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Board of Commissioners



Present: Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Vice Chairman Jeff Cox, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Edwards. Commissioner Bowen Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Douglas Cofty, Andy Moore, Sheriff Garison Clenney, Heather Smith, Austin Lambert, Jayme Smith, Debbie Henry, Whitney Butler, Mandy Roland, Mike Middleton, William Smith

6:00 P.M. – Welcome & Call to Order. Prayer and pledge of allegiance

Chairman Calhoun stated he wanted to welcome our new Commissioner Keith Bowen to the meeting.

Housekeeping

Election of Officers

Chairman Calhoun stated all right the first order business will be the election of officers. I need a motion for a Chairman. Commissioner Nixon stated well I think everything's been going okay I mean like it has, will you take it again. Commissioner Nixon made motion for Ladon Calhoun as Chairman. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Calhoun stated I need a motion for a Vice Chairman. Commissioner Edwards stated I think like she say all has been going well so I would make a motion for Vice Chairman, Mr. Cox. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Calhoun stated all right so now appointments to committees. The only thing that I see is Mr. Cox would like to be on the roads, he wanted to be on it last year so I put him on if that's okay with everybody. We need a motion for that or is that just a Mr. Cofty stated yes. Chairman Calhoun stated we need a motion. Commissioner Edwards made motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Chairman Calhoun stated I'd like to put Mr. Keith on, We need a motion to put him on emergency services and take Jeff off. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Calhoun stated that's really all I see unless you all see something else you all want to change. We need to talk about the County Attorney we just need to approve him again for a year. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir, he submitted a letter, he's not raising his rates. Chairman Calhoun stated we need a motion to accept him as county attorney for another term. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Calhoun stated I all right We need approval of the agenda. Do we need to add anything. Mr. Cofty stated there's some Department stuff they'll talk about in the department section. Chairman Calhoun stated okay all right, if everything's in order need we approval of the agenda. I need a motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards made motion to approve. Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Calhoun stated all right now I need a motion to approve the minutes since everything is in Order. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports

Chairman Calhoun stated next financial reports. We need a motion if everything looks in order. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appearances

Chairman Calhoun stated we have appearances, Ms. Dana Glass, the CEO of aspire. Ms. Glass stated good evening my name is Dana Glass, I'm a licensed clinical social worker. I'm the executive director for Aspire Behavioral Health and developmental Disability Services. We are your safety net provider for mental health addictive disease and developmental disability services for Youth and adults. I brought you some up updates, this includes our annual report for the last year. We served about 8,500 individuals across our eight primary counties which does include Miller County. Miller County in particular we serve we provided 5600 direct episodes of care to the residents of your county and this included a Continuum of Care, everything from use of our Behavioral Health crisis center, our detoxification Services. We also provide community support team here locally in your community we've had some of your residents admitted to our Touchstone residential long-term treatment program for Addictive disease over in Arlington and then we provide an array of outpatient services for youth and young adults, throughout the county. So, we're in all of your school systems that's probably where we have our biggest impact here and then we also do Outpatient Clinic Services in our office behind the hospital. We do group, family, individual. We do assessments and medication management for your residents, part of the reason that I also wanted to come was to request a new appointment to our board. The board members for our board are appointed by all of the County Commissioners and your current board appointment has not been able to participate for quite some time now, it's been about two years since we've had her be able to be present at a meeting and so part of our requirement from the state is that we have an active and engaged board and so we were trying to request a new appointment possible I know Ms. Leigh Ribolzi and I don't know how to pronounce that last name but

she was interested and has been a wonderful partner and support of Aspire, so she and I have discussed that and she said she'd be willing to serve if that's a possibility. Chairman Calhoun stated all right well Doug can reach out and we'll get somebody. Ms. Glass stated okay somebody can just let me know my contact information is in that folder. Mr. Cofty stated do you want me to reach out and if she agrees, are you all in agreeance to go ahead and send her the letter if you she's willing serve. The board was in agreement. Ms. Glass stated okay that'd be great just get a letter of appointment once that's settled. Thank you any questions for me. Chairman Calhoun asked you want to make a motion or you want to wait till. Mr. Cofty stated it's probably best to go ahead and do it. Chairman Calhoun stated we need to make a motion to appoint Leigh Ribolzi to the Aspire, if she so chooses to be. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

County Ordinances - Review

Chairman Calhoun stated next is County ordinances. Mr. Cofty stated so I gave you all a copy of the ordinances last month and Mr. Keith wasn't on the board yet so I went ahead and emailed him the ordinances. I don't think he's had time to look at it so you all may want to just move that until next month. Chairman Calhoun stated yeah I want to table that and then let all get together maybe have a little workshop and talk about all of that if that's okay with everybody need a motion to table. Vice Chairman Cox made motion to table. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tax Assessors Board appointment

