



Miller County

Board of Commissioners

179 S. Cuthbert St.
Colquitt, Ga 39837



REGULAR SESSION MEETING
11/08/2021, 6:00 P.M., Courthouse Courtroom
MINUTES

Present: Chairman Kreg Freeman, Commissioner Allen Worsley, Commissioner Edwards, and Commissioner Niki Nixon. Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Doug Cofty, Leroy Bush, Andy Moore, Austin Lambert, Josh Suggs, Cory Thomas Felix Lane, Emanuel Haire

Chairman Freeman calls the meeting to order. Regular session 11/08/2021 and called for a moment of silent prayer then the pledge of allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Chairman Freeman stated they needed to approve the agenda with 2 additions. The Hospital board appointment and to decide on the equipment for the golf course. He stated they said they would let Winston know something about the equipment. He asked the board if that was ok if not, they would proceed. Commissioner Worsley made the motion to accept the agenda with the additions. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Freeman moved to the minutes and asked the board if that all looked correct. Commissioner Worsley made motion to approve, Commissioner Nixon seconded the motion. All in favor, Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated there was a special called meeting, or 2 hearings, was that approved in that motion? It was confirmed by Commissioner Worsley.

FINANCIALS:

Chairman Freeman asked the board if they had any questions on accounts payable. No one had any questions. Chairman Freeman called for a motion. Commissioner Nixon made motion to approve, Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor, Motion carried.

Chairman Freeman then stated financial reports. Commissioner Worsley made motion to approve, Commissioner Edwards seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Freeman moved to appearances and stated they needed to move Cory Thomas up because he had to go to another meeting. Chairman Freeman stated Cory wanted to talk with the board about the agreement they tried to work up on the trash business

APPEARANCES:

Cory Thomas – City of Colquitt, Cory addressed the board and stated he wanted to start by telling them that they held a public meeting about the new volunteer station on the northwest side of the county and that area was the only area in the county that was not within 5 miles of a fire station. Mr. Thomas stated that they were moving forward with that and that with community received it very well and have made pledges to pay for the station, that was the agreement they always have. He stated Roger Wayne Davis is going to give an acre of land and then the community was going to pay for the station. He stated once that station went into service 99% of the county would be within 5 miles of a fire station. He said that some of the people would get a 40% reduction on their insurance, which was a like a tax reduction which was a good avenue. He stated the truck was here that it was bought a year ago and was waiting to get this off the ground so hopefully after their meeting tomorrow night they would pull the plug and move forward with it. He then stated again that he wanted to let the board know that once it goes online that there will be 99% of the whole county covered. Commissioner Worsley asked where it would be located. Mr. Thomas stated it would be ½ mile east of the 4-way stop right where Herma Davis's store was. He stated that he just wanted the board to know that because it was going to be really good for everybody in that area of the county.

Mr. Thomas stated the other item he wanted to bring before the board tonight, he stated he had been speaking with Doug for several months about the possibility of the city contracting with the county to provide the transportation and dumping for the dumpsite out on Willis Cook. He stated they were in the process acquiring the vehicle and have made an offer to him to do it \$3.00 per pull cheaper and 2 cents cheaper per dump. He stated the county was paying current \$158.35 per pull and that the city would be at \$155.00 and that current the county is paying \$50.02 per ton to dump, and they would be at \$50.00 per ton to dump. Chairman Freeman asked was all the dumpster going to be the lower ones. Mr. Thomas stated he was going to have to get with Doug and see if the county wanted all lower dumpster. He stated they were going to have to buy all new dumpsters, he stated it was going to be a big investment and he just need to know what the county wanted. Chairman Freeman asked Doug Cofty if he had gotten the number of dumpsters at the dump, Mr. Cofty stated there were 8 total dumpsters, he stated that he knew that a couple of them needed to be the shorter dumpsters just for the elderly to use, Commissioner Worsley stated the shorter ones making a hand gesture.

Mr. Thomas stated the only problem with those was you lose some of the volume it can hold because those are 48" tall and the larger ones are 7ft. Mr. Thomas stated if they wanted to look at one of the shorter ones there was one at the EMS station.

