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# Miller County

Board of Commissioners

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

**Present:** Chairman Kreg Freeman, Vice Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Allen Worsley, Commissioner Edwards, and Commissioner Niki Nixon. Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Doug Cofty, Leroy Bush, Andy Moore, Austin Lambert, Kevin Hester.

Chairman Freeman calls the meeting to order. Regular session 11/13/2021 and called for a moment of silent prayer then the pledge of allegiance.

**HOUSEKEEPING:**

Chairman Freeman stated they needed to approve the agenda. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked if he had any changes or are they like he wants them. Chairman Freeman stated he wanted to add the workdays at the road department going back to 5 days a week. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated that was fine with him. He stated they were going to add the Road Dept and asked were there any other changes. Vice Chairman Calhoun made a motion to approved, Commissioner Nixon seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Freeman call for approval of the minutes and stated it was for 2 sessions, one regular session and one special session. Commissioner Worsley made motion to approve, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor, Motion carried.

**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 Edwards made motion to approve, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor, Motion carried.

Chairman Freeman then stated financial reports. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion to approve, Commissioner Nixon seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Freeman moved to appearances and stated they had Sheila Freeman with the Spring Creek Health here to address the board.

## APPEARANCES:

**Shelia Freeman – Spring Creek Health.** Shelia Freeman handed out a packet to the commissioners. She stated they appreciated the opportunity to continue to work with the county commissioners. She stated she did a report. She stated she went back and doesn't know if she had everything together that Doug was saying so they might want to repeat that again what all they are asking for because she never had to give that out to anybody before. She stated she thought she would go over what they have been able to do during 2021 which was fiscal year. They always turned it in to the fiscal year to whoever they were working with and from June 2020 through. She stated excuse her, July 20 through June of 2021. The report to the Miller County commissioners, they were able to serve 964 total patients in Miller County, that is what the long page in the handout is. She stated during 2021 they were still part of COVID time, so a lot of the people were not coming out as much as they normally were especially the 2 years prior to that year, during COVID it was really kind of slow. She said they had to stay home just like all the offices were closed throughout the state, but they served 143 people. 6 of those were new and they closed 39 cases because people have got insurance or Medicare or something.

Ms. Freeman stated they would see they were able to fill 828 prescriptions, they completed 828 applications which means they have filled almost 2500 prescriptions for a value of over 1 million dollars and that was just during that 12 month and just the people they serve in Miller County and a few of the people they refer from Calhoun that was from the doctor's office up there since it belongs to the hospital. She stated when you do that you see the investment that you make which is around 26,500.00 with them every year its about 40.00 for every dollar to get this return on the investment. She said they also have added SNAP screening a couple of years ago because a lot of their patients are indigent or low income or low wage earners. She stated they are community partners with the Department of Human Services, and they can contact them, and they can enroll them and scan for extra childcare. They do food stamps and Medicaid, plans for healthy babies. Anything you can get at DFACS since they aren't there, they are taking multiple counties now. They have been able to enroll 27 consumers into additional state programs. She stated she wanted the board to have that because she talked about what they did and there were in the new fiscal year this year. She stated on the next page is talking about the prescription assistance program been able to provide. Ms. Freeman stated she started her position in 2005 and that's when they started keeping records of what they have been able to do by county and the board would that in Miller County alone was 14 million. She stated that was line by line every year the values of prescriptions since 2005. She stated she gave the board a breakout that Doug request by patient.

They current serve around 780 patients, its broken out by county and you can see Miller and Calhoun, majority of that is Miller but they do add those in if referred to them from the doctor's office up there. She stated their largest county is Seminole county, but they have contracts with them as well. She states the other page is a budget breakdown also what they receive per credit. She explained they do make some fees that they charge. She stated if someone comes in that needs prescription assistance, it is either \$30.00 here or if they go out of county it is \$40.00. She states they charge because they found if you didn't charge them something, they did not show up to their appointments. She stated that was kind of crazy, but people think it is free and that is how that treat it like it is free. So, they started charging a very small nominal amount

