

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

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

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 Ford led in Prayer

Chairman Fowler reminded everyone that the Martin Luther King parade is Saturday beginning at 10:00 am.

Joe Willman came before the BOC to ask what can be done about the hog farm on Hwy 96 coming into the City and that the City Limit sign is not in the correct location. Administrator Lewis asked Joe to let him handle the sign issue thru DOT and he will get back to him once he receives the necessary information. Mr. Willman advised that this farm should be 200 feet off the right of way. Mr. Willman had contacted the Mayor of Jeffersonville and his response was there was nothing he can do. The property belongs to Joe Albert of Centerville Georgia. Administrator Lewis advised the Board he would gather all the information and report back to them.

Approval of the Agenda:

- a. Vice Chairman Nomination
- b. Amendments to 2018 Budget
- c. EMA Director – Acceptance
- d. Computer Update Quote
- e. ACCG Training for County Commissioners
- f. SPLOST – Road Repair
- g. Employee Insurance Comparison
 - Benefits
 - Premium
- h. Convenience Centers

Additions to the Agenda

None

Motion made by Commissioner Ford to accept the Agenda. Second by Commissioner DuBois. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

New Business:

Vice Chairman Nomination for 2018

Commissioner DuBois made a motion to pass the position of Vice Chairman to Commissioner Ford for the 2018 year. Motion second by Chairman Fowler. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Amendments to 2018 Budget

Administrator Lewis discussed the necessity of making numerous amendments to the 2018 budget. This will bring the budget back in line due to the changes that have been voted on since its adoption in August 2017.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to accept the amendments to the 2018 Budget. Motion second by Commissioner DuBois. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

EMA Director – Acceptance

Jack Wood has accepted the position of EMA Director for Twiggs County. He has been meeting with the personnel and getting his office up and running. Jack introduced himself and is looking forward to moving the department ahead.

Computer Update Quote

Administrator Lewis presented a quote from Cogentes to update 6 computers in different locations in the courthouse. This will enable the respective departments to operate more efficiently and productively.

Commissioner DuBois made a motion to accept the quote as presented for \$3,689.20. Motion second by Commissioner Ford. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACCG Training for County Commissioners

Administrator Lewis will work to get each Commissioner enrolled in the April 27 thru 30th meeting. Clerk Faulk will get transcripts for each Commissioner to see which courses will be beneficial to each member so they can make the best use of their time.

SPLOST Road Repair

Moreland Altobelli will be coming in and meeting with Administrator Lewis concerning which roads have the highest necessity for repair. Administrator Lewis discussed the present SPLOST will end in 2020 and the county will begin looking at the regular SPLOST in 2019. In this SPLOST we would be able to look at several projects that will require considerable funds.

Administrator Lewis also discussed the TSPLOST that will be on the ballot in May 2018. This will be an opportunity for the county to receive approximately \$700,000.00 per year if passed by the voters.

Employee Insurance Comparison

The insurance company is still working to get the necessary information to us on this. We hope to have this ready by the next meeting.

Convenience Centers

Administrator Lewis advised he had taken a look at some of the video from the convenience centers. The data was viewed from an external drive and was not very clear or distinguishable. Commissioner Bond was also interested in the staffing at the convenience centers. Administrator Lewis asked that this be moved to the January 23rd agenda. This will give Commissioner Bond an opportunity to express his concerns first hand. It was also discussed whether or not the employees on site are approaching anyone who is in violation of the rules around the usage of the convenience centers.

Chairman Fowler advised the roll-back truck is up and running and we will be looking at using this truck to haul trash from the convenience centers to the landfill ourselves. Administrator Lewis relayed to the BOC that he had been in conversation with Advance Disposal and expressed to them the necessity of keeping these containers emptied and they are in full cooperation.

Minutes:

Minutes from the December 19, 2017 Regular Scheduled Meeting were submitted for approval. Commissioner DuBois made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Commissioner Ford. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Update on the gas usage reports

Clerk Faulk is now able to print a gas usage report by several different filters. This will give us the ability to allocate each departments usage on a monthly basis.

Commissioner Birdsong relayed to Sheriff Mitchum that they do have the ability to get gas at the Jet Station on Hwy 57 if needed.

Executive Session

Commissioner DuBois made the motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel, and Real Estate. Motion second by Chairman Fowler. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Time out 9:48 am.

Commissioner DuBois made a motion to return to Regular Session. Motion second by Commissioner Ford. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Time is 10:54 am.

Public Comment:

Buddy Nesmith, Tax Commissioner asked if the BOC had thought about closing any of the dirt roads that didn't have any other residents or property owners on them. If the land owners would agree, this could save the county some expense. The Commissioners agreed they would take a look at this if presented with a petition from the land owners.

Sheriff Mitchum came before the Board asking what was the status of his department purchasing 2 new vehicles. Administrator Lewis advised he would like to talk with him personally after the meeting.

Sheriff Mitchum also advised he would withdraw his request for \$6900.00 to move a building to his firing range. Commissioner Birdsong asked if the 2 new vehicles would be replacing ones that were wrecked. Sheriff Mitchum stated that one would replace a vehicle that was wrecked and the other is the vehicle agreed on last year.

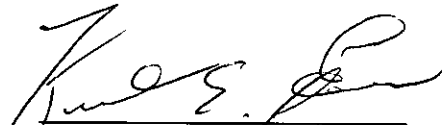
Sheriff Mitchum expressed that he felt the county would have a better outcome at the convenience centers if they had personnel on site when they are open. This would give you an eye witness to violators and make it easier to go further with pressing charges.


Sheriff Mitchum spoke to the Board concerning the impending need for a new X-Ray machine at the entrance to the courtroom. The price for a new machine is approximately \$15,000.00. A warranty for one year is \$4000.00. Administrator Lewis asked that the Law Library Fund be considered for this expense since it is part of the court system. Ezra Wyche advised that the Law Library Fund had taken on another expense of \$30,000.00 previously. Commissioner Birdsong made a motion to go ahead and do what ever we need to do to get it fixed or replaced and the general fund would pay whatever the Law Library Fund didn't. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Commissioner DuBois to adjourn with second by Commissioner Birdsong. Motion passed with unanimous yes vote.

Minutes approved February 6, 2018


Kenneth E. Fowler, Chairman


Kelvin C. Lewis, Administrator