Commissioner Edwards had a question and asked is this something we should take bids for? Chairman Freeman stated there has always been a bid process in the past and that the city was always in line with the bidding, but it never was changed from the company we had. Chairman Freeman stated he wouldn't call any names but there was an issue with 2 of the other companies that they had bids with, he stated that both were having issues with the service and some other issues he didn't want to name.

Mr. Thomas stated Ms. Cristine anytime we, the city and the county enter into an agreement, any intergovernmental agreement is exempt from putting out an RFP.

Commissioner Worsley stated to keep the feuding down cause that's where its headed, the other company was not even invited, and he was not going to call any names. He stated he thought it was a good idea to put this up for a bid, put it out for bid and move forward because he doesn't want any confusion or do the wrong thing. He stated there was some the felt they did not receive any type of notice or publicized, and stated it was hard not to call any names but didn't like it big time. Commissioner Edwards stated she understood and wanted to do the right thing. Mr. Cofty then stated that Mr. Allen had called him this morning and wanted him to check on it, so he called ACCG and spoke to the county consultant Bill Twomey who stated what Mr. Thomas said, anytime 2 municipalities or a municipality and county get into an agreement which is an intergovernmental agreement that they are not held to any standard it is perfectly legal. Chairman Freeman stated you are helping the city out, you are keeping a truck local, and that Doug could call Cory if there was a problem. He stated we have a working relationship with them.

Mr. Thomas then stated that is the reason that the city went back into the garbage business was to control the quality of it, he stated they had a contractor in Albany last time and if Ms. Sally Sue's garbage didn't get picked up, oh well the truck is back in Albany, so he stated that is the main reason they went back into the garbage business was to control the level of quality service they provide. Commissioner Edwards stated she had a call from a citizen concerned about leaving it the way it is, and she was very concerned. Chairman Freeman stated that there was nothing going to change about the way the dumpsite was going to be, nothing was changing, he stated what they considered before the house to house pick up that was not in this deal, Commissioner Edwards stated ok. Chairman Freeman stated the city would pull the dumpsters from the dumpsite only and leave the other alone unless there was a need at some point to revisit that at some point in the future that they were not going that route. Commissioner Edwards stated ok she thinks that was the citizen's concern. Mr. Thomas stated to Commissioner Edwards all you would be doing is contracting with the city to put new dumpsters at the dumpsite and contract with the city to haul and dump them. Mr. Thomas stated they would be all brand-new dumpsters out there and that the county would just need to tell them what sizes they wanted out there and how many. The figure was based on the number of tons the county did last year.

Commissioner Worsley asked was they going to have 2 trucks? Mr. Thomas stated just 1 and that it would be a brand-new roll off, but then stated if they had to, Chairman Freeman then stated what Commissioner Worsley was meaning, last time they discussed the contract, they said if there was a break down the company, they bought the truck from would have another within 24 hours. Mr. Thomas stated they do not buy the trucks they lease them so they are always brand new and not saying something couldn't happen to it but it's brand new, but that they have a very good working relationship with the company in Pelham Alabama and that if something happened within 24 hours, they would have another truck to use. Commissioner Worsley stated that he wanted to say it again we should give the people a chance to be because they may have a better deal and that's what our responsibilities are to make sure we get the best deal. Chairman Freeman stated you got to consider the quality of service, and stated I think you already got a complaint from across the street over there, but whatever you all want to do about the bid, You heard what Doug said we can trade with the city without a bid process, then he asked Mr. Thomas about the intergovernmental agreement, about the timeline, is this a year thing that we have to trade with you all on or what? Mr. Thomas stated do you mean in terms of how long of a commitment? the

