

Twiggs County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting
Commission Chambers
December 18, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kenneth E. Fowler, Commissioners Brent DuBois, Lonnie Ford, Steve Birdsong, William Bond, and County Administrator, Kelvin C. Lewis.

Call to Order: Chairman Fowler called the meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Fowler

Invocation: Commissioner DuBois led in Prayer

Approval of the Agenda:

- a. Move January 1 and 15 BOC Meetings to January 8 and 22, 2019
- b. Elections Board Appointment for District 4
- c. Indigent Burial Support-Willie J. Ford
- d. Littering Ordinance-Jack Wood
- e. BOC Office Operations
- f. Vice Chairman Nomination

Commissioner Bond made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Birdsong seconded. Motion carried by 4 Yes votes (DuBois, Birdsong, Fowler, and Bond). Commissioner Ford was vote absent.

January BOC Meeting Dates

Administrator Lewis requested the BOC move the January 2019 meetings of the 1st and 15th to January 8 and 22. BOC will return to normal schedule in February 2019. Motion by Commissioner Bond to approve change. Seconded by Commissioner Ford. Unanimous approval.

District 4 Elections Board Appointment

Commissioner Birdsong made a motion to appoint Sandra Williams to the Elections Board with Gene Brooks having tenured his resignation. Commissioner Bond seconded. Unanimous approval.

Indigent Burial Support-Willie J. Ford

Administrator Lewis advised the BOC of an indigent burial support request from Bentley Funeral Home on behalf of Willie J. Ford. Mr. Ford was identified as a District 4 resident. Commissioner Bond made a motion to pay \$500.00 as indigent burial support upon confirmation of Twiggs County passing. Commissioner Ford seconded. Unanimous approval.

Littering Ordinance

Administrator Lewis presented the Littering Ordinance to the public and BOC. It will repeal and replace prior ordinance(s). Commissioner Ford motioned to approve the new ordinance. Commissioner DuBois seconded. Unanimous approval.

BOC Office Operations

Commissioner Bond motioned to appoint the County Administrator as the County Clerk. Seconded by Commissioner Birdsong. Yes-4. 1 Absent (DuBois)

Vice Chairman Nomination

Commissioner DuBois motioned to elect Commissioner Steve Birdsong as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Ford seconded. Unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Bond to approve December 4, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Birdsong. Motion carried by 4 Yes votes. One absent (Ford).

Old Business

Indigent Burial Support-Roslinda R. McTaggart

Coroner Reece presented a passionate plea to the BOC regarding indigent burial support for Mrs. Roslinda R. McTaggart. Reverend Randall Paschal of Paschal Memorial corroborated Coroner Reece's financial loss statements with handling indigent cases. After deliberations, Attorney W. Kerry Howell requested a deference to the next BOC meeting.

Transit Investigations

Charlie Cruze of MGCAA indicated not having written information to corroborate claims of 5311 Transit violations. EMA Director Jack Wood and Chairman Fowler are seeking more information. Mr. Cruze indicated van repair will help with accommodating citizen requests.

Intergovernmental Agreement

Fire Chief Wood stated an expectation of an early 2019 readiness of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Jeffersonville and Twiggs County Fire Departments to combine the organizations. Goal BOC review at the January 2019 meeting.

At Large Tax Assessor Board Appointment

Cecil Fountain submitted resignation via text message. Attorney Howell confirmed acceptance via that medium. Commissioner Bond made motion to accept Cecil Fountain's resignation from the Tax Assessor Board via text message. Commissioner Ford seconded. Unanimous approval.

Extension MOU

Attorney Howell gave an Extension MOU negotiation preview to the BOC. There has been no situational advancement.

New Business

Chairman Fowler initiated a discussion of the Sheriff Department Tasers. BOC approval was granted in the 2019 budget. Administrator Lewis sited a request by Col. James Faulk to sign the contract before December 31, 2018 to avoid a 2019 price increase. Payments were agreed to be made in 2019. Commissioner Birdsong made motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Ford. Unanimous approval.

EMA Director Jack Wood expressed the need for chemical treatment at the Highway 96 Water Tank. Motion by Commissioner Ford to approve \$1500.00 for the project. Seconded by Commissioner Birdsong. Approved with 4 Yes votes. 1 Absent (DuBois).

Road Superintendent indicated a need to repair the Convenience Center doors, especially at Ridge Road and Highway 129. He stated the work has been outstanding for several years. Ms. Thomas expressed concern for the steps at the Highway 80 Convenience Center. Chairman Fowler instructed Larry Thompson to obtain repair pricing and submit to BOC for consideration.

Commissioner Birdsong made a motion to afford a pay increase to Anita Cantrell consistent with Judge David Brown's request. Seconded by Commissioner Bond. Yes votes-2 (Birdsong and Bond). No votes-2 (Ford and Fowler). Motioned failed. 1 Absent (DuBois).

Commissioner Birdsong made a motion to give \$2.00 per hour raises to the Tax Assessor employees and \$3500.00 to Chief Tax Assessor Romona Vaifale. Seconded by Commissioner Bond. Yes votes-2 (Birdsong and Bond). No votes-2 (Ford and Fowler). Motioned failed. 1 Absent (DuBois).

Public Comments:

Walt Ashby delivered citizen appreciation commendations to Commissioner Lonnie Ford and Road Superintendent Larry Thompson for Glover Road repair handling efforts.

Executive Session

Commissioner Bond made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Legal, and Real Estate. Motion second by Commissioner Ford. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bond made a motion to adjourn. Motion second by Commissioner Ford. Motion carried by 4 Yes votes. 1 Absent (DuBois).

Minutes approved _____, 2019

Kenneth E. Fowler, Chairman

Kelvin C. Lewis, Administrator