

Twiggs County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting
Commission Chambers
November 6, 2018
9:00 a.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 Ford led in Prayer

Approval of the Agenda:

- a. Electronic Payment Processing-Patrick Thames, Assistant Vice-President Commercial Lender Bank of Dudley
- b. Mobile Pantry-David Griffin, Executive Director-Middle GA Food Bank
- c. U.S. Flag Donation-Four County Exchange Club
- d. Courthouse Bats
- e. Courthouse Heating Repairs
- f. Road Dept. Employees-Larry Thompson

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

Electronic Payment Processing

Patrick Thames from Bank of Dudley provided details for electronic payment processing. He indicated a 3.5% surcharge to credit card customers for processing. No fees payable by county. Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve installation. Commissioner Birdsong seconded. Unanimous approval.

David Griffin from Middle GA Food Bank introduced the work performed by the organization established in 1981. He thanked Administrator Lewis for the accommodation in their mission to serve needed families in the coverage area. Mr. Griffin requested a process to insure countywide distribution. Administrator Lewis agreed to run point.

Four County Exchange Club

Development Authority Director Judy Sherling presented the mission of flag distribution across the coverage area. Honors citizens that fly the flag regularly. Chairman Fowler expressed gratitude on behalf of the BOC.

Courthouse Bats

Administrator Lewis and Chairman Fowler presented information on the bat residue clean-up as well as elimination/enclosure of the tower to eliminate access. Options were reviewed. Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the \$7500.00 external closure of the tower. Commissioner Birdsong seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Courthouse Heating Repairs

Administrator Lewis outlined a proposal from Massengill Expert Services for heating and air repairs. The work entailed replacing a condenser fan motor in one unit and a compressor in another. Additional work will be performed in 2019 as part of a comprehensive temperature control strategy. Commissioner Bond made a motion to approve the repairs. Commissioner Ford seconded. Motion carried by 4 yes votes and 1 vote not cast for lack of commissioner presence.

Road Dept Employees

Larry Thompson, Road Supervisor, made a proposal to hire 2 part-time workers. He indicated grass cutting and other support needs. Mr. Thompson stressed the importance of CDL Driver hires in the future. Requested the BOC entertain underwriting the training cost if the employee passes. However, the employee would absorb the cost for course failures. Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve hiring 2 part-time employees. Commissioner DuBois seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Bond to approve October 16, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner DuBois. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Administrator Lewis indicated delivery of the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Bench on November 7, 2018.

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 Mrs. Rhonda Copeland. Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve. Chairman Fowler seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrator Lewis and Chairman Fowler outlined the initial work needed to repair the courthouse clock. Administrator Lewis also discussed the prospects of a maintenance agreement. The repair costs would be \$1500.00. Commissioner Birdsong made a motion to approve. Chairman Fowler seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. BOC agreed to postpone maintenance agreement decision to later.

Public Comments:

Mr. Jerry Fincher expressed displeasure in the handling of the First Solar permitting fees. Felt the agreement changed after he and Mr. Walt Ashby left the Tax Assessor Board. Mr. Fincher also 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 Bond made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel, and Real Estate. Motion second by Commissioner Birdsong. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

Administrator Lewis requested \$2200.00 for BOC technology improvements to include the Road Dept and Elections. Commissioner Ford made motion to approve. Second by Commissioner DuBois. Motion passed 4Yes; 1 Abstain (Commissioner Bond).

EMA Director Jack Wood petitioned the BOC to support the removal of a solid cap from the Hill Brown pumping station. A&D Environmental quoted a price of \$15,000.00. Commissioner Birdsong recommended seeking options. Commissioner Bond indicated price was reasonable for the work involved. Commissioner Birdsong made motion to approve. Second by Chairman Fowler. Unanimous approval.

EMA Director Jack Wood and Larry Thompson, Road Dept. Supervisor, requested BOC approval for connection to the county water system. Commissioner DuBois made motion to approve. Second by Commissioner Birdsong. Unanimous approval.

Adjournment

Commissioner DuBois made a motion to adjourn. Motion second by Commissioner Ford. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Minutes approved _____, 2018

Kenneth E. Fowler, Chairman

Kelvin C. Lewis, Administrator