

**MILLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
03/08/2021, 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, Doug Cofty, Andy Moore, Rick Morgan, Whitney Butler, 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 for 03/08/2021. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve the agenda. Vice-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes identified as Regular Session 02/08/2021-Chairman K Freeman asked for a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Session 02/08/2021. Vice-Chairman L Calhoun made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner A Worsley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Chairman K Freeman asked for an update of the fueling station, Deon Foster, and Mandy Roland be added to the agenda and for Southwest Regional Commission to be take off and postpone to April's meeting. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve. Vice-Chairman L Calhoun 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. Vice-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. Chairman A Worsley made a motion to approve financial reports. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appearances

- Mandy Roland appeared before the board to discuss beautification and needed repairs for the Courthouse courtyard in preparation for the upcoming Mayhaw Festival in April. The board agreed to let the Road Dept. fix the pony wall and instructed M Roland to talk to the Recreation Dept. about the repair of the benches.

- Deon Foster appeared before the board to discuss the possibility of Colquitt Physical Therapy being housed in the Senior Center. The Hospital Authority requires Colquitt Physical Therapy (CPT) to be on the campus of the Hospital Authority in order to assist CPT with their billing. D Foster assured the Board that his practice would not interfere with the Senior Citizen group when they were able to begin to gather again. He told the board that CPT work week will be Monday-Friday and the hours on Tues., Thurs., and Fri. would end at 12:30 P.M. Vice-Chairman L Calhoun made the motion to approve a two year lease agreement with Colquitt Physical Therapy to be housed in the Senior Citizens Center. Commissioner A Worsley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Doug Cofty/EMS Director informed the Board that the signs on the side of the EMA building need to be replaced. Commissioner A Worsley made the motion to approve. Commissioner N Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Cody Powell/County Extension Agent presented a memorandum to the Board. The county had the option to let the University of GA bill the county for payment of C Powell's salary or keep it as it is. Commissioner A Worsley made the motion to keep things as they are. Vice-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Andy Moore/Road Superintendent-A Moore informed the Board that to the county needs to spend \$7,000.00-\$8,000.00 more to close out the LMIG grant for 2020. A Moore agreed to get a list of roads that need striping and road signs that need to be replaced and the Board will vote on which to spend the money on at a later date. A Moore said that the Road Dept. needs to purchase about \$5,000.00 of pipe. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve the purchase of the pipe. Vice-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. A Moore asked permission to purchase STOP signs with TSPLOST money. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve the purchase of STOP signs with TSPLOST money. Commissioner N Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- A Moore said that he had received a call from a citizen about the danger of a hanging limb on a tree at the corner of the courthouse square. The Board agreed to get three quotes on trimming the tree. The Board agreed to run an ad in the Miller County Liberal for accepting bids on the three John Deere tractors with a deadline of April 9, 2021. A Moore will gather trade-in prices for them and report back to the Board.
- A Moore informed the Board of the costly repair bills for the excavator. There was discussion on keeping it or leasing a new one for five years. If a new one was ordered now, we would get it in about six weeks. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to lease for five years. Vice-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Jennifer Jackson/Tax Commissioner-Property Tax Collection Resolution- J Jackson explained to the Board that the resolution would allow her to advertise tax collection on excessive levy property in the Miller County Liberal. Topic was tabled until the county attorney, William H. Mills, has a chance to review and speak to J Jackson.
- Jennifer Jackson asked that her office be reimbursed for traveling expenses that she and her employees travel to the bank every morning to make a deposit or to have a county vehicle available for them to drive. The Board agreed to let the Tax Commissioner and her employees use the old EMS Ford Explorer to make bank deposits each morning from 8:30-9:00 A.M. Commissioner C Edwards

made a motion to approve. Commissioner A Worsley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Southwest GA Regional Commission 2021 Council- Chairman Kreg Freeman agreed to serve on the council.
- Work Source appointment- Faye Whittaker/Finance Director agreed to serve on the board. Commissioner A Worsley made the motion to approve. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Window/E911 Center- Commissioner A Worsley made the motion to accept the bid from Ed King Window Installation, LLC for the amount of \$890.00 to install a window at the E911 center. Vice-Chairman L Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Vehicle Grant- The vehicles agreed upon are not available at this time. The changes in the vehicles will be that the Recreation Dept. will get an extended cab truck instead of a 4 door truck and the rest of the departments will get XLT trucks. Vice-Chairman L Calhoun made a motion to accept the new proposal for an extended cab truck instead of a four door truck for the Rec. Dept. and for the rest of the vehicles to be XLT trucks with a slight difference in price. Commissioner N Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Payroll- The county attorney, William H. Mills, will draw up an agreement for the new payroll. The Constitutional Officers will have the choice to go under the county payroll system or do their own payroll. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve to have the attorney draw up an agreement to present to the Board and the Constitutional Officers. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Fueling Station- Chairman K Freeman informed the Board that the fueling station cannot be added to the grant we are purchasing the vehicles with. No action taken.

New Business

- Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month- Vice-Chairman L Calhoun made a motion to declare the month of March as Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Miller County. Commissioner A Worsley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Dennis O'Hearn/Tax Penalty- Jennifer Jackson/Tax Commissioner agreed to give Dennis O'Hearn a refund of \$33.00. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Road Dept./Tractor Supply Credit Card- Because products that the Road Dept. need can be purchased at a lower price, the Road Dept. asked permission to apply for a credit card with Tractor Supply in Dothan, AL. Commissioner A Worsley made the motion to approve. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Hospital Board Appointees- Jill Brown, CFO for the Hospital Authority of Miller County requested three names to be submitted for the seat of Rex Cook since his term has expired. The names presented are as follows: Ben Clenny, Rex Cook, Kreg Freeman, Leroy Bush, Niki Nixon, Allen Worsley, and Ladon Calhoun. Commissioner A Worsley made a motion to approve the list. Commissioner C Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman L Calhoun made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Commissioner N Nixon seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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:

Kreg Freeman, Chairman

Sherrie Stewart, County Clerk

Ladon Calhoun, Vice-Chairman

Allen Worsley, Commissioner

Niki Nixon, Commissioner

Cristene Edwards, Commissioner

