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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Present: Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Vice Chairman Jeff Cox, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Bowen Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Douglas Cofty, Andy Moore, Sage Laing, Courtney Alday, Jerry Chapman, Melody Pierce.

6:00 P.M. – Welcome & Call to Order. Prayer and pledge of allegiance

Housekeeping

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Calhoun stated if there is no other thing need to be added. I need a motion to approve the agenda. Vice Chairman Cox make a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Nixon Second. All in favor? All right.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Calhoun stated approval of the minutes. Everything looks to be in order. We need motion to approve. Make a motion. Vice Chairman Cox made motion. Need a second. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor?

Approval of Financial Reports

Chairman Calhoun stated Financial report. Everybody looked at them and approved. I need a motion to approve it. Commissioner Bowen Made motion. Second. Commissioner Bush. All in favor? All right.

Appearances

Melody Pierce with the WorkSource. Ms. Pierce introduced the board to the WIOA program, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act, is a program to assist those who are unemployed, underemployed and working multiple jobs just to make ends meet. Ms. Pierce stated they are able to assist those with training opportunities, they do not do any training but they subsidize the training.

She stated WorkSource Southwest Georgia would identify what training provider and what they were interested in. WIOA is administered by the State. She stated they fall under the umbrella of the technical college system of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development. She stated there is a total of 18 in the State of Georgia. She stated she serves 14 counties in Southwest Georgia. She advised that they also work with employers to place those workers who have been displaced. She stated , the Office of Workforce Development wrote to the US Department of Labor for a grant opportunity, It is the National Dislocated Worker Employment Recovery Grant it was originally $1,800,000.00 but ended up being $985,000.00. that means getting businesses involved to sign OJT contracts and to be in a waiting position until we're able to place people or if that means identifying job seekers who need to upskill their training opportunity, those are the best ways to spend this $985,000. She stated she needs the boards assistance to get the word out into the community to inform everyone to let them know that there are great opportunities out here that we can turn Southwest Georgia around because at the end of this grant period, I really want the news article to read that the community of Southwest Georgia rallied behind this grant. And if we didn't spend all of it, we spent the majority of it. So, this is why I'm before you today. I need your assistance. I need to not only get the word out. She advised they would send over some literature to put on social media. The board thanked her for her appearance.

Old Business

Mayhaw Shooting Range Update

Chairman Calhoun stated next the shooting range. Mr. Cofty informed the board that the DNR was ready to draft the lease agreement with the county. Mr. Cofty stated that he and EMA Director Debbie Henry has been looking at FEMA rates for in kind services such as dump trucks, excavators and stuff like that. He just needed to know if the board wanted to proceed with the lease agreement. The board was in agreement to proceed.

New Business

EMA Local Emergency Operations Plan

Chairman Calhoun stated New business, EMA local emergency operations plan. Mr. Cofty stated Yes, sir. So, Debbie Henry brought this by. You got it in your packet. It's just basically something she has to do just like comprehensive plan on a regular basis. The whole entire board has to sign off on this plan. Chairman Calhoun stated that's all you need. We need a motion to accept the emergency operation plan. Vice Chairman Cox made motion to accept, Commissioner Bush seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

County Financial Policy

Chairman Calhoun stated next is the county financial policy. Mr. Cofty stated yes, sir. So, you know, we've been working on updating our policies. We did the business license that I gave you all to review. Next on that list to me is about financial policy. Mr. Keith asked me about this, I guess at one of the classes that that he went to talk about financial policy and all the financial policy. So I went in and did some research and pull from different other counties. This this is an actual financial policy. You don't have to vote on it or anything tonight. It talks about long term, about how we have to balance the budget, our time frame, which is July to June, long term planning have investments in purchase and travel all that stuff. So just it's the whole policy instead of just one individual like individual like credit card it's all in one policy. You just need to review it. When we do the business license, we'll bring them all for the proposal.

COBRA Proposal

Chairman Calhoun stated next is COBRA proposal. Ms. Whittaker stated yes, we just need something, we got through Madison Street and we don't have one here and we need somebody there. It'll be extra but to send out cobra paperwork when people are terminated, that'll keep us out of possible lawsuits when people are out and they don't get their kind of cobra paperwork, but they have somebody there that can handle that. It's just an addition. Chairman Calhoun stated so that just happens when they get terminated. Do you need a motion for that. We need a motion to accept the Cobra proposal. Commissioner Nixon made motion to accept. Vice Chairman Cox seconded. Motion carried.

