

**Twiggs County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting**  
**Commissioners Chambers**  
**July 16, 2019**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

**Present:** Chairman Kenneth E. Fowler, Commissioners Brent DuBois, Lonnie Ford, Steve Birdsong, William Bond, W. Kerry Howell, 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. Run for The Fallen-Catherine Krattli
- b. Magistrate Court Program-Anita Cantrell
- c. Appointment to Regional EMS Advisory Council
- d. Rescue Tools-Jack Wood

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

*Run for The Fallen*

Gold Star Mother Catherine Krattli thanked the BOC for the 2018 Run for the Fallen support. Presented Chairman Fowler with certificate of appreciation. Mrs. Krattli, a Twiggs County resident, also presented a poster representing all the servicemen and women who lost their lives on the USS Cole. This year's activity will be Georgia focused. Mrs. Krattli provided related literature to the BOC and thanked them for purchasing the Honor and Remember Flag. The BOC expressed gratitude for her service and recognition.

*Magistrate Court Program*

Anita Cantrell, Magistrate Court, informed the BOC of the ransom wear seizure of the court data. The current vendor has no back-up program or off-site provisions. Wanda Paul from MicroPact presented a case management system option with criminal/civil eFiling and Accounting applications. The BOC asked numerous questions and expressed varying opinions of acceptance. MicroPact was the most cost-effective option sourced. After deliberation,

Commissioner Ford motioned to approve MicroPact as the software vendor. Commissioner Bond seconded. Unanimous approval.

#### *Appointment to Regional EMS Advisory Council*

Chairman Fowler introduced the need to appoint a member to the Regional EMS Advisory Council. EMA Director Jack Wood is currently serving. Commissioner Birdsong motioned to reappoint Director Wood to the Regional EMS Advisory Council. Commissioner Ford seconded. Unanimous approval.

#### *Rescue Tools*

EMA Director Jack Wood approached the BOC with a vehicle rollover accident scenario. During the incident, the need for updated tools existed to allow for emergency passenger extrication. Commissioner Birdsong motioned to purchase battery operated rescue tools for \$27,809.00. Commissioner Ford seconded. Unanimous approval.

#### *County Water Ordinance*

Fire Chief Jack Wood updated the BOC on the payment language enclosed within the current water service invoices to customers. Chief Wood proposed to change the language to reflect a 10% penalty application after the 15<sup>th</sup> vs 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Commissioner Ford requested change enforcement for October 1. No BOC vote or ordinance change required per Attorney W. Kerry Howell.

#### *County Road Usage*

Attorney Howell addressed a petition from KaMin to utilize a county road for access to mine kaolin. Attorney Howell concerned with pre-judging KaMin's road use behavior. He feels county ordinance appropriately addresses the matter. Attorney Howell expressed reluctance to give a written statement of approval. Commissioner Birdsong expressed interest in supporting KaMin if possible, citing its historical Twiggs County support. He feels KaMin's route via State Road 18, however, would be more beneficial. Commissioner Bond expressed a hope that the request was not to transport overloaded trucks on a county road. Wants responsibility to remain with the company.

Chairman Fowler also represented a citizen request to move a county road to allow for kaolin mining. Road relocation would be on the same private citizen's property. Per Road Superintendent Larry Thompson, road has been maintained in support of several area property owners. Commissioner Bond warned of potential legal ramification of road closure. Chairman Fowler indicated the road would be relocated, not closed. Attorney Howell referred to the matter as a road abandonment and shared process details for getting the request completed. Commissioner Bond stated that a public road should not be closed to support private interest. Commissioner Ford indicated the need to follow county attorney advice. Attorney Howell was asked to research the matter and report back to the BOC with a disposition.



### *Bullard Rd Memorial for Jeffersonville High School*

Per Commissioner Ford, Charlie Stephens approached him about establishing a memorial to the former Jeffersonville High School. Planning in infancy stage. Seeking BOC and BOE support permission.

### *Side Arm Tractor Decision Revisited*

Commissioner Birdsong reminded the BOC of a tractor approval at the last meeting. After additional investigation, Commissioner Birdsong found the composition and future repair logistics too complicated with the original vendor. He and Road Superintendent Larry Thompson found a tractor at Flint Equipment, a transaction principal at all levels. Commissioner Birdsong motioned to rescind his previous vote to purchase the Case tractor. Motioned seconded by Commissioner DuBois. Unanimous approval. Commissioner Birdsong motioned to purchase the John Deere 6105E at a price of \$126,776.00. Commissioner Ford seconded. Unanimous approval. Tractor will be financed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Bond motioned to approve the July 2, 2019 meeting minutes with corrections. Commissioner Birdsong seconded. Unanimous approval.

### **Old Business**

#### *Courthouse Security*

Commissioner Birdsong expressed the need to secure the courthouse. He indicated only one entrance to Jones and other counties courthouses.

#### *Road Department Employees*

Larry Thompson petitioned the BOC for convert Marty Hasty and Charles Benton to full-time from part-time. Commissioner Ford motioned to approve. Commissioner Fowler seconded. Unanimous approval.

#### *Buffalo Soldiers Monument*

Administrator Lewis informed the citizens and BOC of the arrival of the Buffalo Soldiers monument. Serves as memorial to armed service personnel.

#### *Honor and Remember*

Administrator Lewis reminded the BOC of the July 2 Honor and Remember ceremony culminating in the raising of the flag. Supported statewide action and approval by Gov. Kemp.

*Vietnam Memorial*

Administrator Lewis directed the BOC to a packet insert representing the amended specifications for the Vietnam Memorial. He advised of the staff quality control review prior to development.

**New Business**

*Public Restrooms*

Commissioner Ford requested that the public restrooms in the courthouse be modernized.

**Executive Session**

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

Commissioner Bond motioned to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Commissioner DuBois. Unanimous approval vote.

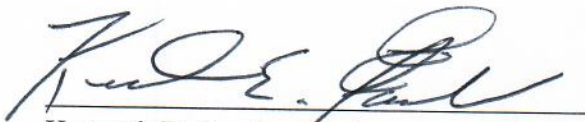
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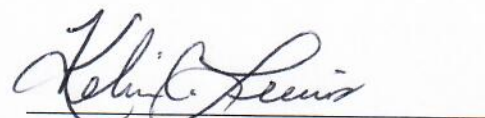
Dale Lumley spoke of a logging company ruining New Griswoldville Road. He indicated no initial gravel application. After Commissioner Birdsong involvement, minimal gravel distribution occurred. Company was Rusty Rozier Logging. Chairman Fowler insisted that no logging permits be issued until gravel applied. Attorney Howell indicated that the ordinance should be followed prior to permit issuance.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Birdsong motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Bond seconded. Unanimous approval.

Minutes approved Aug 6, 2019

  
Kenneth E. Fowler, Chairman

  
Kelvin C. Lewis, Administrator