and during COVID that really dropped off because people were too afraid to get out of their house to come out. She stated they still have some patients that mail in their fees but because they charge that small amount for the fees, it helps keep all the other contracts at a much-reduced cost, like the contract that they have with the board, none of the funding of the 26,500.00 went to her salary, none at all. That covered only covered a portion of Sherry's salary. She states she sent that into Doug and had it sent from Bainbridge. She states he should have that documentation is broken down. She wanted the board to know that is the breakdown for the year they are in now. She stated they are right at 350,000.00 for their budget. She stated she knows presently at this point they did get notice that the board would like for them to vacate the building, so they are looking at some other options as far as housing and stuff. She stated of course if you all want to place them in one of the county facilities or offices, they would be willing and would appreciate that very much so they can continue with their services. She stated presently at the building they were having their prescription assistance and just started doing ACA Obama care enrollment which would go thru January 15<sup>th</sup> so they need 2 people on or one person new and another person's  $\frac{3}{4}$  time that they would not been able to keep without that money. That is a 3-year contract so she knows they will be doing that for the next 3 years. They do exercise classes, ACA Obamacare enrollment, also doing SNAP Grant and enrollment. She stated they have a small contract with Dodge County where they are referring people to them to work and they just got the seniors without walls grant, that would be doing activities with the seniors since they do not have the center, they can do activities with them for at least the next 9 months then see how it works. She stated they were the first they selected, and it was a small grant 9,000.00, it is about 1,000.00 a month over the next 9 months.

Ms. Freeman stated she did look up the contracts, she stated they have had a contract that the first contract was in 2007-2008 when Barbie Womble was chairperson, she stated she didn't know if Doug was able to find anything. Doug state there is nothing there and the last one we could find was 2015-2016. She states she has 2007 to present. She states she has those copies and several years Kreg signed them, she has 1 year Allen Worsley signed one. She also stated she has the contract for 2020-2021 but doesn't know if it was signed because it was not returned to her, she states she doesn't have any idea that she always would drop it off at the county office. She stated the one Allen signed was 18-19, she stated she signed it in October, and he signed it in November it varied from year to year when it was signed. She mentions there was one year that she didn't have one at all and didn't know if that was a mistake, she didn't turn one in but that there has been one every year and so they would like to continue the contract. They provide these services here in town for their residents, but she knows it its up to the board. She stated she had a copy of a new contract nothing has changed and out of all that time it may have increased 1 time, she thinks it was 25,700.00 and it went to 26,500.00. She stated that it was at the boards pleasure, and they appreciate what they have been able to do. They appreciate been able to work with the residents here.

Ms. Freeman stated the other items she would have to get with Doug and see what other information you all wanted. She states they are a 501 C3, they have been certified with the IRS for years and years, she doesn't know why that seems to be an issue now. They are registered with the State of Georgia through the Secretary of States office because they are incorporated and have been since 2003-2004. Chairman Freeman stated they needed to see the corporate articles, by laws they operate under, they must justify where the money is going, there is nothing they can go

through to see a breakdown and see it, they do not know what the other counties are paying. She states it is that page, it is an overview, and it is what she gives any of their funders. She then states this page, Chairman Freeman then states there is not a page there. She goes to look for the page, Commissioner Worsley asks her if any of the seniors are using the building. She states yes, they have some that come at 8 and some come at 10, she states they have an 8am class and then do a 10am class on Monday and Wednesday, it is a chair exercise where people who don't have a lot of mobility. She then hands the board a copy that is a breakdown by county. Chairman Freeman asks her if she needs that back, she stated no she can email it to Doug. She stated she made that breakdown so they could see county by county. She states she can't provide a list of patient names because that is a HIPPA violation. Chairman Freeman stated they need some way, some doctor to be able to break that down. They need a breakdown of patient are getting served and get that from a doctor, they need a monthly doctor report or something where they sign off that says I saw this many patients in Miller County. Ms. Freeman stated she maybe able to run a pharmacy list by the doctor, but she still can't give patient names. Chairman Freeman stated they didn't want their names, whatever prescription, or doctor they are seeing he is signing off on it and they need something off by him stating he saw this many patients this month or whatever. He states that would help justify this right here. He also stated that they would like to sit down with Perry Henry if he is the one that she is turning in their audit exempt thing, whatever she is turning into him, they would like to sit down and go over it with him. Ms. Freeman stated OK, she is trying to think, he does their 990 every year so that is filed every year by their corporation, she states she doesn't have any idea how to do that, its like 20 pages so he does that.

