisis Hotline and provided the Commissioners with information to hand out to Veterans in the community.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD OF ELECTION APPOINTMENTS

The representatives on the Board of Elections from Districts II, IV and V are up for appointment/reappointment.

Board of Elections

Appointee	Effective Date	Term	Term End Date
Jimmy Johnson-Countywide <i>Appt by Lewis Parker</i>	January 1, 2015	*4 years	December 31, 2018
Samantha Craven-District I <i>Appt by Sarah Boatright</i>	January 1, 2015	*4 years	December 31, 2018
Gerry Moore-District II <i>Appt by Theodore Wilkerson</i>	July 1, 2013	*4 years	December 31, 2016
Dean Collins-District III <i>Appt by Daryl Edwards</i>	January 1, 2015	*4 years	December 31, 2018
Rodney Williams-District IV <i>Appt by Ronnie Rentz</i>	July 1, 2013	*4 years	December 31, 2016
Roger Cain-District V <i>Appt by Charlie Leggett</i>	July 1, 2013	*4 years	December 31, 2016

**Each Board of Election appointee term will run concurrent with Commissioner appointed by*

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to reappoint Gerry Moore as representative for District II and Roger Cain as representative for District V on the Board of Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rentz will make the appointment/reappointment for District IV at the next Board meeting.

E.J. PARKER POOL REPAIRS

County Manager Lee Lewis informed the Board that he is working on getting prices together for the E.J. Parker Pool Repair.

NEW BUSINESS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to submit the Comprehensive Plan Update. Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to reappoint Ronald Burkett to the Regional Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

SEASONAL EMPLOYEE –ROAD DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve hiring four seasonal part time employees at the Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.

BEAVER BOUNTY

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to raise the Beaver Bounty from \$25 to \$40 until December 31, 2017 on a trial basis to see if the increase in the bounty will help reduce the amount of beavers and damage to county roads caused by the beaver dams. Motion carried unanimously.

ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

ROADS-HAYDEN ROZIER

Mr. Rozier expressed his appreciation of all of the assistance and cooperation he received from Road Department employees, other county departments and many more throughout the Community during the cleanup and repair work of county roads after the tornado that touched down in the county.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that the construction of the Concerted Services Senior Center/Head Start is ahead of schedule and is expected to be completed by June.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT/COMMENTS

County Manager Lee Lewis reminded the Commissioners that the Legislative Conference will be February 20-21, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to close Executive Session and reopen the Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

After reconvening from Executive Session, there was no action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017
5:30 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present at the meeting was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Joe Taylor was present to video the meeting.

Commissioner Wilkerson led the pledge to the flag.

County Attorney Bob Highsmith gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 7, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING-ROAD ABANDONMENT (HAIRE ROAD)

There was no one present at the meeting in opposition of the abandonment of Haire Road. Several supporters of the road abandonment were in attendance including one of the adjoining property owners.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no Public Input at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

2012 SPLOST-JAIL ADDITION REALLOCATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to rescind the motion made at the Regular Meeting in January approving placement on the March Election Ballot of the redirecting of funds allocated for the Jail Addition on the 2012 SPLOST to instead be used for the construction of a Judiciary Complex. This motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF ELECTION APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the reappointment of Rodney Williams as the representative for District IV on the Board of Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

E.J. PARKER POOL REPAIRS

The following bids were submitted for consideration for the E.J. Parker Pool repair:

Pump Replacement and Installation

<i>Swim-pro</i> Statesboro, GA	<i>Replace 7 ½ HP pump and strainer with necessary re-piping</i>	\$ 7,240
	<i>Chip and prep shallow end walls and floor of pool, install new step tile, apply bond kote, re-plaster with white mar cite</i>	\$11,200
<i>Pope Concrete Pools</i> Waycross, GA	<i>Replacement of 7 ½ HP pump</i> <i>(Price does not include installation, installation of the pump will not be done by Pope Concrete Pools)</i>	\$ 5,200
	<i>Prep and re-plaster the shallow end of the pool</i> <i>Price includes labor, materials and cleanup</i>	\$11,050

Backwash Controller and Installation

<i>Janco360</i> Birmingham, AL	<i>BECSys backwash controller and Filter Interface Panel, 5yr electronics warranty, exact same set up already in place at the other pool. Includes all necessary installation materials and all new high pressure poly tubing. Installation of quoted equipment during normal business hours</i>	\$ 9,388
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A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the bid from Swimpro in the amount of \$7,240 for the replacement and installation of the pump and \$11,200 for the re-plaster work at the E.J. Parker Pool. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to approve the bid of \$9,388 from Janco360 for the BECSys backwash controller and the Filter Interface Panel at the E.J. Parker Pool. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

HAIRE ROAD ABANDONMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the abandonment of Haire Road. This motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL LMIG FUNDING

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to submit Satilla Church Road as the project to be considered for the additional LMIG Funding available. Motion carried unanimously.

MULTIMODAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY

County Manager Lee Lewis informed the Board of the Multimodal Grant Opportunity, a state-funded program created to support the transportation needs of transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists through infrastructure projects that address existing gaps along state routes. Mr. Lewis recommended submitting the construction of a sidewalk on Highway 15 from Auburn Street to Satilla Church Road for the Multimodal Grant Opportunity. The approximate cost of the project is \$50,000 and the matching funds for this project is \$15,000. Mr. Lewis will meet with City Manager Jeff Baxley to see if the City would be interested in splitting the cost of the matching funds for this project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to submit submitting the construction of a sidewalk on Highway 15 from Auburn Street to Satilla Church Road for the Multimodal Grant Opportunity.

ROAD DEPARTMENT BARROW PIT

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to issue a payment to Loyal Taylor in the amount of \$11,512.50 for the use of dirt from a barrow pit located on Mr. Taylor's property on Red Oak Road. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE HIRE RECOMMENDATIONS

This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

ROADS-HAYDEN ROZIER

Mr. Rozier reported that clean-up is still being done from the tornado. Mr. Rozier also reported that the weather will soon be ideal for contractors to start paving. As the weather continues to warm up, mowing will also begin.

Mr. Rozier informed the Board that work is being done on Henry Thomas Road to prepare for paving and that paving on Harmony Church Road should be completed by the next Board meeting.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

There was nothing to report on Buildings and Grounds at this time.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT/COMMENTS

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that he, Mr. Rozier, Commissioner Rentz and Commissioner Edwards met with the Department of Transportation Commissioner last week to discuss projects in Appling County and the meeting went very well.

Mr. Lewis reported that early voting has begun for the upcoming 2018 SPLOST and as of today, 39 people has voted.

Mr. Lewis reminded the Board that Peaches to Beaches will be March 10th and 11th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to close Executive Session and reopen the Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

After reconvening from Executive Session, a motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve to hire Alain Girard for the Mechanic Position, Devin Edwards for the Equipment Operator II position and Jerry Howard, Katherine Sellers, Dale Murray and Adam Davis for the Seasonal part time positions at the county road department. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 4, 2017
5:30 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present at the meeting was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Present from the news media was Jamie Gardner from the Baxley News Banner and Joe Taylor to video the meeting.

Commissioner Rentz led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Edwards gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 7, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

William Teston and Debbie Herrington were recognized by the Board upon their retirement for the years of dedicated service to the County.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jack Hardee addressed the Board requesting that the Appling County War Veteran's Beer and Wine License be restored.

PROCLAMATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Crime Victims Week Proclamation proclaiming that the week of April 9th-15th as National Crime Victims Week. Motion carried unanimously.

The Crime Victim's Memorial Service will be held at the Sheriff's Office on April 11th at 8:00pm.

(Insert Proclamation)

OLD BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK REVISION-PERSONAL TIME OFF (PTO)

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the Employee Handbook Revision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Full-time employees that have accrued PTO may sell hours depending on the current employment status of the employee and at the discretion of the County Commissioners. Employees that have accrued at least 120 hours will be allowed to sell 40 hours of leave annually. Employees that have accrued 240 hours of leave will be allowed to sell 80 hours of leave annually. If an employee that is allowed to sell 40 hours of leave at the beginning of the year reaches the 120 hour threshold prior to the end of the year, then the employee will be allowed to sell an additional 40 hours of PTO. The maximum allowance an employee may sell in a calendar year is 80 hours. No exceptions will be made.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 LMIG PROJECT LIST

The following information was provided to the Commissioners:

PROPOSED 2018 LMIG COST ESTIMATE

Road Name	Begin	End	Type Work	Miles	Cost
Davis Landing Road	Lennox	EOP	Resurface	2.672	\$ 332,000
Dunns Lake Road	SR 4	Ben Carter	Resurface	0.645	\$ 75,000
Nails Ferry Road	SR 4	Donnie Lewis	Sidewalk	.57	\$ 70,000
Thornton Road	Pvmt Joint	Poor Robin	Reclaim	1.34	\$ 272,000
Fireline Road	Piney Bluff	Midway Church	Resurface	1.37	\$ 175,000
County Farm Road	County Farm Ext	Bridge N of Buckhead	Resurface	4.00	\$ 367,888
				10.597	\$1,291,888
2017 LMIG Formula \$1,056,030 including 10% match					
2018 LMIG Formula \$1,140,512 including the potential 8% increase & 10% match					
*\$151,376 over LMIG Formula + \$103,683 10% match= (\$255,000)					

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the proposed 2018 LMIG Cost Estimate. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE-HERITAGE DEVELOPERS

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the request from Heritage Developers to accept Alan Drive into the County Road System. Motion carried unanimously.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT-DISTRICT V

County Manager Lee Lewis informed the Board that Henry Jones, representative for District V on the Recreation Board has resigned. An appointment needs to be made to fill this vacancy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to appoint Stormie Alexander to the Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term of Henry Jones upon his resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Alexander will serve the remainder of Mr. Jones' unexpired term which will end on December 31, 2020.

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

The following member of the Development Authority Board is up for reappointment with their term expiring on April 30, 2017:

James Clark
Andy Orvin
Mike Cleland
Esco Hall

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to reappoint James Clark to the Development Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to reappoint Andy Orvin to the Development Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to appoint Mickey Bass for the seat held by Mike Cleland on the Development Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to appoint James Futch for the seat held by Esco Hall on the Development Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.

TAX ASSESSOR BOARD APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the Resolution appointing Lake Carter to the Board of Assessors for a term of four years from April 25, 2014 to January 1, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATION ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Environmental Health Regulation Enforcement Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Mark Melton reported that since he has taken office the Appling County Sheriff's Office is now fully staffed. The Sheriff's Office is now using the Drug Task Force Building and is about to move a third staff member to the Drug Task Force Building.

Mr. Melton reported that he is working on updating the Sheriff's Office Policy since it hasn't been updated since 2000.

The Lock it or Lose It Campaign is currently being implemented stressing to citizens to reduce theft by locking the doors of their cars, houses, buildings, etc. Also, "Are you ok?", a campaign created to check in on Senior Citizens will be implemented soon.

Mr. Melton informed the Board that the Crime Victim's Memorial Service will be held at the Sheriff's Office on April 11th at 8:00pm.

ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

ROADS-HAYDEN ROZIER

Road Project Manager Hayden Rozier reported that ditching, digging pits and mowing will begin next week as the warmer weather approaches.

Mr. Rozier reported that construction on Red Oak Road widening will be completed soon.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that construction of the Senior Center/Head Start is coming along well and the gutter and downspouts have just been installed. This project is expected to be completed by the beginning of June.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT/COMMENTS

County Manager Lee Lewis reminded the Board of the upcoming Hospital appointments that will need to be made in June. He also reminded the Board about the ACCG Conference that will be held April 27th until May 1st.

The Board will have a Work Session on Tuesday April 18th at 3:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to close Executive Session and reopen the Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

After reconvening from Executive Session, there was no action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
APRIL 18, 2017
3:00 P.M.**

The Work Session of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Daryl Edwards, Charlie Leggett, Theodore Wilkerson, Sarah Boatright, Ronnie Rentz and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and County Clerk Chrissy Harris.

Commissioner Boatright led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Rentz gave the invocation.

OLD BUSINESS

JAIL ADDITION

Sheriff Mark Melton is ready to move forward with the Jail Addition Project.

The Board discussed contracting out someone to oversee upcoming construction projects and was in agreement to allow County Manager to put together a RFP.

CURRENT BUILDING PROJECTS

The Senior Center/Head Start Building will be completed soon. The current Senior Center will be vacant once relocated. This building is suitable for the Food Bank to use. The Board was in agreement to allow the Food Bank to use this building once it is vacated, if approved by the Board of Education.