LMIG Supplemental Grant

Chairman Calhoun stated next is LMIG Supplemental Grant. Mr. Cofty stated this is the supplemental we actually got our first go around I think 545,000, this is an additional 585,000 supplemental and we just have to go through the same paperwork, get the letter signed, need to go ahead and authorize basically. Andy, you want to go through the roads that we talked about. Mr. Moore stated you know, nothing is set in stone, but what kind of the plan was to finish Cooktown Rd.. We get this supplement in there, you know, put it all together. We do finish Cooktown, do Jeterville, Bush Dairy, and maybe we'll get that little section of Sapp Bridges, whether we can work that out this time. You know, we may have to wait a little while because of gas price, you know, asphalt going up and down. But that was the plan. And the plan for the next one, which we'll start working on it, you know, pretty quick. My personal opinion, I'd go to Whites Bridge Rd. I'd sit down on Avenue and I'd go north till I got to Phillipsburg is what I we only got one other road that's getting, you know, in in a little bad shape. That's Shingler Rd, But it's holding up. Okay. But you got two sections of an avenue that they're getting in rough shape. I'd work on my next one. If I could cover this, you know, we submit for the next one. That's what I'd do with the mix. And you know, if you all want to change some of it, you know, we change it. But that's

kind of our worst roads as they go to me. You know, and whether we quite cover them, it's going to be real close, you know. We had a figure kind of to cover them, but you know, with this price, little price increase going up, we may want to look at waiting, you know, waiting a minute and let it come down a little or we just have to make that decision when we get there. Mr. Cofty stated need to make a motion so you can sign a motion to sign that supplemental grant. Chairman Calhoun stated we need a motion to sign the LMIG supplemental Grant. Commissioner Bowen made motion, Commissioner Bush seconded. All in favor, Motion carried

Department Reports

Chairman Calhoun stated any department reports? Mr. Cofty stated if you look at the fuel station, I still have to meet with Barber Petroleum, I've sent him the photos. I'm just waiting for him to get back to me. The fuel like Andy said the fuel price is up, we're still lucky we had a good bit in the tank so our price not that high just yet probably the next semi we will start to see a big increase other than that fuel station just normal. I don't see the Sheriff here, Andy do you have anything. Mr. Moore stated we kind of talked at a meeting we was kind of talking about. I was kind of wondering if you all would be interested in letting me look around for maybe a dump trailer, you know, to go behind the semi. That really help out with some of these long hauls, you know, especially with us clipping shoulders and, you know, we going. Chairman Calhoun stated I would recommend a wet kit. Mr. Moore stated oh, definitely. I got you. I mean, it's just something maybe to look at, you know. I mean, I hadn't I'd go ahead. Chairman Calhoun stated I'd try see if we find a good used one. Maybe some wet kit. Mr. Moore stated yeah, we got to have a wet kit, you know, and a dump. But, you know, if I make a if I make a run, that's we'll be hauling six loads instead of three or, you know, four. We we're running three trucks right now pretty regular. So, if I make a run, that's like hauling six load. Chairman Calhoun stated that probably cheaper buy a dump truck. Mr. Moore stated yeah. Shoot. Dump truck now's just one of the small ones. We got probably 180 90,000 now for one of them, you know. So, I mean, up on the old dunk trailer even. I mean, we kind of patch up on it. I make I can make a few runs with, you know, before we get away from home, you know, it just gets a little hard with that haul. And I'm still looking for somebody to, you know, maybe that'll stockpile some dirt around, too. So, maybe that'll help out. But if y'all would be interested, I'd just like to kind of look, maybe get a price up, look around and see what we can find, you know. Okay. Vice Chairman Cox stated you have talked to people in the community about stock piling some dirt. Mr. Moore stated yeah. You know, me and Ladon talked about it the other day. We got we throwing some things out there. You know, Doug and I talked about behind the dump side out there. You know, we got just a little bit, but it's not a whole lot. But we kind of looking around, you know, and you know, if I find anybody, I'll let y'all know and we'll talk about it, you know, make sure everybody's good with it, you know, kind, you know, we just need a spot kind of sides of the wood somewhere and we going to stack it, you know, won't be a big widespread thing. You know, we'll make it nice and neat, you know, but sure would help we had somewhere on really on both sides of the county, you know, to tuck some in somewhere and not have to haul so far. Vice Chairman Cox stated It' be nice in each district you find somewhere. Mr. Moore stated Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. You know, well, that's, you know, we've been kind of throwing it out there some people. Couple of them

said, you know, well, let me look around and I'm going to get back with a couple of them, you know, and see if maybe we can find a spot. You know, if not, we'll we may put a little bit over there behind the dump site, you know, and we get over there clipping. And the clipping that my plan was I'm going to jump on Jeterville. We get it knocked out. Bush Dairy before we pave them. You know, go ahead and get that done because they really need it. And I'm going to limb cut them while I'm there, too. You know, while we slowing down traffic, I'll get the clipper guys to go through it and the limb cutter guy to go through it. So, they should be ready when we get ready to pave it. You know, the shoulders will be good. They'll be done, you know, kind of rehabbed a little by then. Then, we're going to start working on jumping on some of these that we going to put stripes on. We'll try to get on there. And you know, we juggling a little bit right now with mowing and being a little short-handed, but we made it. Chairman Calhoun stated You all got anything? We're going to go into executive session. You all got anything? No question. Okay. I need a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Bush made motion, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session
Real estate

Chairman Calhoun stated we came out of executive session. It took no action. We talked about real estate. I motion to come out session. Vice Chairman Cox made the motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Calhoun stated if there's no any other discussion or any business. I need a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Cox made the motion, Commissioner Bush seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting is adjourned.

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Cristene Bush, Commissioner – District 1

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Jeff Cox, Vice Chairman – District 2

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Keith Bowen, Commissioner – District 3

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Niki Nixon, Commissioner – District 4

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Ladon Calhoun, Chairman – District 5

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Douglas Cofty, County Manager