Chairman Freeman stated if she would allow them to sit down with him and go through what she had and they get an overall view of her organization, that what they are giving her they are getting their moneys worth. So if someone came in and asked some questions then they can say hey she served, they check her out here is all the information. He stated that is what they need because anything else we got in here they got receipts for, they can backtrack whatever money that they are dishing out or whatever department. He said they can backtrack every bit of that. He stated they have nothing they can track it down to except the report she gave and that might not satisfy everyone. Ms. Freeman stated she could give the board something then asked did they want something monthly. Chairman Freeman stated that would be good. Ms. Freeman then stated that most of what the board gives is Sherry's salary, so it is going to be payroll, she then asked if they see what she was saying. Chairman Freeman stated none of the board has seen what was sent Doug before but whatever corporate articles they are operating under, the board would like to look at that too. Ms. Freeman stated she has those. She then stated that she sent it to Doug but called Perry and had it sent from their office. Chairman Freeman looked at the handout and asked was that Sherry's salary. Ms. Freeman stated that was a portion. She stated sherry has been with her 13 years and she makes 36,000 maybe, plus a little. She stated they pay 115.00 a month towards her insurance, if she drives anywhere, they pay her travel. She stated it helps that they work 4 days a week, she stated they Monday thru Thursday and she works 4- 10-hour days. She then stated Sherry works 4 9-hour days, so they work 36 hours. She stated they have to do the food bank because that is part of the SNAP, she stated Sherry would work Saturdays sometimes they flex it out. She stated no one worked over 40 hours probably except herself, because it doesn't matter if she is working 60 or 40. She then stated if they would just come up with something she could

give the board. Chairman Freeman stated the corporate articles or however they are registered with the Secretary of States office they need that and to sit down with Perry. She agreed, then stated he is the one that does all their paperwork. She then goes into the articles of corporation when they first did them, she states she also has the first letter and second letter to the IRS which was before she took the job. She stated it was the initial and formal letters. She stated they were tax exempt they do not pay any taxes. She stated she had all that in a binder, Chairman Freeman asked if she could leave that with Doug, she agreed. She then handed the board some open enrollment forms for ACA and asked if they knew of someone working who needed insurance to fill out and get back to her.

Chairman Freeman stated one more thing, who was over her in the organization. Ms. Freeman stated just her board of directors. He then asked her how many of these were operating all over the state? She stated she would say them and at one time they got a federal grant that picked them and 2 other sites, but those 2 other sites are no long active. She states they have 1 around Brunswick, then Miller there was 1 in the Northeast Georgia and maybe one around Rome. There was one around Macon area. She stated her income varied year to year according to what they go after, she stated she just sent the school a 5,000.00 soccer grant and she hoped they apply since it increases physical activity, she stated they just finished up a 4 year grant with the health of Georgia foundation, they got 100,000.00 a year every year for 4 years. She states they spent all that here in town getting people walking in the Golden Olympics and all this healthy activity and eating. They do a shape up miller newsletter. They post a lot of things on their social media sites. She stated those vary from year to year if the opportunity comes up, she stated if there is money coming down from the Feds or the state they apply if it is about health. She stated Nutrition, health and activity is their main areas. But also, prescription assistance as well. She states she is selling this all over the state, even people that don't live here, they have to just mail in their fees. The fees help keep all the other contracts lower. She stated the fees goes toward her salary, so they don't have to include anything for management there. She stated she would leave the binder and handed it to Doug. She then stated she could send the latest 990.

Chairman Freeman stated he wanted to sit down with Perry and whatever documents he used to file. She stated he logs into her QuickBooks online, that she uses QuickBooks and he just logs in and completes the forms. Chairman Freeman stated he does the same thing here but that they just wanted to sit down with him incase anyone had any questions. She stated Ok, she would get with Doug then and asked did they want it by phone or in person. Chairman Freeman stated they wanted to sit down and talk to him at the table. She asked what she needed to tell Perry what they wanted to talk to him about. Chairman Freeman stated they wanted to review her organization and what he does for her along with the spreadsheet or journal or whatever you give him. She then asked so are you wanting to review if she gets a grant from North Georgia. He then stated they need a break down of what grants she gets and how the whole organization is working and how the funds are being allocated out. She then stated ok, if she turns in a grant and it says it goes to this, this, or this, that is how it is allocated. She stated she doesn't get to change it after she gets it. Chairman Freeman stated they were not looking for that. He stated they just want a break down of how the organization operates and how the money is being distributed out and allocated out to the individuals and what it is going for. He stated that was the basic of what they wanted. Ms. Freeman stated that sheet she gave with the red on it was the breakdown

