

Twiggs County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
April 3, 2018
9:00 am

Present: Chairman Kenneth E. Fowler, Commissioners Brent DuBois, Steve Birdsong, William Bond, and Lonnie Ford

Also, present: County Administrator, Kelvin C. Lewis

Call to Order: Chairman Fowler called the meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Fowler led the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Commissioner DuBois led in Prayer

Announcements:

Chairman Fowler had several announcements to pass onto the audience and members of the Board.

1. Ambulance meeting in Cochran at 11:00 am on April 11, 2018 to open the zone for bids.
2. The Stage Route concerning the littering has been closed out and will probably require no further action.
3. KaMin is having a 10-year anniversary on Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Public Comments:

James Tidwell from the Twiggs Times advised the Board on Monday, April 23rd at 5:30 pm. there will be a "Meet the Candidates" forum for District #144 at the City Auditorium in Cochran. All 7 candidates will be there. Meet and greet at 5:30 and then the candidate forum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Administrator Lewis ask to add:

- a. Amendment to the 2018 Holiday Schedule
- b. Road Department – Summer Hours

Commissioner Bond added:

- a. Road Paving
- b. Request a representative from Dykes Paving at meeting
- c. Discussion of insurance report

Commissioner Ford added:

- a. Add to the April 17th meeting, present Mr. Dennard a key to the County.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the Agenda as stated. Motion was second by Commissioner DuBois.

Motion passed by 5 yes votes.

New Business:

Infiniti

Administrator Lewis advised the Board that Infiniti had supplied him with a copy of their contract, but at this time were not present at the meeting. Commissioner DuBois made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Motion second by Commissioner Bond. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Indigent Burial Request

A request was received from Reece Funeral Home on behalf of Ms. Norma Jean Jones for financial assistance with her burial expenses. The typical amount provided by the county for these expenses is \$500.00.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to pay the \$500.00 toward these expenses. Motion second by Commissioner Bond. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

TAN Drawdown Request

Administrator Lewis presented a request to make the first drawdown on the 2018 TAN with Bank of Dudley for \$300,000.00.

Commissioner DuBois made a motion to approve a \$300,000.00 drawdown on the 2018 TAN. Motion second by Commissioner Bond. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2018 Budget Amendments #3

Administrator Lewis presented a 2018 Budget Amendment #3. These amendments will align the Sheriff's budgeted Vehicle Purchase line item with approved vehicle purchases.

Commissioner Bond made a motion to accept the 2018 Budget Amendments #3. Motion second by Commissioner Ford. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Life Link Proclamation

Administrator Lewis gave the Board an overview of the importance of organ and tissue donation in our community and the nation. The month of April has been designated as "National Donate Life Month", therefore LifeLink of Georgia is asking that Twiggs County issue a proclamation designating April as "Donate Life Month".

Commissioner DuBois made a motion to approve the request from LifeLink of Georgia for a proclamation to designate April as Donate Life Month. Motion second by Commissioner Birdsong. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

American Tank Maintenance (Logo)

Administrator Lewis presented for discussion a quote from American Tank Maintenance to apply the County logo on the water tank at the Industrial Park on the side facing Interstate 16. The cost for the logo is \$6400.00 for one side and \$8300.00 to do both sides.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to apply the logo on the side facing Interstate 16 only. Motion second by Commissioner Bond. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Suggestion was made from the audience was to let a company advertise on the other side.

List of County Properties for Sale

Administrator Lewis presented the Board with an amended list of properties the county owns to be considered for sale.

Commissioner Bond made a motion to table this until returning from Executive Session. Motion second by Commissioner Ford. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Re-Schedule May meetings to May 8th and 22nd

The ACCG Conference is scheduled for April 27 thru April 30th. In order to adequately prepare for the 1st May meeting, we are requesting to move the dates to May 8th and May 22nd.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to move the May meetings to May 8th and 22nd. Motion second by Commissioner DuBois. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Planning and Zoning

Monte Bloodworth from Planning and Zoning came before the Board to present a request from Ms. Billie Jean Verdi for a Hardship Variance to put a single wide mobile home on Robinwood Drive. The mobile home has been inspected and can be moved. The property is currently zoned as R-1 and she is asking the Board's approval to place it there. Her son is renovating the mobile home. She currently lives in a low-income apartment. She had recently purchased a double wide mobile home, but it was destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. The single wide mobile home was given to her by a citizen of the county and wants permission to move it to her property.

Commissioner Birdsong made a motion to approve the hardship variance for Ms. Billie Jean Verdi. Commissioner DuBois second the motion to approve with the stipulation that all renovations be completed in 6 months. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Amended 2018 Holiday Schedule

March 30, 2018 was extended to the County employees as Good Friday.

Commissioner Bond made a motion to give the County employees March 30, 2018 as Good Friday.

Motion second by Commissioner Birdsong. Motion carried by vote of 3 yes votes (Bond, Ford, Birdsong) and 2 no votes (DuBois, Fowler). Motion passed.