Chairman Calhoun stated all right next is tax assessor board appointment. Mr. Cofty stated this was on in November so I just was bringing it up letting you all know that you all need to still kind of give us some names. I know Mr. Mike said he's got a few names that he's checking into so the more names we can get if you all know anybody, it's time to step up and support your community and want to be on that board just to give us their names and we'll bring them back to you all and you know. Chairman Calhoun stated so maybe at the next meeting we'll appoint somebody, get some names. Mr. Middleton stated I'm going to check tomorrow. Chairman Calhoun stated okay. Mr. Cofty stated he'll check on his end and then whatever the list we get we'll bring them all and put them together and let you all decide.

New Business

Personnel Policy and Procedures | Purchasing Policy

Chairman Calhoun stated all right personnel policy and procedures. Mr. Cofty stated we've been working on this since last year so in the in the blue folder, basically like the ordinances I just want you

to kind of go ahead and look over them and we can we can address all this in February but that's the new County Personnel policy that we come up with, you know, we had those issues with some of the drug test we we've taken out that provision about the help and it's just an automatic termination now so you all just look through all that read up if there's something that you all think you need to add or change and we just make a note and we'll change that in February the same goes with the next one which is the Purchasing policy that's in the red right folder and the biggest issue with that one is you know before I came on we wasn't using the procurement website which you know anything over like \$50,000 you're required to put that on the Georgia procurement website so now we have the last several bids that we've done, we've started to use it but we need a policy that states that so that's there you want to do that next meeting. Same thing also it also gives some leeway I mean I know normally you get three quotes but in this day and age you're not going to find three quotes so we dropped it down to two quotes and three if you can get it those are the only two changes in there.

GSI Software contract

Chairman Calhoun stated next is the GSI software agreement. Mr. Cofty stated this is, it's in your packet this company is one that when Ms. Jennifer was here she told you all they're going out of business in June but they still have to function until then so this is the last annual contract that we'll have with the GSI and then Livvy said she'll come up and find a different, so that's just an annual renewal. Chairman Calhoun stated so we need to make a motion to motion to sign. Mr. Cofty stated there's two of them in there but one's the software and one's the mobile homes. Chairman Calhoun stated all right we need to make a motion to sign the government agreement with government system, I need a motion. Commissioner Nixon made motion. Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sheriff Office Tower Removal

Chairman Calhoun stated Tower removal. Mr. Cofty stated so I sent that out to you all through a group chat about the tower of the sheriff's office, the light has burned out on that and it cost just as much to remove it as it does to fix the light. You all voted to go ahead and get it done. I just need a formal vote and it will be done the last week of January. Chairman Calhoun stated do you need a motion to do it. Mr. Cofty stated yes a formal to put on record. Chairman Calhoun stated we need a motion to remove the tower at the sheriff's department. Commissioner Edwards made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Commissioner Bowen asked what are we going to do with the tower once it's down, do they take it down and carry it off or they just take it down. Mr. Cofty stated once he gets here, I mean if we can store it because we probably can use some of the sections. I know Austin needs to put up cameras at the dump sites so that if it's tall enough we can probably get it cut

down and use some of that section but we had plan on keeping it. Chairman Calhoun stated but we're not using it currently correct. Mr. Cofty stated no it's everything's off that tower.

GMASS Contract.

Chairman Calhoun stated all right the GMASS contract. Mr. Cofty stated all right, so it's also in your package that was presented to me, they just need to get a new contract signed. It is a three-year contract, they may have more information on any of that, but it's your standard contract. I think it went up because not having a tax assessor, so GMASS will kind of function in that role till we get one. Chairman Calhoun stated anybody got any questions on that? Now it's time to ask, they are all here. William Smith stated Ladon, even though I sign it you have to sign it you know, we cannot obligate County to a financial contract. Chairman Calhoun stated that's right. Mr. Smith stated basically what we had about 3,000 more per year. You got any questions. Chairman Calhoun stated so we need a motion to sign this agreement. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion, Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Building Department Bank Account

Chairman Calhoun stated next Bank account. Faye Whittaker stated we just need to open a separate checking account for the building department and separated from the tax assessor so I just need you all to. Chairman Calhoun stated we need a motion for a Faye to open a separate bank account for the building. Mr. Smith stated no you got , we already have an account. Mr. Cofty stated yeah we're opening for the building, for the building department. Vice Chairman Cox stated just a new account. Mr. Cofty stated just a new account for the building. Ms. Whittaker stated they are going to keep the existing one, the tax assessors. Chairman Calhoun stated we need a motion to open a bank account for the building department. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

