

**MILLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
01/11/2021, 6:00 P.M., Courthouse Courtroom
MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Kreg Freeman, Vice-Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Nicole Nixon, Commissioner Allen Worsley, and Commissioner Cristene Edwards.
Others Present: Sherrie Stewart, Faye Whittaker, Cody Hamilton, Whitney Butler, Jennifer Jackson, Andy Moore, Sheriff Rick Morgan, Wanda Griffin, Terry Toole, Martha Cox, Cory Thomas, signed attendance list attached.

Chairman K Freeman called the meeting to order.
Chairman K Freeman asked for a moment of silence.
Jerry Bush led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Housekeeping

- Nomination of Chairman-Chairman K Freeman asked for nomination of new chairman. Vice-Chairman N Nixon nominated Kreg Freeman for Chairman. Commissioner Ladon Calhoun seconded. Commissioner A Worsley voted against it. Commissioner C Edwards nominated Allen Worsley. Kreg Freeman voted and accepted the nomination. Motion carried.
- Nomination of Vice-Chairman-Chairman K Freeman asked for nomination of Vice-Chairman. Chairman K Freeman nominated Commissioner Ladon Calhoun. Commissioner N Nixon seconded. Commissioner A Worsley voted for. Commissioner C Edwards voted for. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Nomination of County Attorney-Commissioner N Nixon made a motion to keep William Mills as county attorney. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Nomination of Committees-Vice-Chairman L Calhoun to take former commissioner of District 5 spot on committees. Commissioner C Edwards to take former District 1 commissioner spot on committees. The County Clerk S Stewart is to take spot on all committees that the previous county clerk was on. Commissioner A Worsley made motion to approve all changes. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Approval of Agenda-Chairman K Freeman asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner N Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes identified as Regular Session 12/14/2020-Chairman K Freeman asked for a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Session 12/14/2020. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve the minutes. Chairman N Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Financials

- Approval of Accounts Payable-Chairman K Freeman asked for a motion to approve the accounts payable. Commissioner N Nixon made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Approval of Financial Reports-Chairman K Freeman asked for a motion to approve the financial reports. Vice-Commissioner L Calhoun made a motion to approve financial reports. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

- USDA Grant-Chairman K Freeman asked for a motion for approval of the purchase of county vehicles with the USDA Grant. Vice-Chairman made a motion. Commissioner N Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. The purchase of a limb cutter for the road department was put on hold.
- Fueling Station-Plans for the fueling station were discussed. Chairman K Freeman asked for a motion to go ahead with the proposal. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Advanced Disposal Update-County Clerk S Stewart informed the board that the small dumpsters had been picked up from our dump site and that our new monthly bill should be approximately \$6,251.65. The Board asked the county clerk to get other bids.
- Southeast Health-County Clerk S Stewart informed the Board that Southeast Health agreed to let us pay the outstanding balance of \$36,641.63 monthly. Our monthly payment will be \$3,053.47 and must be paid off within a year. Chairman K Freeman asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appearances

- Cory Thomas-City Manager Cory Thomas made an appearance to discuss the greens at the county golf course. The greens need to be redone and to pay for this expense, the lease for the golf carts will be paid off and new batteries purchased for each cart with a three year loan from the bank. This note will be signed by the city only and the county's monetary involvement will not increase. Commissioner N Nixon made a motion to accept. Vice-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. Commissioner A Worsley and Commission C Edwards voted against. Chairman K Freeman voted for. Motion carried.
- Maston and Pat Phillips made an appearance to discuss having the penalty waived for their property taxes. They both were in the hospital with COVID when the taxes were due. The board agreed to this. In the

future verification of hospitalization or illness for COVID only and only for the month of December 2020 will be allowed.

Any other situations will have to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Chairman K Freeman made motion to approve. Commissioner N Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Sheriff Rick Morgan asked for approval for a raise for Tia Early and Detravivus Lester and a raise because of promotion for Byron Cobb and Steven Morris. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve. Commissioner N Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

- Authorization of Bank Signatures-Chairman K Freeman, Commissioner L Calhoun, and EMS Director/Board Clerk D Cofty to be signers on all county bank accounts and for Sheriff Rick Morgan and Jennifer Moore to sign on all Sheriff department accounts. Commissioner N Nixon made motion to approve. Vice-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. Commissioner A Worsley voted against. Chairman C Edwards voted against. Chairman K Freeman voted for. Motion carried.
- TANS Note-Chairman K Freeman informed the board that the 2020 TANS note has been paid. Chairman K Freeman asked for a motion to have the 2021 TANS note drawn up at Peoples South Bank, Colquitt, GA to be available when needed. Commissioner A Worsley made the motion. Vice-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- PTO-There was discussion that a new procedure needed to be put in place concerning employees' PTO time. Board agreed to think on it and discuss at a later time.
- ACCG Liability Coverage-The county coverage with ACCG was presented and the need to increase our coverage was discussed. The board asked County Clerk S Stewart to check with surrounding counties on the coverage they carry and to report back to the board.
- COVID update for EMS employees-Finance Director F Whittaker reported for EMS Director D Cofty the health condition of employees who had tested positive for COVID.
- Roadways/Speed detection-Sheriff Rick Morgan presented a list of roads and highways that had been approved in the past for speed detection. The certification for a radar license with the GA Dept. of Public Safety expired on 12/31/2020. Sheriff R Morgan stated that speed laws cannot be enforced without this certification. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner A Worsley made motion to adjourn the meeting.
Commissioner C Edwards seconded.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Department Heads, Board and Committee Reporting

- Road-L Calhoun/A Worsley-Andy Moore
- SGRITA Broadband Board-Doug Cofty/K Freeman
- Chamber of Commerce-Mandy Roland/S Stewart
- Family Collaborative Board-S Stewart
- Finance-L Calhoun/K Freeman
- E 911, Fire & EMS- Doug Cofty-K Freeman/N Nixon
- Tax Assessor-William Smith/Cody Hamilton
- Miller County Board of Health-Doug Cofty/Courtney Clanton
- Spring Creek Park-Steve Ard
- Hospital-K Freeman
- Personnel-K Freeman/N Nixon
- County Extension-C Powell
- ASPIRE-Darlene Cox
- GA Department of Behavior-Faye Whittaker
- Golden Triangle-Billy Roland/Andy Moore
- Golf Course-L Calhoun/N Nixon

MILLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BY:

Kreg Freeman, Chairman

Sherrie Stewart, County Clerk

Ladon Calhoun, Vice-Chairman

Allen Worsley, Commissioner

Nichole Nixon, Commissioner

Cristene Edwards, Commissioner