

**Twiggs County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting**  
**Commission Chambers**  
**November 20, 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. Wolf Creek Landfill Request For Conditional Use Expansion
- b. First Solar Construction Prep-Rick Backus, Will Brown, & Vincent Curry
- c. GA Solar 4-Philanthropy
- d. Bond Kitchens Road Repair
- e. Mobile Pantry Dates:
  - i. November 26-District 2
  - ii. November 29-District 3
  - iii. December 14-District 1
  - iv. December 18-District 4
- f. Georgia Hwy 18 Erosion
- g. Convenience Centers-J. Jack Wood
- h. Small Business Administration-Tonesa Jones, Public Affairs
- i. Employee only signs at Road Department

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner DuBois seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Wolf Creek Landfill Request For Conditional Use Expansion*

Chairman Fowler opened the floor for deliberations on the Wolf Creek Landfill Request For Conditional Use Expansion Public Hearing. Commissioner Bond made a motion to defer the decision to the next meeting for more review time. Commissioner Ford second. Vote-2 Yes (Bond/Ford); 3 No (Fowler, Birdsong, and DuBois). Motion failed. After additional discussion, Commissioner DuBois made a motion to approve. Commissioner Birdsong second. Vote-3 Yes (Birdsong, DuBois, and Fowler); 1 No (Bond); 1 Abstain (Ford).

*First Solar Construction Prep-Rick Backus, Will Brown, & Vincent Curry*

First Solar was a no show.

*GA Solar 4-Philanthropy*

Administrator Lewis shared details from discussion with GA Solar 4-Philanthropy leadership. He indicated their desire to monetarily support programs relating to children and education. Goal is to locate non-profit group(s) with 501c3 designation. Follow-up conversation scheduled for December 3, 2018.

*Bond Kitchens Road Repair*

Commissioner Birdsong presented a \$8,800.00 bid from Professional Paving to repair Bond Kitchens Rd. Indicated having SPLOST money to cover costs. Attorney W. Kerry Howell's review yielded a need for bid based on public works project. Administrator Lewis was advised to create ad for 2 weeks run in local organ to obtain bids. Goal to make bid selection at December 18 meeting.

*Georgia Hwy 18 Erosion*

BOC discussed concerns regarding the erosion of Georgia Hwy 18. Commissioner Ford advocated a collaborative between GDOT, City of Jeffersonville, and Twiggs County. BOC agreed to defer resolution efforts to GDOT since Hwy 18 is a state road.

*Convenience Centers*

Fire Chief/EMA Director Jack Wood presented options for resolving illegal/inappropriate dumping at the county Convenience Centers. Chief Wood shared means for identifying Twiggs County residents and confirming the appropriateness of waste disposal. A review of the camera system by ADT will also occur. Chief Wood requested approval to work with Atty. Howell to generate a littering ordinance ad to run for 2 weeks. Motion by Commissioner DuBois. Second by Commissioner Ford. Yes-4; 1 Abstain (Bond). Regarding Convenience Center staffing changes, Commissioner Bond motioned to increase staffing to 4 days per week, 10 hours per day, 8am-6pm. Yes-3 (Bond, Birdsong, and, Ford). No-1 (Fowler). Abstain-1 (DuBois). Operation schedule days will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Closing-Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Ad to be run in local organ for citizen notification. Closures effective January 2, 2019. Commissioner Ford made motion to approve rain gear for Convenience Center workers not to exceed \$50.00/person. Unanimous approval.

Fire Chief Wood spoke of discussions underway between the City of Jeffersonville and Twiggs County to establish a Fire MOU. Chief Wood petitioned the BOC for the approval to work with Atty. Howell to develop a MOU. Motion by Commissioner DuBois to approve. Second by Commissioner Ford. Unanimous approval.

### *Small Business Administration*

Ms. Toneka Jones spoke of the Small Business Administration's ability to assist businesses that have incurred financial loss from Hurricane Michael. She agreed to provide literature on the agency's support capabilities. Administrator Lewis agreed to share electronic file with BOC.

### *Employee Only Signs At Road Dept*

Commissioner Birdsong spoke of citizen complaints regarding unrestricted access to Road Department premises. Wants to avoid county liability. Motion by Commissioner Birdsong to authorize the creation of signs denoting "Employees Only" or something similar to post on Road Department fence. Yes-4. Abstain-1 (Bond).

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Ford to approve November 6, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Birdsong. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **Old Business**

Administrator Lewis indicated delivery delay of the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Bench. Awaiting reschedule date.

Administrator Lewis made a request for the 2019 Budget approval. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ford. Motioned failed for lack of second.

Administrator Lewis requested an approval of indigent burial support of \$500.00 for John Williams, Jr. and Hansel Curry, Jr. Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve. Commissioner Bond seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrator Lewis and Chairman Fowler outlined a modification to the initial work needed for courthouse bat removal. Administrator Lewis indicated an additional \$2430.00 required, bringing the total to \$9,930.00. After discussion, Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve. Commissioner Birdsong seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote, contingent upon a written agreement with a 2-year warranty.

### *2019 Budget Approval*

Motion by Commissioner Ford to approve 2019 Budget. Second by Commissioner Bond. Unanimous approval.

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Jerry Fincher commented on the proposed Twiggs County Conditional Use Permit Application submitted by Wolf Creek Landfill. He also believes there exists an opportunity for better air space financial management.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner DuBois 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 unanimous vote.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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Kenneth E. Fowler, Chairman

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Kelvin C. Lewis, Administrator