LIBRARY RENOVATION

The Board discussed requesting grant funding for next summer a library renovation project that may be approved for grant funding as early as July of 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 SPLOST PROJECTS

The Board discussed particulars relating to the 2018 SPLOST projects in order to be able to proceed.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The following Road Construction information was presented to the Board:

District I

Piney Bluff Road \$ 800,000

District II

Old Field Cemetery Road (portion) \$ 765,000

District III

Carter's Bight \$ 777,000

District IV

Reese Road \$1,200,000

District V

Orvin Road/Johnson Road \$ 785,000

District I

Sweet Gum \$ 224,000

District II

Cray Road \$ 190,000

District III

Carter's Bight \$ 285,000

District IV

Howard Brannen \$ 125,000

District V

Crosby Chapel (base & pave) \$ 225,000

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to close Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken after reconvening from Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 2017
5:30 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present at the meeting was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Present from the news media was Joe Taylor to video the meeting. Also present at the meeting was the Boy Scout Troop 472 and members of the Board of Election and Registration.

The Boy Scout Troop 472 led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Rentz gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 4, 2017 and the Work Session held on April 18, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 472

Mathew Adams of Boy Scout Troop 472 addressed the Board informing them of the upcoming flag retirement ceremony. The Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held at the Appling County Water Works Park at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 22, 2017. The public is invited to attend this special event and to learn about the history behind the flag and the proper way to retire a flag once it is no longer serviceable.

GERRY SOLOMAN

Gerry Solomon addressed the Board expressing the desire to see more activities during the summer for the youth of Appling County. Mr. Solomon also expressed the desire to see more use out of the recently renovated gym at the Earnest J. Parker Park.

OLD BUSINESS

POLL PRECINCT REDUCTION-BOARD OF ELECTION

The following proposal was received from the Board of Election and Registration:

APPLING COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTION AND REGISTRATION
MAY 2, 2017

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO CONSOLIDATE APPLING COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 21-2-262, THE APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION ARE PROPOSING TO CONSOLIDATE ALL FOURTEEN (14) VOTING PRECINCTS USED ON ELECTION DAY INTO FIVE (5) CENTRAL VOTING PRECINCT

LOCATED AT:	DISTRICT:	ADDRESS OF POLL SITE:
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD	DISTRICT 1	3397 PLANT HATCH PKWY N
LIONS CLUB BLDG	DISTRICT 2	245 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE
EXTENSION EDU BLDG	DISTRICT 3	83 SOUTH OAK STREET
BAXLEY CHURCH OF GOD/FELLOWSHIP HALL	DISTRICT 4	353 BLACKSHEAR HIGHWAY
BAXLEY CITY GYM	DISTRICT 5	252 WEST PARKER STREET

THE PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING THE CURRENT 14 VOTING PRECINCTS IS TO REDUCE VOTER CONFUSION ON ELECTION DAY BY HAVING ONLY FIVE POLLING PLACES AS WELL AS TO REDUCE THE COST TO TAXPAYERS BY REDUCING ELECTION SUPPLIES, POLL WORKERS, COST OF REPLACING ELECTION EQUIPMENT AND COST OF UPKEEP OF POLLING PLACES.

WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VOTING BY MAIL FOR 45 DAYS PRIOR TO EACH FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTION AND EARLY VOTING AT THE APPLING COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE FOR 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO EACH ELECTION, IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE 14 PRECINCT IN APPLING COUNTY. ELECTION LAWS HAVE CHANGED THAT ONCE REQUIRED A VOTING PRECINCT FOR EACH DISTRICT.

THE APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION AND REGISTRATION WILL HOLD TWO HEARINGS ON THIS PROPOSED CHANGE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE VOTERS OF APPLING COUNTY, GA. THE FIRST HEARING WILL BE HELD JUNE ____ AT 5:30 PM IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, 69 TIPPINS STREET, BAXLEY, GA. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS HEARING ANOTHER HEARING WILL BE HELD JUNE ____ AT 5:00 PM AT THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM BESIDE THE BOARD OF ELECTION AND REGISTRATION AT 69 TIPPINS STREET, BAXLEY, GA.

ANYONE WISHING TO OBJECT TO THIS CONSOLIDATION SHALL DO SO IN WRITING STATING THE REASON FOR SUCH OBJECTION AND MAY FILE SUCH OBJECTIONS WITH THE APPLING COUNTY ELECTION SUPERVISOR, DONNA H CARTER, 69 TIPPINS STREET SUITE 205 BAXLEY, GA 31513. SUCH FILING MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE ____ AT 4:30 PM.

FOR QUESTIONS, YOU MAY CONTACT DONNA H CARTER, ELECTION SUPERVISOR AT (912) 367-8113 OR (912) 367-5376.

After some discussion on this issue, the Board was in agreement to allow for the public hearings to be held in June for the proposed changes for the consolidation of the voting precincts to allow for the public's input.