from last year from July 20 thru June 21, is that what they wanted. Chairman Freeman stated they wanted to sit down with Perry and go over what he does that would be satisfactory. She stated she is sure he can go thru the 990 with them because that is the whole breakdown of the corporation. He stated he wanted to sit down with Perry along with Faye and Doug and any commissioner who wanted to attend. She said Ok. Commissioner Worsley told Ms. Freeman he appreciated what she did. Commissioner Nixon also agreed with Commissioner Worsley. Chairman Freeman asked the board if they had any more questions.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**COUNTY OFFICE MOVE** - Chairman Freeman stated there was a letter from the hospital on page 17 and asked did the board look at it. Commissioner Edwards stated it was asking for information and when would the board be out of the building, they are wanting it as soon as possible. Doug informed the board that the Attorney sent Spring Creek Health a letter and that they had 60 days to vacate which would be January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Chairman Freeman stated the board already agreed to the sale but that if the paperwork was completed did the board have an issue with him signing the paperwork. Commissioner Worsley stated he did not have an issue with that. Commissioner Edwards stated if everything has already been agreed to and they agreed to sell. Chairman Freeman stated he was looking at the wrong letter and was told there was 2 letters in there. Chairman Freeman stated he thought read the Attorney had the papers already and they were drawn up. Doug advised it did state that and that he has not heard anything else from the hospital about the sale. Commissioner Edwards stated it was on page 28 and Chairman Freeman stated yes he overlooked it. He stated that if everything was complete did, they want him to go ahead and sign everything. The board agreed.

**FUELING STATION:** Chairman Freeman asked Doug to give an update. Doug stated last month he gave the board a date of December 15<sup>th</sup> to open the fueling station. He stated we were not going to make that date due to issues with the software. He stated they were going to have to come and install the software. He stated the only thing left to do was to install the lights and software, He did inform the board there was an issue this morning where a semi tried to use the drive to back across the road and almost ran off the drive. He stated that we are going to have to put up signs or make some swinging gates temporary. Commissioner Worsley stated it got bogged down out there, Andy had to pull them out. Doug stated we are going to have to address that. He stated the generator is already at the road department and were waiting to have it installed, he stated that we were needing to get the wire for the generator and that the EMS Director was also the Mayor of Brinson, and he was seeing if we can get it thru 2 ough wire through Brinson at a cheaper cost. He then stated we would need about 400 ft and asked Andy Moore if that was correct. Andy stated a little over 300 ft. Doug then stated the lights and software was the last thing. Chairman Freeman asked was the generator already in place, Doug stated its already over there but we are waiting for the electrician to install the lights. Chairman Freeman asked was it secure, Doug stated yes.

Chairman Freeman asked the board if they had anymore questions about that, Doug stated we would meet budget.

**MOTOR GRADER LEASE:** Chairman Freeman stated they had quotes from Caterpillar and John Deere. Stated they were pages 18-25. Chairman Freeman asked was the

