

Twiggs County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting
Commission Chambers

October 2, 2018

9:00 am

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. GA DOT – Connie Davis Drive striping
- b. William Durham – Maulk Thompson Road
- c. Proposed Budget Summary
- d. Bats at the DFACS
- e. Extension Office
- f. BOC Staffing Update
- g. EMA/Fire Update – Jack Wood

Chairman Fowler added Alton Farrar lunch approval.

Commissioner Ford added Concerned Citizens of Twiggs County.

Commissioner Bond added sales tax rebate, and insurance rebate.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bond second the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business

GA DOT – Connie Davis Drive striping

Mr. Elmo Richardson and Jack Reed, GDOT, sought BOC approval from shared Connie Davis Drive striping cost. The sharing entities would be GDOT, BOC, and IDA.

Commissioner Birdsong made a motion to approve paying the BOC portion, \$5000.00 of the Connie Davis Drive striping, from the 2009 SPLOST Account. Commissioner Bond second the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

William Durham – Maulk Thompson Road

Mr. William Durham didn't appear for the petition. Chairman Fowler postponed.

Proposed Budget Summary

Chairman Fowler presented the 2019 proposed budget as printed in the Twiggs Times New Era. Copies were made available to the public. Details distributed only as information.

Bats at the DFCS

Chairman Fowler discussed the elimination of bat dropping from the DFCS Building. The BOC contracted Billy McClain for the project. External screens were installed. Expected problem resolution.

Extension Office

Administrator Lewis spoke about the ongoing deliberation between the BOC and the UGA Extension for an updated MOU. The matter is being handled by BOC Counsel W. Kerry Howell. Discussions continue. Brandon Crumsey, County Extension Agent, indicated the next Mobile Pantry will be October 23, 2018 from 11-1pm at the Extension Office.

BOC Staffing Update

Administrator Lewis shared a recruitment update for the Administrative Coordinator and County Clerk/Accounts Payable positions. Interviews conducted the week of October 1.

EMA/Fire Update

Jack Wood gave the Board an update on the Fire MOU with City of Jeffersonville. Goal of combining the two volunteer fire departments to improve operations, including ISO rating reductions. Chief Wood requested permission to seek various state grants on behalf of the BOC. Unanimous approval received. EMA Director Wood indicated approval of first responders grant by the state. He also requested adding Mrs. Wood as an administrative assistant for office support. There will be no cost to the county. Commissioner Bond made motion. Chairman Fowler second. Four yes votes (Ford, Bond, Fowler, and Birdsong). One abstention (DuBois).

Alton Farrar Lunch

Chairman Fowler requested approval of Alton Farrar luncheon in recognition of service to the county. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ford. Chairman Fowler second. Unanimous vote.

Concerned Citizens of Twiggs County

Mrs. Connie Cornelius spoke on behalf of the Concerned Citizens of Twiggs County seeking cross county cooperation. She indicated a countywide event to occur at the Sqoda Rd Recreation Center on October 13, 2018. Per Commissioner William Bond, the center is available for use by all county citizens. There is a schedule maintained at the BOC office. Please inquire as interested.

Sales Tax Rebate

Commissioner Bond made a motion to petition the Georgia Department of Revenue to provide additional details on the sales tax rebate via a Letter of Objection. Motion seconded by Commissioner Birdsong. Motion received 2 Yes (Bond, Birdsong) and 2 No (DuBois, Fowler). Motion failed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Ford to approve September 18, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Chairman Fowler. 4 yes votes (Fowler, Ford, Birdsong, DuBois); 1 abstention (Bond).

Public Comments:

There were concerns expressed with utilization of an outside consultant to compile the budget. Sheriff Mitchum requested a copy of the approved budget in the future. Motion by Commissioner Ford to present all department heads with a copy of an approved budget each year. Motion seconded by Commissioner DuBois. Unanimous approval.

Executive Session

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

Commissioner Birdsong made a motion to re-enter Open Session. Motion second by Commissioner Bond. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to reduce the Procurement policy approval limit to \$300.00 from \$1000.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Birdsong. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Bond made motion for BOC approval for additional grass cutting at Sqoda Rd Recreation Center, if needed. Second by Commissioner Birdsong. Unanimous approval.

Adjournment

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

Minutes approved _____

Kenneth E. Fowler, Chairman

Kelvin C. Lewis, Administrator