2025 TANS Note

Chairman Calhoun stated 2025 TANS note. Ms. Whittaker stated we just go ahead and give Tristan at People south Bank. Chairman Calhoun stated you just want a motion. Ms. Whittaker stated to open go ahead and open it for when we need it. Chairman Calhoun stated all right we need a motion to open

a new tax note 2025. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tax Commissioner Contract

Chairman Calhoun stated next the Tax Commissioner contract. Mr. Cofty stated so, this is a contract between the city and the tax commissioner. Any contracts you know you all approve and sign so that's what it is just allowing Livvy to go ahead and collect taxes from the city. Chairman Calhoun stated I need a motion to enter in contract with tax commissioner. Vice Chairman Cox made motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Departments

Chairman Calhoun stated department reports. Mr. Cofty stated all the department reports are in there. Virginia's brought her late. I put it on each table. Everybody's reports in their Survival Flight, E911 all those are in there. If you want the others to talk about. Chairman Calhoun stated you got anything you want to say, easy we got 3 minutes. Sheriff Clenney stated he looked forward to working with everybody.

EMA - Debbie Henry

Ms. Henry stated there's just a couple of things that I wanted to mention is we have an old mobile command trailer that we've had as a FEMA trailer. I think we might have paid \$1,500 for it 20 years ago or something it's falling apart the bottom falling out of it we need to replace it, we need to ask if you all put it in surplus and see if we can sell it get the radios out of it and then I talk to Cory about the city possibly going in half with us on a new mobile command one that's a drivable unit that Whitney I want could get in and just take it to the scene we have to get a truck pull a trailer and all that so we looked at a couple but we got to get rid of this whole first and then you know either County can buy the whole thing or the city might help with that it I don't. Mr. Cofty stated I'd prefer the City to buy all of it. Chairman Calhoun jokingly stated absolutely, so you want us to surplus that tonight and then you going to get us some prices. Ms. Henry stated yes and we there is a possibility of some grant money for mobile commands coming out under Homeland Security but I'm not sure we have some other things I know we're trying to get to maybe a generator for the for this office here in case of emergency so you have power can operate and Garrison need some things for the sheriff's department so we're looking at two or three different things we might want to apply for grants for which would be a 75/25 match that's all possibility. I would like to request all of the County Commissioners and I'm going to the City

Council too to take a NIMS training it's 402 and it's for elected officials to let you know what we do as emergency First Responders and what powers or emergency ordinances stuff like that you give it's like a three-hour class but I need everybody to attend at one time because we'll get a guy from GEMA to come down and train it and we might can feed you all if come I just need to go you all want daytime, night time and come up with the date. Chairman Calhoun stated just get with Doug and then he can coordinate with us. Ms. Henry stated so are you all willing I guess that's my question. The board all agreed. Chairman Calhoun stated I think yeah I think so we also have our Tier one group that's all our emergency department heads they're all going to come too so okay I think it's really important for all of us to be in the same room hear the same thing you know work together. That's really all I got, I think but I think Whitney's got some stuff.

E911 – Whitney Butler

Ms. Butler stated I've come to talk about the possibility of adding a third dispatcher and what I mean by that is we have room for four consoles we have three that are operational. Calls are increasing from 2023 to 2024. Our total for Miller and Baker County that we answered was 260 that's how much it went up over the course of the year. Right now, I run two dispatchers per shift. I'm there during the day but there's only two of them there. After I leave, we answer channels and I say channels I mean radio channels for Miller and Baker counties and we have four admin and 6 911 lines that may ring at the same time. The calls are getting worse in nature they're taking us a little longer to talk to people because if we've got somebody that's on the phone that doesn't want to hang up we can't hang, we're not going to hang up with them with them until somebody gets there. I've talked with Doug about us getting EMD certification which is the emergency medical dispatch because as of January of last year all certified communication officers are required to be CPR certified so we all of us are CPR certified but we do not have a policy in place right now so we don't use it, but if we could get the EMD certification and have a medical director sign off and help me create a policy and get us the cards we would use it. If we do that a third person is really going to be essential to us because if I have one dispatcher that's on the phone with somebody that is doing this end we're going to need the other two people taking the phone calls taking in the radio traffic. So, one person is dedicated to that person on the phone who's in need of help, it will help us on anything major our bad weather, a major structure power anything that we may have multiple phone line ringing multiple radio channels at the same time it's really hard when it hits like that for two people to handle it. If there's not a third person close by. I would just like for you all think about that as we come up for the next budget year possibly adding that third person to help take the strain off of the other ones. That will require us to update the cad system or the computer AED dispatch that we use, we would need to add that fourth console and when I say that there's room for three people now but if we keep a third person full-time, the accessibility I have will be non-existent so if I'm at home and they call me because something crashes

I'll have no way to get into it because I use that third side so we would need to put that fourth one operational and I've talked with Ms. Debbie today and there is possibility that we may could apply for a grant that would help cover the cost of updating the cad system.