Road Department Hours

Larry Thompson, Road Superintendent presented a request to change the working hours for the Road Department to 10 hours a day.

Commissioner Birdsong made a motion to change the hours for the Road Department to 10- hour days, 4 days per week. The mechanic hours will remain at 8-hour days, 5 days a week. 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. These changes will be effective Monday, April 9th.

Commissioner Ford second the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Road Paving

Commissioner Bond asked to bring in a representative from Dykes Paving to meet with Larry Thompson to measure these roads and give the Board a price on paving Tina Drive, Reed Clark, Williams Road, and Cranberry Drive. If possible be at the next meeting on April 17th.

Insurance Information

Commissioner Bond asked to have the cost of our insurance when we had Blue Cross Blue Shield from 2013 thru 2017. Also, the cost of the insurance since we changed to United Healthcare.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the March 20, 2018 meeting were presented for approval.

Commissioner Bond made a motion to accept the minutes for March 6, 2018, motion second by Chairman Fowler. Motion carried by unanimous 5 -yes votes

Old Business:

Insurance Survey

Administrator Lewis advised the Board he had sent out a survey to all the department heads, including the Constitutional Officers to get insurance feedback. All feedback was positive. There were a couple of points around the coordination of benefits. There seems to be the most complexity around those employees who have multiple policies. If the insurance is not filed correctly initially, there can be several problems. There were other comments around the broker group with making sure they are registered for everything correctly. Other than these two things, everything is working well. Administrator Lewis stated he should have more details on the upcoming renewal at the May meeting.

Cell Tower Re-Evaluation Update

Administrator Lewis asked Ramona Vaifale to speak to the Board on this subject. She advised the Board that the vendor had completed all site evaluations. They are completing on the paperwork now. In speaking with the vendor, he advised there were several sites that did have the co-locators that are not reported. One of the sites is near the Bibb County line. We have several sites that we are picking up information. An example is one site is reporting \$160,000.00 and what they have found is closer to \$300,000.00. That is just one site. Once they are finished, I will input it before the assessment goes out. I

look to have some come in once the assessments go out. Administrator Lewis asked Ramona to meet with him concerning the co-locator permits and any fees that the county can charge.

DFACS Building

a. Test Results:

Final test results are in from a microbiological standpoint and everything is negative. I have a site review meeting on Friday to go through the building and do an inspection. I will meet with their counsel to configure a lease. I will let the Board know the outcome.

Sheriff Department

Sheriff Mitchum spoke to the problem of trees on the right of way on County roads and some state roads. He explained this is a very big hazard.

Sheriff Mitchum updated the Board on the training his team is conducting on the Active Shooter training. He has plans to eventually bring this training to the courthouse employees.

The Public School is putting the panic buttons in the school like the ones installed in the courthouse. He is still waiting on a response from Twiggs Academy.

Executive Session

Commissioner Ford made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel, and real estate. Motion second by Commissioner DuBois. Motion carried by 5 yes votes (Ford, Bond, Fowler, Birdsong, DuBois).

Commissioner Bond made a motion to return to Regular Session. Second by Commissioner Ford. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Administrator Lewis presented a request to replace the air conditioner for the jail. The quote is \$14,000.00. The Sheriff's Department is asking the Board to approve up to \$8000.00 towards this purchase. The Sheriff's Department has funds in the jail fund to put towards the remaining balance. Commissioner Ford made the motion to approve \$8000.00 towards the replacement of the air conditioner in the jail with the remaining coming from the jail fund. Commissioner Birdsong second the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Administrator Lewis presented a request from Commissioner Ford to construct a canopy in the park in Spring Valley. They do a number of events throughout the year and this would be a valuable addition to the park. The expense should be no more than \$1,000.00.

Commissioner DuBois made the motion to construct a canopy at the park in Spring Valley.

Commissioner Ford second the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

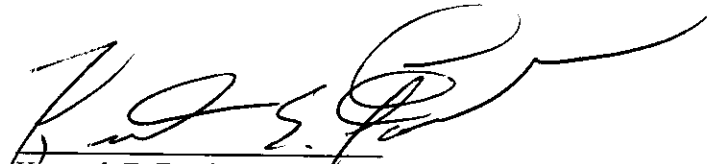
Administrator Lewis presented a proposal to discontinue the contract with Chris Hutchings as a consultant to Twiggs County effective April 1, 2018.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to discontinue the contract with Chris Hutchings effective April 1, 2018. Commissioner DuBois second the motion. Motion carried by 4 yes votes (DuBois, Birdsong, Bond, Ford) 1 No (Fowler).


Adjourn:

Motion was made by Commissioner DuBois to adjourn with second by Commissioner Bond. Motion carried with unanimous vote (Ford, Bond, Fowler, Birdsong, DuBois).

Minutes approved April 17, 2018



Kenneth E. Fowler, Chairman



Kelvin C. Lewis, Administrator

