

Twiggs County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
January 23, 2018
7:00 pm

Present: Chairman Ken Fowler, Commissioners Brent DuBois, Steve Birdsong, Lonnie Ford and William Bond

Also, present: County Administrator Kelvin Lewis

County Attorney, Kerry Howell

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

Approval of the Agenda:

- a. DFACS – Microbiological testing
- b. X-Ray Machine for Courthouse
- c. Logo- Update
- d. County Website – Update

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

New Business:

DFACS – Microbiological Testing

Administrator Lewis gave the Board an update on the status of the testing for the DFACS building. He advised after research and on the advice of experts we had been assured that adequate testing had been completed but their State Rep is requesting that additional testing be numerous microbiological testing, with those taking from 2 to 8 weeks to get the results. Administrator Lewis explained that we are not receiving any rent on this building and have not since the bats were discovered last year. He asked the Board to suspend the monthly subsidy that the county provides for DFACS. Attorney Howell was instructed to check and see if there is a reason why we pay DFACS and can we suspend it. He was also instructed to review the lease to see if rent can be suspended by DFACS.

Commissioner Ford asked that the Board be cautious about suspending the subsidy. This could be viewed as a hostile act on the Board's part.

Judy Shurling spoke to the Board on this subject and gave her input as to why the State is requesting this extensive testing. In her opinion the State is taking every precaution to avoid any chance of anyone becoming ill from contact with a contaminate in the building.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to perform the testing required by the State of Georgia. Commissioner Bond second the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

X-Ray Machine for the Courthouse

Administrator Lewis gave an update on the purchase of a new X-Ray machine for the courtroom. He advised the Law Library fund had been exhausted with the installation of another system, so this would not be available to offset this expense. The estimate is \$14,000.00 to \$15,000.00 and we will have a more definite amount at the next meeting.

County Logo

Administrator Lewis advised he had spoken with Principal Makaya at the High School and there are several students showing interest in submissions. If the Board is okay we can give them time to make their submissions and review them at the next Board meeting. Attorney Howell expressed he would like to participate in the Logo contest prize and he would be sending it in the mail. Chris Hutchings also advised he would contribute to the prize money.

County Website

Administrator Lewis updated the Board on the progress of the county website. Middle Georgia Regional Commission is working on the new website. We anticipate them coming in and meeting with us and looking at their submissions.

Topics Covered After Return from Executive Session

Commissioner Bond made a motion to retrieve the videos that were taken of the roads and several conditions in the county so that they can be viewed by the Board and the public. Motion second by Commissioner Birdsong. Commissioner Ford asked that this be discussed and investigate the availability of these tapes. Administrator Lewis asked that he be given time to investigate the whereabouts of these tapes and if we have the capability of viewing them. He will report back to the Board with this information at the next meeting. Commissioner Bond agreed to modify his motion to accommodate this request. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Roads Submitted by Commissioner Bond for Paving

Commissioner Bond asked to discuss the 4 streets he has set up for paving. They are dirt streets and he would like to suggest that all of these be 1 ½ mile each. They are Reed Clark, Cranberry Lane, Williams Road and Tina Drive. All of these roads have the same characteristics. They are all residential areas. He is concerned with the paving that has been done in the county and in 5 years you are paving that same road again.

Commissioner Bond made a motion to have a meeting with the contractors who will be submitting work on the county roads in the month of February before the paving season begins. This will include the Engineers Moreland Altobelli and any potential bidders. Commissioner Ford second the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. This will be handled as a Special Called Meeting, which will include letters to potential bidders and an advertisement in the paper.

Convenience Centers

Administrator Lewis advised the Board that the roll off truck is close to being ready for use by the county. This enable the county to take care of some of the volume at the convenience centers along with the regular pickups from Advance. He advised he had also spoken with Magistrate Judge Brown concerning the use of the cameras to proceed with potential prosecution of violators at the convenience centers.

Commissioner Bond requested that Jones County Board of Commissioners get a formal letter from Twiggs County outlining their ability to use the landfill and not the convenience centers.

Commissioner Bond made a motion to put personnel at the convenience centers when they are open. Attorney Howell advised the Board that additions should not be made to the published agenda unless it is an emergency situation.

Commissioner Birdsong made a motion to put the topic of Convenience Centers on the Agenda for the February 6, 2018 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion second by Commissioner Ford. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Minutes:

Minutes from the January 9, 2018 Regular Scheduled Meeting were submitted for approval. Commissioner Ford asked that the minutes be corrected to address Kelvin as County Administrator or Mr. Lewis and Kathy as Clerk Faulk or Mrs. Faulk. Commissioner DuBois made a motion to accept the minutes with the requested changes. Second by Chairman Fowler. Vote: 4 Yes, (Commissioner DuBois, Birdsong, Ford and Chairman Fowler) 1 Abstain, (Commissioner Bond)

Old Business:Laura Justice Lane

Attorney Howell advised the Board that the company doing the Title Search for this property expressed to him this would be just as messy as the Oak Hill Cemetery Road project. He is pushing them to finish by the 2nd meeting in February.

Emergency Sirens

EMA Director Jack Wood has gotten the Emergency siren working that is located on the water tower. Testing of the Emergency Siren is scheduled to take place on February 14th at 12:00 pm. News Channel 24 will be on site to observe and report on it. Administrator Lewis asked that everyone be on site if possible.

Executive Session

Commissioner Bond made the motion to go into Executive Session for Legal, Personnel, and Real Estate. Motion second by Chairman Fowler. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Time out 7:32 pm.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to return to Regular Session. Motion second by Commissioner DuBois. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Time is 8:42 pm.

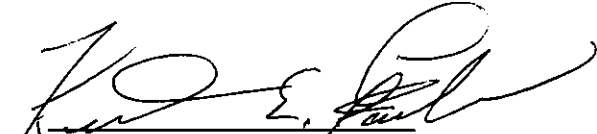
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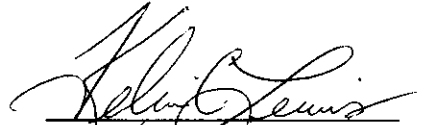
None

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Commissioner DuBois to adjourn with second by Chairman Fowler. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Minutes approved February 6, 2018


Kenneth E. Fowler, Chairman


Kelvin C. Lewis, Administrator