

**MILLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
02/08/2021, 6:00 P.M., Courthouse Courtroom  
MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Kreg Freeman, Co-Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Nicole Nixon, Commissioner Allen Worsley, and Commissioner Cristene Edwards  
Others Present: Sherrie Stewart, Faye Whittaker, Cody Hamilton, Doug Cofty, Andy Moore, Rick Morgan, Whitney Butler, Gail Johnson, Jennifer Jackson.

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

**Housekeeping**

- Approval of Agenda-Chairman K Freeman asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner A Worsley added Personnel to the agenda. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes identified as Regular Session 01/11/2020-Chairman K Freeman asked for a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Session 01/11/2021. Co-Chairman L Calhoun made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner 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. Co-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Approval of Financial Reports-Chairman K Freeman asked for a motion to approve the financial reports. Co-Chairman L Calhoun made a motion to approve financial reports. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

- County Landfill Quotes-SMITHCO Dumpster Services quote was reviewed and decision tabled until more quotes are collected from other companies.
- ACCG Liability Coverage-A neighboring county was contacted and they also carry \$1000,000.00 for their county. Commissioners decided to wait until the next budget year to review our coverage.
- Fueling Station-There was discussion of adding the fueling station to the USDA Grant. Motion was made by Commissioner A Worsley to approve. Co-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion for a 3 compartment tank to be purchased. Co-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- PTO time-Board decided to table a decision.

### **Appearances**

- Whitney Butler/E911 Director-Whitney presented the need for a fire/emergency exit in the E911 center. Board instructed her to call Brownlee Glass for a quote.
- Doug Cofty/EMS Director-Doug presented the EMS departments need for an enclosed trailer to haul their UTV to emergency calls. Commissioner N Nixon made motion to approve the purchase. Co-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Rick Morgan-Sheriff R Morgan seeking the Board's approval to open a checking account for the Probation Department. Luanne Brackin and Sheriff R Morgan would be the signers on the account. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve. Commissioner N Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Sheriff R Morgan also asked that a new line item be made to the budget called Sheriff Department Services. Stated that this would provide a line item for the Sheriff department services only, like finger printing and background checks. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

- Work Source Southwest Georgia-Gloria Jenkins resigned from the Workforce Development Board effective 2-01-2021 upon her retirement. The SWGA Workforce board is asking for a replacement to represent Miller County. The commissioners tabled the decision until a later time.
- Road Department Supervisor Andy Moore presented bids for a truck and equipment. The board told A Moore to proceed with ordering the 2022 International MV Dump Truck. Co-Chairman L Calhoun made a motion to approve. Commissioner N Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.
- Southwest GA Regional Commission 2021 Council appointee-The decision on an appointee was tabled until next month's meeting.
- Miller Co. Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution-Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve. Co-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- List of Roadways for Miller County-Sheriff R Morgan informed the board that the paperwork has been signed by Commissioner A Worsley and himself. No action taken.

- USDA Vehicle Grant-Commissioner A Worsley questioned if the money for the purchase of all vehicles were being paid with Recreation SPLOST money. Finance Director Faye Whittaker explained that the grant required the county to purchase \$1000,000.00 from a department SPLOST account to qualify for the grant. When the payments are made for the loan, the payments will be made from each department's SPLOST fund that purchased a vehicle. A list of loans were presented to the board. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve getting the loan from First State Bank in Colquitt. Co-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Department Purchases-There was discussion about department heads being required to seek approval of purchases, not to include contracts, over \$1,000.00. Commissioners agreed county policy to remain as is.
- Payroll/Constitutional Officers-There was discussion on bringing the constitutional officers under the county payroll. Tax Commissioner Jennifer Jackson stated that she was not in favor of the idea. Commissioners tabled the decision.
- Closed Session/Personnel-Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. No action taken. Commissioner A Worsley made motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Chairman K Freeman made motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner N Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Department Heads, Board and Committee Reporting**

- Road-J Bush/A Worsley-Andy Moore
- SGRITA Broadband Board-Doug Cofty/K Freeman
- Chamber of Commerce-Mandy Roland/S Stewart
- Family Collaborative Board-S Stewart
- Finance-K Freeman/L Calhoun
- 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/L Calhoun
- 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:**

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**Kreg Freeman, Chairman**

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**Sherrie Stewart, County Clerk**

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**Ladon Calhoun, Vice-Chairman**

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**Allen Worsley, Commissioner**

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**Niki Nixon, Commissioner**

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**Cristene Edwards, Commissioner**