

Twiggs County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting
Commissioners Chambers
April 2, 2019
9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

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. Homeland Security Briefing-Debra Stephens
- b. Hawthorne and Cherokee Rd Damage-Kavaris Carswell
- c. Ambulance License Renewal
- d. Courthouse Termite Control
- e. Garbage Disposal Volume
- f. Georgia Smart
- g. Animal Control-Michael Ashley

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Fowler seconded. Unanimous approval vote.

Homeland Security Briefing

Elections Registrar Debra Stephens informed the BOC of Homeland Security's interest in reviewing Twiggs County's election security. Based on approval of new voting machines. Goal: to insure proper security and county has needed resources. Team will work with Elections Registrar, County Administrator, and IT. Will evaluate network for cyber breach opportunities. Conducted at no county cost. Commissioner Ford motioned to approve the visit. Commissioner Bond seconded. Unanimous approval vote.

Hawthorne and Cherokee Drive Damage

Kavaris Carswell approached the BOC about road damage challenges at Hawthorne and Cherokee Drives. Chairman Fowler advised Mr. Carswell of Atty. W. Kerry Howell's

commitment to provide Quick Claim deeds for Cherokee Drive within 30 days. Chairman Fowler also promised document delivery once received.

Ambulance License Renewal

Chairman Fowler, after conversing with Twiggs County EMA Director Jack Wood, and Jason Brady, EMS Director, The Medical Center of Navicent Health, recommended not renewing Twiggs County's ambulance license. Commissioner DuBois disagreed siting county license ownership helps prevent Navicent from leveraging lack thereof in negotiations. BOC advised Administrator Lewis to investigate options and report to out.

Courthouse Termite Control

Administrator Lewis spoke to the county's contract with Barnes Exterminating for termite control service at the courthouse. Upon receipt of Barnes' invoice indicating service address change to 31 Magnolia Street, a treatment hold was requested. An investigation confirmed courthouse service delivery. Commissioner Ford motioned to approve retaining Barnes Exterminating for termite control. Commissioner Bond seconded. Unanimous approval.

Garbage Disposal Volume

Administrator Lewis advised BOC of the interest in comparing pre and post Convenience Center personnel hours increase impact on garbage disposal volume. Commissioner Bond indicated making the request. He stated data wasn't comprehensive enough to reach a value conclusion. Commissioner Bond committed to address the BOC in the future once work is complete.

Georgia Smart

Administrator Lewis informed the BOC of a Georgia Tech conference attended on March 29 regarding Smart counties. The conference agenda was consisted with Governor Kemp's and the Georgia Legislature's commitment to technological developments, regardless of zip code. Administrator Lewis advised the BOC of his intent to apply for a grant entitled "Rural Broadband Infrastructure Mapping and Installation to Facilitate Telehealth Delivery". Commissioner DuBois recommended including EMA/Fire and 911 for application strengthening.

Animal Control

Michael Ashley greeted the BOC about an Animal/Pet Care Apprenticeship Program. The program capacity is approximately 30-60 animals. He also discussed a statewide access program for homeless teenagers. Mr. Ashley's purpose was to seek BOC blessings. The organization has a 501 C3 designation.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bond made a motion to approve the March 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ford seconded. Unanimous approval.

Old Business

Mobile Pantry Dates

April 11, 2019-Jeffersonville

Administrator Lewis indicated having a call into Mobile Pantry Executive Director David Griffin to schedule future dates.

New Business

Chairman Fowler informed the BOC of a citizen complaint for 100 Forestwood Drive. He sited 100-200 tires for removal to avoid EPD notification.

Commissioner Bond motioned to approve the purchase of two Sheriff Department vehicles as promised in the 2019 budget. Commissioner Ford seconded. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Ford motioned to approve a \$1.25/hour pay increase for courthouse custodian Kenneth Stephens. Commissioner Bond seconded. Unanimous approval.

Executive Session

Commissioner Bond motioned to move to Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Ford. Unanimous approval vote.

Commissioner Bond motioned to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Commissioner DuBois. 4 Yes votes. 1 Absent (Ford)

Public Comments

Mrs. Edna Roberts spoke about an open records request for county employee salaries. She didn't believe it should have taken so long or required county attorney involvement.

Adjournment

Commissioner DuBois motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Ford seconded. Unanimous approval.

Minutes approved _____, 2019

Kenneth E. Fowler, Chairman

Kelvin C. Lewis, Administrator