sales rep from John Deere present to answer questions. Chairman Freeman stated he had one question. He stated he had a question about the blade, he stated he was trying to find it in the quote, he didn't mark it. Kevin Hester with John Deere asked was it about the grading blade, Chairman Freeman stated yes, Mr. Hester stated if you looked down in standard options, it had a code 2050. Chairman Freeman stated it was the no impact absorption system, he asked Mr. Hester to tell the board what that was and what the consequences was if that wasn't on there. Mr. Hester stated that was the accumulator control valve on the circle but what they were going to use it for it already had protection built into the blade, he stated you would have to be running 25 miles an hour and hit a patch to hurt it. He stated that there was another protection plan you could add that was about 4,000.00 and that the current caterpillars Andy has didn't have it on there and he stated in his opinion that was overkill. Chairman Freeman asked what the John Deere Link was, Mr. Hester stated that was the GPS, for 5 years included in the price of the machine, you get a username and website that reports everything about the machine, Chairman Freeman asked would it tell you if the machine is moving. Mr. Hester stated yes that it would tell you if the machine was running, if the engine was on or off, fuel consumption, it would tell you what gear it was in, where it is in the county, it has geo fencing also that alerts if the driver goes outside an area. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked if it threw a code would it send Andy a text, Mr. Hester stated yes, they get access and whoever is on the list would have access to it. He also stated it would tell them if it is something simple like drain the water out of the fuel separator. He stated it sends them the code. Commissioner Worsley asked how their service was were they pretty quick. Mr. Hester stated they are like everyone else, they try to be, he stated they just opened another full service store in Valdosta a year ago so they have a full service store in Dothan, a full service store in Albany and a full service store in Valdosta so anywhere between 1 hour and 1.2 hours they have a full service store with 13 field trucks total, he stated they had good technicians. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked what happens if the motor in this machine blows up while in warranty. Would they give them a loaner while it was in the shop? Mr. Hester stated he would as long as he had a machine to give. He stated it is writing 60 months/7500 hours warranty, so anything that goes wrong or out in that machine. Whether it is the air conditioner, DEF system, air ride seat or radio goes out its under warranty, He also stated he out down no charge for ttm warranty repairs, and what that meant, was if they sent a field truck the parts would be warranted and the county would not get a bill for the service call, Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so no mileage charge, Mr. Hester stated that no matter if they came 1 time in 5 years or 10, no charge. Andy stated they only thing was if they had to haul it, Mr. Hester stated that they would come haul it, its included. If it has to go to the shop, it is included in hauling it and if he had a machine to loan, he would bring that machine and haul the other back to the shop and the county would not get a bill. Chairman Freeman asked that in the summertime if an air conditioner goes out could the local tractor shop service that, Mr. Hester stated they would service it that the local shop is set up to service tractors, he stated that if it was something simple like a dirty air filter or a switch that they had in stock but that they really needed to work on it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so don't call them, call you. Mr. Hester stated Andy could call them if it was an air filter or if he had the part number. Andy stated they deal with the local shop now, Mr. Hester stated that one of their field technicians lives in Bainbridge and they have a shop rented and send parts there. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated that he is 20-30 minutes away anyway. Mr. Hester stated they try to keep him in this area. Chairman Freeman asked the board did they have any more questions and if they wanted to decide on which machine to go with. Commissioner Worsley asked Andy did

we go with that blade deal with Cat, Andy stated they had not let them know anything, he stated they had to count the blades, they had a lot of interest in it. He stated it was a first come first serve and that we told them as soon as we knew but they haven't let him know. Commissioner Worsley asked would those blades interchange with this machine. Mr. Hester stated they would that the holes are punched the same, he stated you could buy a motor grader blade from them that would work on a caterpillar. Andy stated you might not hit every hole, Mr. Hester stated you should be able to. He stated there are aftermarket dealers that you call up and say I need a 7ft motor grader blade and they send it to you because they all are made for Cat or John Deere hole boards, so you won't have to worry about getting different blades for Caterpillar or John Deere in there. Commissioner Worsley asked Andy Moore what his feelings was about this. Andy stated as long as it doesn't sit on the yard broke down, he is good with it. He stated when you have 3 and 1 broke down and running 2 you have to cover a lot of territory. Andy stated as long as they got good service, he is good either way. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated as long as you do not have to haul it to Albany you are ok aren't you. Mr. Hester stated he had several counties around us, He had Seminole and Decatur and Thomas and Grady and they all have multiple graders, They have John Deere and Cat, he stated if the county called them he thinks they would tell them they have a great machine and they do what they say they are going to do. Commissioner Worsley asked how quick they could get a machine, Mr. Hester stated the lead time on machines is about 5 to 6 months but that if they had a machine, he didn't know the situation with replacing a machine but that if they had a machine that needs to go back before they could get the machine, he would bring a loaner machine free of charge, he stated everyone knew that challenges with manufacturers these days but that it is about 6 months. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so you would lend us one for 3 months, Mr. Hester stated yes at no charge until theirs came in. Chairman Freeman stated that if they decided to do it, that would have the man familiar with the machines before the new one came in. Mr. Hester stated it had the joysticks controls like Caterpillar, an operator on those should be able to come over to the John Deere, he stated there was one plus on their machines not on the others was a small steering wheel on the console so when they were not using the blades, they could drive it down the road with the steering wheel. He stated there wasn't any drift in the wheel because it was linked to cylinders. He stated they can choose to operate it with the joysticks or the steering wheel. Commissioner Worsley asked was the horsepower comparable between the 2 machines, Mr. Hester stated John Deere was 180 and he thought the Caterpillar was 179. He stated there is always 1 or 2 horsepower either way, but they are in the same class and same weight. Andy asked did it have a Rome ditching blade. Mr. Hester stated it did. Mr. Hester stated that at the end of the lease they had the option to buy it or turn it in and replace it with another machine. Chairman Freeman asked was there anything like transmission fluid or something that would be unusual that they wouldn't be used to. Mr. Hester stated they keep transmission fluid here locally; he stated the engine oil they are using now is the same as long as its CJ4 but they can service it or Andy can service it there, there is nothing that states they have to service it. Only thing is Andy services it, they need to keep good records. Andy stated he when they service one they take a sample of the oil and send it in. Mr. Hester asked what fluids he sends in and you only need to send in the hydraulic fluid. Andy stated he sends them all in. Andy stated the GPS will also tell them the motor grader is broke down before it tells the operator its broke down, it puts a code on the screen and tells them to shut it off. Mr. Hester stated that JD Link is awesome, for 5 years it is included in the machine. It is not an additional monthly cost. Chairman Freeman asked the board if there were



