

**Twiggs County Board of Commissioners**

**Regular Scheduled Meeting**

**Commissioners Chambers**

**October 16,2018**

**6:00pm**

**AGENDA**

**Present:** Chairman Kenneth E. Fowler, Commissioners Brent Dubois, Lonnie Ford, Steve Birdsong, William Bond, County Administrator, Kelvin C. Lewis, and Kerry Howell, County Attorney.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Fowler called the meeting to order

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Fowler

**Invocation:** Commissioner DuBois led in Prayer

**Agenda:** Approval motion by Commissioner DuBois; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bond. Unanimous.

Approval of ½ day closing for Columbus Day Observance

Rezoning-RA to Commercial: Brent DuBois

Quick Claim Roads

Courthouse Clock Repair

Storm Damage - Jack Wood

Indigent Burial – Rhonda Copeland

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of the following dates were submitted for approval: October 2, 2018.

Motion by Commissioner Birdsong; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ford. Unanimous with corrections.

Corrections would be to page 3 Re: Recreation Department at the location on Sogoda Road in District 3 approximately 17 acres, this is available to all citizens of Twiggs County. All they ask is that the person

call ahead and make reservations to avoid scheduling duplication. The number posted is the BOC.

Commissioner Ford is interested in establishing a Recreation Department. Motion was carried by

Commissioner Ford; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bond. Vote was unanimous.

**New Business**

**A.** Approval of ½ day closing for Columbus Day Observance. Motion by Commissioner Ford 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bond. Unanimous.

**B. Rezoning-RA to Commercial: Brent DuBois**-Land is all pasture, but does have a gas line on it. Signs have been put out and all proper channels have been followed, Attorney Kerry Howell said there is no need to carry to next meeting, go ahead and vote Commissioner Birdsong made an approval motion; Chairman Fowler 2<sup>nd</sup>. Yes 3; 1 abstain(Ford)

**C. Quick Claim Roads** Attorney Kerry Howell went in depth regarding the people talked with and how they went about legally getting signatures for approval.

1. Oakhill Cemetery Accept into county road system
2. Laura Justice Approval subject to signing by Etta Jo Poss with Quick claim.
3. Cranberry Lane-Harry & Jo Shine have not signed. Commissioner Bond and engineer will meet with Ms. Jo Shine to show her what the easement would entail. Goal is to let the Shine's know Road Dept. will stay as much left as possible from their property. Commissioner DuBois made a motion to accept into county road system; Commissioner Ford 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**D. Courthouse Clock Repair** Mr. Chuck White will be in the area in a couple of weeks to give a no cost clock repair quote. National archive repair grant needs to be explored. Will get quotes and check with National Archive about repair grant.

**E. Storm Damage – Jack Wood:** Hurricane Michael was a Category 1 when it came thru Twiggs County. Approximately 85% of county was without power initially. By the next afternoon, the numbers decreased to 50-65%. By Saturday, it was down to approximately 15 houses left to restore. As of today, everything should be running well. Director Wood thanked everyone for helping, making things run smoothly, signing all declarations, and attending briefings. Everyone worked hand in hand to make things work. Ms. Radenbaugh with the Friends of the Sheriff's office paid for all the food. The first night there was 71 people; next morning for breakfast there was 61 people. It was the Sheriff's department, Public works and fire department. Jack Wood, Bud Thompson and Sheriff Darren Mitchum worked 38 hours straight. Resource Management will be here today to start assessing damage. Director Wood is trying to get grants to support the lowest possible citizen damage costs. He is also organizing the details to send to state for damages. There were 122 trees removed. Director Wood requested approval to pay \$10.00 per hour Hurricane Michael volunteer assistance. State will pick up 75% of costs. He also requested to implement this for future emergencies under the Local Emergency plan. Commissioner DuBois asked who deems it a state of emergency. BOC would for local emergency (i.e., tornado, train derailment. State/Federal would for State/Federal Emergency. Motion by Commissioner DuBois to approve \$10/hour wage; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Birdsong. Unanimous. Board will discuss future plans for paying volunteers.

**Local Emergency Operation Plan** – Include ability of Director Wood to call for a State of Emergency Declaration as approved by BOC (In development).

**F. Indigent Burial – Rhonda Copeland** Commissioners awaiting a request from Paschal Funeral Home.

#### **Old Business**

**Extension Office** County Attorney states he has been in conversation with Janet Hollingsworth and Brooke Savage. Need to talk about a UGA employee in executive session. He also hopes to have a new MOU in place by the end of October per Brandon Crumsey.

**Judge David Brown** Motion by Commissioner Birdsong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ford to cut a check for \$331.22 for Anita Cantrell for insurance error.

There was a motion by Commissioner Birdsong; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ford to approve assistance to unload Solar Panels.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Commissioner Ford; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Bond, Unanimous (7:40p.m.)

#### **Public Comments**

**Adjournment:** Administrator Lewis to generate Thank You to Sharon Radenbaugh.