dumpsters alone are 100,000.00. Chairman Freeman asked what the length of the agreement was, Commissioner Edwards mention she didn't see it as Mr. Thomas stated he had not yet given Doug the agreement, Mr. Cofty stated to Commissioners Edwards what was in the packet was the Fuel intergovernmental agreement, Mr. Thomas stated that the city has agreed to buy fuel from the county. Chairman Freeman asked Mr. Thomas to tell them what he wanted, Mr. Thomas stated it would take a 3-year commitment to get their money back but that here's the deal if they were not happy with the service, you're a government, the city would not hold the county to that contract. Mr. Thomas stated they are going in the roll off business regardless, so if they had to get out of the contract, they get out of it. Commissioner Worsley asked how soon do they need to know? Mr. Thomas stated he had to let them know something on the truck ASAP, because the problem with the truck is the same as everything else, problem getting it, and he didn't know how long the guy would be able to hold the price on the metal on the new roll off dumpsters. Mr. Thomas then stated my question back to you, You do not have anyone local, there is no local company to bid, Commissioner Worsley stated there was one out of Bainbridge and not the one that Kreg spoke about, Mr. Thomas stated no I am talking about a local company that pays taxes in Miller County, see if you use the city, we are going to be putting local people to work and keeping the money local rather than you all contracting with someone out of the Colquitt and the money leaving and going somewhere else, like it is now.

Mr. Thomas stated that was his whole vision, when they got back into the garbage business not only do, they control the quality of service, but they keep the money locally, and hire people locally to drive and do the things they need to do, rather than the money leaving Miller County it will stay in Miller County and be utilized in putting people to work that live here. Commissioner Worsley asked did they have enough time to advertise it. Chairman Freeman stated that it would be next week before it ran in the paper then another week before you collected the bids back if anyone even responded then they would have to schedule a meeting. Mr. Thomas asked again if you are going to contract with the local government that's going to give you a better price than you are getting now and be keeping the money local and hiring local, why would you even want to do that. Commissioner Worsley stated to keep confusion down, because people call wanting to know why, he stated he the one he wrote down, they blew his phone up and was pissed about it. He stated he was just saying that is his understanding about it. Mr. Thomas stated he could understand if you gave it to a private contractor, he could understand him fussing, but you will be contracting with another government entity, it would really be no different than if you all decided to go into business, He stated the city is an extension of the county and they were the city government, that is why any intergovernmental agreement is exempt from putting it out for bid because it is almost as if you are going at it yourself. You are not putting it out to bid to a private contractor.

Chairman Freeman stated he was going to call for a vote on the thing. He stated if it gets voted down, they will then run the bid process. He then asked if they wanted to make a motion or run the bid, Commissioner Worsley stated run the bid. Chairman Freeman stated he was calling for a motion to let the city do it. Commissioner Nixon made the motion. Commissioner Edwards asked again that we did not need to go through the bid process. Answer was No, Commissioner Nixon stated that her thing was it will stay local, and we were working with the city. Chairman Freeman stated that if it goes through the bid process it is going to take a month and there was a good possibility of not getting the truck stated we had the same thing happen with the ambulance, he stated it was well over a year before we could get an ambulance and it

may be longer and it could be the same with this truck. Commissioner Edwards stated she favors it because we are keeping the business here and local. Chairman Freeman asked was that a second on the motion, Commissioner Edwards stated yes. Chairman Freeman voted in favor also with Commissioner Worsley voting no, Motion carried. Andy Moore asked Chairman Freeman to make sure we got some small roll offs. Chairman Freeman stated we would, we already talked about that. Mr. Moore stated he had a hard time hearing earlier. Mr. Thomas stated we needed to let them know if they all needed to be lower, Mr. Moore stated they all didn't need to be lower just a few. Mr. Thomas stated he wanted to stress that if there ever is a problem, all Doug has to do is call him or Craig Tully and it will get handled, He stated the city was willing to do whatever they needed to do.

Steve Cook – Donley Road, Chairman Freeman asked was Mr. Cook present. Mr. Cook was not present.