any more questions. No other questions. Chairman Freeman asked the board did they want to try the John Deere machine, Commissioner Worsley stated he is fine with it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Andy would tell them in a year if he liked it or not. Commissioner Worsley made the motion to go with John Deere, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Chairman Freeman told Mr. Hester he appreciated him being here and for him and Andy to stay in touch, so the lease doesn't run out on the old machine. Mr. Hester stated he would call Andy and Doug if there was anything else. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they would like a John Deere motor grader here the day before the Caterpillar goes back. Mr. Hester stated to call him with the date the other is to be returned so he can have something ready. Commissioner Worsley stated he does not want that machine running without warranty. Chairman Freeman stated New Business was up next.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**LMIG Grant:** Chairman Freeman stated that it said in the letter that there was 4.3 miles left on Bellview Rd, he asked was that going to complete it? Doug stated he spoke to Andy about that and that he can tell you a little more about that they are requesting more money but that is the amount of money requested and not necessarily what is going to be given. Andy stated that they figured the 4.3 was about 160,000 to 170,000.00 a mile. He stated they ask for more money than they are going to get. He states that their money is set and no matter what they ask for their amount is set. He states they will probably get 420,000.00 then when they put the match with it, they will have to put 125,000.00 with it. He stated he spoke to Calab today about what paving was going to go for and he thought it would be around 150,000.00 a mile. He stated they like 4.3 miles to finish but the grant wouldn't cover every bit of it. Andy stated the grant money would probably get us 3.6 miles leaving us about .7 of a mile short. Chairman Freeman asked what the total miles would be. Andy stated 3.6 leaving around 100,00.00 left to complete. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked was he going to try to do this before the summer. Andy stated with the T-SPLOST they have been adding a little more and do more every time. Andy stated if the commissioners wanted to see what they had they may could do it all. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated 740,000.00 put pave it all, Andy stated 645,000.00 would pave it all. Chairman Freeman asked who the State DOT official was over our area, Andy stated he didn't know. Commissioner Worsley stated he thinks Gerald Greene is going to come back over us. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he hoped so. Chairman Freeman stated we needed to talk to the DOT folks. Chairman Freeman asked were they going to send in the LMIG grant now, Andy stated they will not process it until February, it stated it was in January, but they pushed a little since COVID, so checks are around February or first of March. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Doug if he had all that, Doug stated he did and already had it on letter head ready to sign. Chairman Freeman stated they needed a motion to sign. Commissioner Worsley made motion, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**ADDITION TO AGENDA:** Chairman Freeman stated they would go ahead and discuss since he was here. He stated that he wouldn't say it was a complaint but more like a