COASTAL PINES TE PROJECT RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Coastal Pines TE Project Resolution and authorize County Manager Lee Lewis to sign documents relating to the Coastal Pines TE Project. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS

The following Board Members have agreed to serve an additional three year term as a member of the Baxley and Appling County Hospital Authority:

Greg Kennedy County
Jesse Alderman City
Jeffrey Simmons County

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to reappoint Greg Kennedy and Jeffrey Simmons to the Hospital Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.

TRIPLE A ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that Mrs. Alice Coleman will no longer be able to serve on the Triple A Advisory Council due to health reasons.

A recommendation has been made by the Triple A Advisory Council for the Board to appoint Ann Martin who resides on Highway 144 to serve in the seat previously held by Mrs. Coleman.

GEORGIA INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the Georgia Indigent Defense Service Agreement for a total amount of \$93,491. Motion carried unanimously.

SPLOST 2018 ROAD PROJECT LIST

The following Road Project list was presented to the Board for approval:

District I	
Piney Bluff Road	\$ 800,000
District II	
Old Field Cemetery Road (Doc McTier-Oscar Tippins)	\$ 765,000
District III	
Carter's Bight	\$ 777,000
District IV	
Reese Road	\$1,200,000
District V	
Orvin Road/Vasco Johnson Road	\$ 785,000
District I	
Sweet Gum (to Belly Acres)	\$ 224,000
District II	
Fleming Road	\$ 190,000
District III	
Carter's Bight	\$ 285,000
District IV	
Howard Brannen	\$ 125,000
District V	
Crosby Chapel (base & pave)	\$ 225,000

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the 2018 Road Project List as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT TRAILER

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to approve the purchase of a Big Tex Trailer from Coastal in the amount of \$17,780.45 to haul equipment at the Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT TRUCK PURCHASE

Road Projects Manager Hayden Rozier and County Shop Mechanic Kevin Green located equipment at the auction and would like for the Board to approve the purchase of the following equipment:

2012	Ford F150	\$10,500
2009	Ford F150	\$13,000
2004	Ford F150	\$ 4,500
2009	Ford F150	\$10,000
	Kabota 1700	\$ 4,750
	Buyers Premium	\$ 4,275
	Total	\$47,025

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to approve the purchase of the equipment for a total amount of \$47,025. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT SEASONAL WORKER(S)

This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

SHERIFF'S REPORT- MARK MELTON

Mr. Melton was not present at this meeting.

ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

ROADS-HAYDEN ROZIER

Mr. Rozier reported that he currently has seven dump trucks in the fleet and only three is in use at the Road Department. One dump truck is being used at the Landfill due to the CAT Pan being down and three are out of service. Mr. Rozier requested that the Board send out bids to trade in three of the Dump Trucks.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that construction of the Senior Center/Head Start is coming along well and should be able to start moving into by the end of July.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT/COMMENTS

County Manager Lee Lewis informed the Board that Ben Heirs will be working in the Administrative office for a few weeks as a Summer Intern.

The Board will have a Work Session on Tuesday, May 16th at 3:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and land acquisition. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to close Executive Session and reopen the Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

After reconvening from Executive Session, a motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to hire Sean Rooks as a seasonal worker at the Road Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
MAY 16, 2017
3:00 P.M.**

The Work Session of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Daryl Edwards, Charlie Leggett, Theodore Wilkerson, Sarah Boatright, Ronnie Rentz and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and County Clerk Chrissy Harris.

Commissioner Rentz led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Edwards gave the invocation.

OLD BUSINESS

OAK STREET ROOF REPAIR

Pineland Mental Health has been moved out of the Oak Street Complex due to water getting into the building when it rains due to the roof issues. Public Maintenance Supervisor Jimbo Crapps has been advised to obtain temporary cover for the roof.

The architect is currently drawing up plans for a gabled metal roof for the building.

DFACS BUILDING STUCCO REPAIR

Two bid have been obtained for the DFACS Building Stucco Repair:

Tyko Construction	\$12,587.85
Superior	\$ 9,800.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to approve the bid of \$9,800 from Superior for the DFACS Building Stucco Repair. Motion carried unanimously.

JAIL ADDITION

A recommendation is expected to be made in the first part of June for a construction manager for the Jail Addition.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2018 BUDGET REVIEW

County Manager Lee Lewis provided the Board with information pertaining to the FY 2018 Budget for their review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and personnel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to close Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken after reconvening from Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.