Judge Suggs – Election Board, Chairman Freeman stated Judge Suggs was wanting to talk to the board about what he had presented on the elections board. Judge Suggs stated today he spoke to Representative Dukes at length about where we are on this about sending him the proposed legislation and if he would vote for it. Chairman Freeman asked if the paper handed out was what he was going to present him, Judge Suggs stated yes sir with your permission. He stated he just wanted to briefly tell the board what each section deals with. Section 1 is the definition, Section 2 establishes the board, Section 3 and 4 is the provisions on how the board is appointed, this is the most important to you all, like he stated before each commissioner would appoint a board member and the commissioners collectively would hire a superintendent. Sections 5 and 6 deal with compensation, the compensation would stay with you all as far as what you wanted to do there. The power would remain with the commissioners. Sections 7 and 8 deal with location and equipment. He stated the location would not change it would stay where it is now. Section 10 is a provision that the superintendent can contract with the city if they wish. Section 11 is the effective dates, the date in there now is January 1, 2023, it will take next year to go thru legislation and then the governor signs it in July. He stated he told Representative Dukes he would not send it unless it was voted on by the board.

Commissioner Worsley asked what the additional cost for all this was, Judge Suggs stated the cost should remain the same and that the only extra cost that could incur would be that of the Elections Superintendent hired by the board. Judge Suggs stated that Mr. Calhoun who has been with him at the meetings before has expressed interest in doing it for the compensation he gets now plus the compensation that Judge Suggs did. He stated the equipment was already bought. Chairman Freeman asked about the appointees was they just going to pick them, Judge Suggs stated yes, Chairman Freeman asked did he have any suggestions, Judge Suggs stated he did, he had a large list he put together for the grand jury. He stated he has spoken to several people on that list already and they are willing to do that. Chairman Freeman asked did they need to act on this tonight. Judge Suggs stated yes. Chairman Freeman called for a motion to move forward with it. Commissioner Worsley made the motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman asked when the appointments would be done, Judge Suggs stated between July of next year and December before it goes into effect.

Felix Lane – Springhead Rd, Chairman Freeman asked Felix if he wanted to talk to them about his road and stated they had pictures. Mr. Cofty described the pictures as the ditches being full and some pictures of pipes that were stopped up and some too high. Felix stated he has done got tired of calling the road department, He stated he was going to go back when he was in law enforcement he moved there in 1996, his wife was a nurse and you could not ask for better roads, he stated they left in 2006, they moved to Florida then moved to Albany, he stated he moved back in October of 2018, he stated when the hurricane came through he had cow patties in his pond from across the road because the water couldn't drain, He stated he called the EPA, he stated they told him what he could do but what he wanted to do was something else. He stated they said the ditches were not being pulled. He stated he has talked to Andy and Commissioner Bush at the time, and Mr. Bush came out and looked at it, he stated they then brought 30 to 40 loads of dirt, not sand, he stated when the next rain came through it washed it all away.

Mr. Lane stated that there was a culvert on west Sheffield near the early county side that was dug up by a motor grader, he stated it was pushed back down and covered up, stopping it up. None of the ditches were pulled. Mr. Lane then stated on his property there is 3 drain pipes that cross the road, Andy came out couldn't get his pump to work and didn't do anything, He stated he argued with him and got very upset about it, Andy then stated he got his backhoe and then clawed at the pipe forcing water to try to go thru the pipe, he stated he had a culvert under his drive way stopped up, he stated last year he got a 1 ½" PVC pipe and pushed it in to force water to go through so it wouldn't flood his yard again, he stated there were pipes above his land where Robin Rau lives that is at least 6" above the dirt, you can't make water go up the hill. He stated he called Andy again and he stated he was busy right now I can't come out there, he stated he told him he had a big thing to do. He stated he spoke to Mr. Ladon about it. He then stated it is odd he can go to 27 on harmony church road, its manicured, ditches pulled, gravel in the road but over on his road he doesn't have crap. He stated the county sent a piece of equipment out there near Mr. Houston's house. He stated it was a tree trimmer, he said the operator went ¾ of a mile and stopped. He stated he went by at 12:30 the guy was sitting out under a shade tree. Mr. Lane said he went to Bainbridge and came back at 2:30 or 4:00 and the guy was still sitting there in the same spot. He stated next time he will take a picture, and that he was not mad just upset. He stated that if they had to bring the ambulance or helicopter out there is nowhere to land.