recommendation that the road department goes back to a 5-day work week and either they can go back to the 5-day work week with 8-hour days or figure out a way to stay on the 10-hour days and rotate some of the employees out and have everybody still working a 4-day schedule. He stated he knows it just started back raining and it wasn't something that happened recently but some of them days it was raining, and they couldn't work and then there was sunshining days at the end of the week and the machines are sitting still on Fridays. Chairman Freeman stated he was not saying someone was complaining but they said you all need to be running. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they were complaining. Chairman Freeman stated this is something we need to consider. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Andy was there a way he could maybe work that around. Andy stated he can. He stated he has thought about the same time. He stated the only thing about the 5-day a week was going home at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, you do not get anything done after dinner. He stated if you have a road that needs a pipe and its got to go back together by the time you leave it, pack up your stuff at 3:30. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he thinks more or less the road scrapers and all that, if you could work that where maybe if it rained Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday and then Friday it is sun shining. Chairman Freeman stated Him and Vice Chairman Calhoun has talked alit bit about this, On the farm if it was raining Monday and Tuesday and the weather man told you it was going to be sprinkling rain all day long, and you can not do anything, send the help home and let them come back on Friday. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Andy did he think that would be ok. Andy stated they have talked about that but never, they just always worked their little thing and if that's what they wanted to do, they would work. Andy stated his guys would probably pat the commissioners on the back because they hate working in the shop, he stated they would rather go home and come back in and drive a motor grader. Andy stated if they wanted to try it they would, he stated they did need to run. Chairman Freeman asked Andy could he come up with some type of schedule and get it to them within the next few weeks so they can look at it and make a move. He stated so they could look at it and decide if they needed to call a special meeting or something like that, they could or have it ready for the January meeting. Andy asked did they want to kind of split some of them up, Chairman Freeman asked is that what they wanted. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he wanted Andy to come up with a proposal or plan and let the commissioners look at it. Andy stated if it was raining, he would send the 3 motor graders home and they do work when it's raining too. Andy stated the 3 motor grader guys can go home and then if they know it will stop raining Wednesday and be pretty, they can come back in and work. In fact, some of them wanted to take some of the time, they wanted to work Friday and Saturday, they want to work. He stated he thinks they can come up with something a little more flexible. He stated some of them do not want to be there when it is raining, they would rather come back in and work at the end of the week. Andy stated they would do something to make the board happy and if not the would bust it up into schedules. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked could he have something by the next meeting of what he proposes or something like that. Andy stated however they wanted to do it was great with him. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Chairman Freeman was that ok, he then asked each of the other Commissioners one at a time was it ok with them, all agreed. Chairman Freeman stated not just the motor graders he was going to need a truck driver or something because in some of these rainy situations you may need to move some dirt. So, it didn't just need to be motor graders it needed to be. Commissioner Edwards stated across the board. Chairman Freeman stated yes. Chairman Freeman then stated there was a fellow, and that you and Doug may have talked but someone he knew gave him a name of a guy, Doug

stated he did pass the name along, he stated he was a CDL driver and asked Andy wasn't there some talk about you needing a CDL driver. Andy stated he contacted the guy. Chairman Freeman stated he didn't know the many but that he was also a motor grader driver, he stated he lived further away and the mileage he was going to have to drive to come might be a drawback, but before Andy just let him go, the board needed to know what he would get paid and what he wants to do. Andy stated the pay part is something he thinks they can work with. Doug told them about him, and they contacted him. He asked the man to come see them and see if he wanted to work with them, but they have not heard back from him. Chairman Freeman stated he didn't talk to the man, Andy stated he talked to him because they do need a CDL driver. Chairman Freeman stated to keep them in the loop and asked the board if they had any more questions.

**HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT:** Chairman Freeman stated it was the board appointment for the commissioner's seat. He asked the board if they wanted to decide on that. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Chairman Freeman if he wanted to do it again. Chairman Freeman stated he would but that they had to submit 3 names and asked who is volunteering the other 2 names. Commissioner Edwards stated she thought that they did that at the special called meeting. Doug stated that this is different it is for the commissioner's seat. Commissioner Edwards stated oh ok. Chairman Freeman stated they sent the letter down because it's coming up and the next meeting will be beyond. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked you must have 3 commissioners names. Chairman Freeman stated yes. Chairman Freeman asked did he want to volunteer, Vice Chairman Calhoun stated not if you are going to do it. Chairman Freeman stated we got to submit 3 names anyway. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated if Chairman Freeman was going to do it. Commissioner Edwards stated her plate was full. Chairman Freeman asked if they wanted Commissioner Nixon or Commissioner Worsley's name on there. Commissioner Nixon stated she was ok with that. Commissioner Worsley stated put Niki's name on there. So, they put Chairman Freeman, Vice Chairman Calhoun, and Commissioner Nixon's names. Chairman Freeman then moved to

**ARTS COUNCIL LETTER:** Chairman Freeman asked the board did they read the letter. He stated they said they had the match money. He then asked Doug if she gave the names of the donors and stated he didn't know if she could or if it was anonymous. Doug stated all she stated was they had the match money. 25,000.00 from the city, 25,000.00 from direct donations and 25,000.00 from proceeds from show sales. Chairman Freeman asked the board was they satisfied with that they all agreed. Doug stated she didn't ask specifically for the money she only wanted them to know it was met.