Chairman Freeman asked did he have a suggestion, did the pipes need lowering? Mr. Lane stated one pipe near Robin Rau's land needed lowering. The Culvert in his driveway needed replacing. Chairman Freeman stated policy is the county doesn't pay for driveway coverts he may have to incur that cost but to keep telling them what is needed. Mr. Lane stated the culverts across the road are stopped up and there is a big hole in the road, the picture with the cones in it, those cones have been there since 2019. Chairman Freeman asked did he say Ladon had been out there, Mr. Lane said no he talked to him on the phone, Chairman Freeman stated Ladon was busy picking cotton and that he was picking peanuts but that once finished they would get with Doug and try to come out and look at it. Chairman Freeman stated is there anything else you want to tell us, Mr. Lane stated not that you want to hear, He then stated take Andy and out him on a motor grader, he stated they have only 1 motor grader operator that knows what he is doing and that is Steven. He stated he was sorry to say but when you got a superintendent who tells you when water can't go through the drainpipes that the roads are flat and not crowned is because he is tired of old women complaining the road being

too high up for their cars to drag, you got a problem. Chairman Freeman then stated that they would see if there was something they could do to help. Mr. Lane stated Doug has his number if you want to call him and that he just wanted to say the roads need straightening out. Mr. Lane thanked the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

COUNTY OFFICE MOVE - Chairman Freeman stated that they have a deal to sell the building. We already talked about moving. The hospital wants the building. He stated it was for \$125,000.00 for the building and the Rentz doctor building behind that thrown in on the deal and that they want the building. He then stated that the board needed to commit to this and go ahead and make a decision that we are moving. Commissioner Worsley stated here we go again do we need to advertise because you are disposing of county property. Chairman Freeman stated the county owns the hospital, so it isn't going out to a private individual, and the amount of money they are throwing in on trade, I do not think you are going to get that anywhere else. Commissioner Worsley agreed. Chairman Freeman stated it was staying within the local government and not being swapped to an individual or another company outside. He stated he thinks we are ok.

Commissioner Edwards states something inaudible. Chairman Freeman states if we are going to move, we may very well be stuck with that building. He stated they wanted the building, Mr. Cofty stated they were aware of the mold issues and stated that was not problem. Commissioner Worsley asked Mr. Cofty when they were going to get out of the building and Mr. Cofty stated that was up to the Commissioners. Chairman Freeman stated if we commit to this, we are going to give Spring Creek Health notice down there. Commissioner Worsley then asked so the offices will be permanently located down there. Chairman Freeman stated yes this is not a temporary thing. Commissioner Edwards stated something about it being permanent, so we didn't have to keep jumping all over the county. Commissioner Worsley made the motion, Commissioner Edwards seconded, all in favor, Motion carried. Commissioner Worsley stated he wanted them out of the building as soon as possible.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT LAWSUIT: Chairman Freeman there was nothing new to update.

FUELING STATION: Chairman Freeman stated that Doug has been keeping him up to date and that he told him they had completed the building a while ago. Mr. Cofty stated that they put up the building today, everything big is complete. Andy is about to start his mat and rocks soon so that is all the big stuff. We just have left putting up shop lights and cameras and some electrical. And will be about 8 or 9 thousand under budget. He stated we had talked about some form of generator out there so he thought we should go that route and buy a generator that would power the Road department and the Fueling station on 1 generator if we do have enough money. Chairman Freeman asked the board if they wanted to commit to the generator while we were doing the process. Commissioner Worsley stated yes. Chairman Freeman stated he needed the motion to add the generator. Commissioner Worsley made the motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Cofty stated the projected date of opening would be December 15th. Chairman Freeman then stated something the board needed to think about that he didn't know where the fuel cost was going but it probably couldn't hurt to go ahead and get more fuel in the tank, they have some now to get it going but we do not need to put a minimum amount in there because that would defeat the purpose of what we put it down there for, we need reserves so you need to think about

that. Commissioner Worsley stated it was his understanding that the president was talking about closing another pipeline. Both Chairman Freeman and Commissioner Edwards stated yes. Mr. Cofty stated he could tell them it is fluctuation about 5 to 6 cent a day and \$2.74 is what we bought it for and it's not going below that. Commissioner Worsley asked could we take money out of SPLOST for the fuel, Chairman Freeman stated he didn't know but that he didn't think so. Mr. Cofty stated he thinks you may can TSPLOST but not SPLOST, she stated he would check on that though. Chairman Freeman stated it may be like one of those paying salaries type thing and we needed to check. Commissioner Worsley asked about the tank levels and Mr. Cofty stated that we have roughly 3000 gallons per tank and each tank was 10,000 gallons, so if we could get to at least ½ before we turned it open to the city or the school system, we needed to get all the kinks worked out. And that with 3000 in each tank we would defiantly have to purchase again before they jump on board. Commissioner Worsley asked Andy if he had check to see if that was a leak out there. Andy stated we looked at it today and saw some sweat marks but didn't see if it was leaking. Mr. Cofty stated he talked to the company today and they were coming back this week to check it. He stated the company said it will usually swell and stop. Chairman Freeman asked was it on gas or diesel side, Mr. Cofty stated it was on the diesel side defiantly not gas. Leroy Bush addressed the board stating that the school system wasn't going to buy any fuel until someone came and gave a presentation and there were 3 votes. Mr. Cofty then stated that is why we need to go ahead and stretch it out, open it up to the county, then next the city since they were ready to sign and then sometime down the road to the school board because they have expressed interest in buying. Chairman Freeman asked was there anything else.

Golf Course Equipment: Chairman Freeman stated that the golf course wanted 2 pieces of equipment totaling \$50,000.00 and that if they got both pieces, it would drain that account. Chairman Freeman stated he would rather do 1 piece of equipment unless the board wanted to do 2. Chairman Freeman then stated he suggest doing 1 piece of equipment. He stated there maybe equipment donated but he didn't know. Commissioner Nixon asked could they get by with just one today. Chairman Freeman state he's going to have to. Mr. Cofty stated he spoke to Winston about that and that he was adamant needing 2 and told him 1 is better than none. Winston told him that the reason for 2 is that they start playing so early that they would not have time to mow all greens before the golfers start by having 2, they can cut all the greens at the same time. Mr. Cofty stated Winston was aware he may only get 1. Chairman Freeman asked what the boards thoughts were. Commissioner Worsley stated he wasn't voting for nothing. Commissioner Edwards asked did the Golf Course bring in any money, Chairman Freeman stated that it wasn't self-sustaining that the county was already putting money into it. He states it's like one of these things you can't measure because people come from out of town and come over here and play golf, they spend money just like SPLOST money, there is no way to measure it. Commissioner Edwards understood. Chairman Freeman again stated it isn't self-sustaining, but the SPLOST money is for stuff like that but if they get 2 mowers it will almost zero that account out. Commissioner Nixon stated she was willing to go with 1 mower, Chairman Freeman Stated he was willing to go with 1. Commissioner Edwards stated it isn't generating anything and we need the money here in the county. Commissioner Worsley stated absolutely. Chairman Freeman stated it wasn't coming out of general fund, but that money was money. Mr. Cofty stated he spoke to Brad at the rec department today and his board is going to request

SPLOST money to redo the bathrooms, so we do not need to drain it. Commissioner Worsley stated we already put 60,000.00 a year into it. Chairman Freeman stated he was going to make a suggestion. He stated if he needed, he would make a motion on the 1 mower. Commissioner Nixon made the motion to buy 1 mower, Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, Chairman Freeman voted in favor. Motion carried. Commissioner Worsley wanted it on record he is against it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hospital Board Appointment: Chairman Freeman stated there were 2 members on there that said they were willing to continue to serve and the hospital wanted 3 other names for the seat. Roy Reardon and Carleen King, he states 2 names have already been submitted Rick LaGuardia and Ben Clenney. Commissioner Worsley asked about Ms. King, Chairman Freeman stated she used to work at IGA. Chairman Freeman stated Suzanne Griffin might serve on there. Chairman Freeman asked the board if they had anymore names. The board discussed the names on the list. Commissioner Edwards asked is this something that could be advertised. Chairman Freeman stated they were on the board, but the terms expired. More discussion about the names. Commissioner Edwards asked is this something they need tonight.