**FEMA Money:** Chairman Freeman states there was a letter that states we will be getting money back that we were not anticipating which is a plus. Doug stated we were only supposed to be getting 60,000.00. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked what it was from, the hurricane debris. Doug stated yes. Chairman Freeman stated there was some controversy with the Core of Engineers and FEMA but that must have been resolved. He asked if there were any questions.

**GIS SOFTWARE AGREEMENT:** Chairman Freeman stated that is the same thing they do with the Tax Commissioners office every year and needed a motion to sign. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion, Commissioner Worsley seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Freeman asked if there was anything else to go over tonight. Commissioner Edwards asked Doug if he had investigated the antenna tower thing, Doug stated he talked with Cory and talked with Cody and the County doesn't have any involvement with that. Cory stated the school board gave them the area to put the tower on and when SGRITA sold the area and tower was given back to the school board.

Commissioner Edwards asked if it was not going to be used, could we utilize it. Doug stated that it was so short, its nothing we can use it for, He reached out to those doing the communication tower and that it is too short for a communications tower.

Commissioner Worsley stated it was very short, Doug stated it was about 25 feet and that they didn't make that type of tower and couldn't add onto it. We were looking at it when the city started looking to build on. Commissioner Worsley asked Doug what they were doing at the old school. He stated he wasn't aware, but that Mr. Bush may could answer. Commissioner Worsley asked Mr. Bush. Mr. Bush stated they were tearing the buildings down.

Andy then asked Chairman Freeman about some pipe he needed to order. He stated they have a collapsed pipe in the Chairman's district. He stated he was down to 1 24 and 1 36 pipe on the yard, and they were going to have to replace that one. Chairman Freeman asked what size he needed. Andy stated they called and priced pipe. He stated the pipe has tripled in price to over 1,000.00. Chairman Freeman asked about the plastic pipe. He stated they tossed that around in the past and the plastic pipe cost just as much as the steel pipe. Andy stated that if they do not get a bunch of dirt on the plastic pipe it won't hold that weight. He stated on the dirt road with the drain and rain if you don't get a lot of dirt around a plastic pipe. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked was the plastic pipe cheaper than the other. Andy stated when they checked it wasn't really feasible to make the change. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Andy where he got the pipe from Consolidated pipe up there, Andy continued to talk about getting enough dirt around the pipe and if you didn't the pipe would collapse. Commissioner Worsley stated he saw the other day there are making inserts that you slide inside the pipe. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Andy again where he gets the pipe from. Andy stated he gets it from Gulf Atlantic Culvert in Tallahassee. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he thought the last we got was from Albany, Andy stated people have been starting to buy pipe from Sylvester, but he hasn't been trying to buy pipe because it is so high. Andy said he is starting to have pipes collapse and had some in Commissioner Edwards district, Commissioner Edwards thanked Andy for getting those fixed. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it might be better to buy a truck load. Chairman Freeman asked Andy how many pieces of pipe he was going to have to have. Andy stated he didn't know but that he needed to replace that pipe in the yard. Chairman Freeman asked was they going to deliver the pipe, Andy stated not just one pipe. He stated you had to buy a semi load for them to deliver it. He stated they would deliver it if they had a truck coming to Donalsonville or Baker County if they are making the trip. Commissioner Edwards asked Andy what is the minimum pipe needed. He stated they always been buying a semi load, he stated there is usually 12 to 13 pieces of pipe on a semi load. He stated that he didn't have to buy it today but that they needed to fix that pipe and if we got a lot of rain, it was just going to cut that road. Commissioner Worsley asked would they give you a break if you buy more? Andy stated no. He then asked Andy has he check the prices at the other places, Andy stated he had not. Chairman Freeman stated he wanted the specs on the plastic pipe and the weight it would hold. Andy stated he would check on that. He stated he checked on it years ago and nobody wanted to use it. Commissioner Edwards asked Andy if the pipe he was talking about was already

collapsing, he stated yes. She stated they had to look at the liability, so we best go ahead and take care of it. Andy stated they got it fixed there is nothing, the road is fixed they just needed to replace the pipe. He stated he tried to patch the pipe, but it was too rusted. He stated he would get some prices. Commissioner Worsley stated the thing about plastic is you never have to worry about it rotting out. Chairman Freeman stated to get a price on both and the weight they will carry. Andy stated he had Felix taken care of as good as he could.

Vice Chairman Calhoun asked if the Chairman needed a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion to adjourn, Commissioner Worsley seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.