Commissioner Worsley asked Leroy Bush did he want to put his name on there, and that he could put a wig on. Mr. Cofty stated Jill from the hospital brought it to him and it slipped their mind and when they meet, they realized it had expired so she said she realized it wasn't on the agenda, but could they get it on other business. Leroy Bush said something about advertising it. Chairman Freeman states Paula Martin may want to serve, she worked with John Lane and has accounting experience. Commissioner Edwards asked why we don't just advertise it and see if there is someone who wants to be on there. Commissioner Worsley stated that was a pretty good idea. Commissioner Edwards stated she knows they want something right away but just to be fair and that maybe no one would want to but to fair. It can't hurt to put it out there for someone, to give them a chance and you are not just hand-picking people. Commissioner Edwards stated and if we must call a special meeting then we will do that. We just need to run it. Commissioner Worsley stated to submit the names and if there was 3 or 4. Chairman Freeman stated they would go down the list and they would only need 3. He then stated that you must be able to take a test to sit on that board. Commissioner Edwards state she was sure someone in the county could take a test, she stated she just wanted to give the opportunity. She stated maybe no one comes forward but at least they were giving the opportunity. Chairman Freeman ok, stated to run the ad in the paper.

Motor Grader Lease: Chairman Freeman asked was this for a new machine. Mr. Cofty stated it was one to replace one of the motor graders that was coming up on lease. Andy stated it was replacing one that was coming up next year. He stated its just like everything else it's hard to get now. Commissioner Worsley asked was it the same price as the other. Mr. Cofty then asked Andy is it was the same price and he stated he didn't really know. He felt that it would be about the same price as the one we just got. Chairman Freeman stated they needed a motion to renew the lease or do a new lease on a new machine. Commissioner Worsley made the motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded, all in favor, Motion carried.

USDA Rural Development List of Officers signatures: List of Elected official's signatures needed to complete the USDA grant.

Christmas Bonuses: Chairman Freeman asked the board if they wanted to keep it the same as it was. Commissioner Worsley stated yes. Chairman Freeman stated Faye knew what it was. Mr. Cofty then stated that the only thing is that they would be a few days later than usual because of the way the payroll fell so if anyone had an issue, he would take the blame for it but that instead of getting it the last week in November they would get the 1st week in December. Commissioner Edwards asked so it will be later. Mr. Cofty explained again that it would be the first week in December and that it is a Christmas bonuses but in the past, it was given in November. Chairman Freeman stated he needed a motion to keep it the same. Commissioner Worsley made the motion, Commissioner Edwards seconded, all in favor, Motion carried.

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Appointment: Chairman Freeman asked the board if anyone of them wanted to do that. He stated that they called and said since COVID hit they would let the executive committee make the decisions. But that he can't be on everything. He stated that Doug that he would go if he was allowed. Chairman Freeman stated he would check on that and see.

City request for easement: Chairman Freeman stated the city has request to move a pump. He stated Daniel Bernard bought the RV park and it wasn't a problem until he decided to add on so now the city must move the pump. The City wants to know can they relocate this thing over on our property it is out of the way. Looking at the picture it is out of the way of where the kids play sports and its up high enough that it will not flood. Commissioner Worsley stated it was all grown up there. Commissioner Worsley then made the motion to allow the easement, Commissioner Nixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Andy Moore stated that he spoke to Tom Fowler from EPA and that we could go onto that land and get the trees out of the Newberry Chambers Road as long as we don't get in and make a mess we can go in and clean it out.

No other business

Commissioner Worsley made motion to adjourn, Commissioner Edwards seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.