Chairman Calhoun stated how much would that cost just ball part figure. Ms. Butler stated I'd have to look all that up. Ms. Whittaker stated but what we're going to need to do is get with the other County because that's kind of been the same payment for so, if we do this we need to that contract is really outdated and we really need. Chairman Calhoun stated 12 years, 12 years so. Mr. Cofty stated we need to update it or do away with it. Ms. Whittaker exactly because it's 12 years at the same rate. Chairman Calhoun stated right okay and this would really be help helping them more than us maybe. Ms. Whittaker stated at least as much. Ms. Butler stated really it would be if we did the third person and we go with the end classes it's going to help citizens in both counties because right now if you call us and you have somebody that may need CPR we can't give it to you because we don't have their certification and we don't have the cards we just don't have it so we're basically stand on the phone with it just telling you the help's coming we're getting them there as quick as we can but our hands are tied until we can get this certification and honestly if we get it I believe it's going to be able to help everybody on both on both sides. It's just a matter of whether we can get where we can meet in the middle and get it in place. Mr. Cofty stated survival flight's going to pay for the EMD certification, we just have to work out some kind of contract Logistics we got to get. Ms. Butler stated and also when we're talking about adding a third person the fire chief's not here to explain it a little better than I can but as far as our ISO ratings for insurance purposes if we add that third person that's going to help in the long run as far as his Department goes and the citizens because ISO is going to say well there's three people you have one person dedicated to your fire where right now he actually gets points deducted because we don't have one because we have like I said we have eight channels and two people so we have one run in Miller County one run in Baker County no body dedicated to fire if a fire happens it's just whoever's on that channel so it will help in the long run on that stance too. Chairman Calhoun stated all right we definitely look into that then. Ms. Butler stated thank you. Vice Chairman Cox asked so Survival Flight would pay for the for the EMD certification. Mr. Cofty stated for the EMD certifications yes. Chairman Calhoun stated so we need a motion to surplus your mobile command center. Ms. Henry stated mobile command. I need a motion to Surplus her mobile command center. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Calhoun asked anything else. Mr. Cofty stated Andy wanted to discuss the excavator. Chairman Calhoun stated all right you got five minutes now. Mr. Moore stated I'll be quick, you've already seen the pamphlet I gave you all, kind of what we need to do to that Doug's got paperwork for our grant that we need the chairman to sign we can send that off to get the money to continue paving. I know we're paving on Cooktown, I think we kind of assume we're going to continue paving on Cooktown, we had talked about starting at different places you know the last time but we're actually

repairing on down the road. The worst section in the road I rode it today, the worst section is from where we are leaving off paving now on down past Griffin Sheffield, we'll catch that in the next paving and it's going to actually work out that if we tie on where we leave off and pave the next paving we'll like one more paving making it to the crossroad then we were like a mile and 3/10 on the Baker County end. I'm sure Ladon he goes that way a lot sees the Baker County in probably more than we do. At the end of Baker County, we're going to spend about two weeks down there. We got some drainage problems in the ditch and there's some trees that fell. We going to just go down there spend about two weeks get the limb cutter the excavator out there and do some work we got two places Ladon mentioned one to me a while back there right past Steer hole road that the water comes in the road because the ditch is filled in, we'll go ahead and get that taken care of get trees out of the road get them cut back get the drainage issue under control and then I'm going to put a crew on the starting end and the finishing end and we're going to walk cook town and cold patch whatever is there and kind of heal it up really well and the big section there Mr. Rex Cook's house we doing 1300 and something feet right there we going to overlay that road where that bad spot is and go ahead and take care of that. Now what I really wanted to do is we like two things signing the paper just the letter to get the money and when we fill out our paperwork we need to kind of know a start finish point and I just wanted to make sure everybody was good with just tagging on where we left off and keep going because that's going to catch the worst part of the road this left.

Vice Chairman Cox stated on that bad part you was talking about cold patching. Mr. Moore stated well we just going to cold patch potholes no we going they're going to pave over we're going to overlay while the paving machines out there the road's really bad there if we don't go ahead and fix it we're going to go ahead and overlay that bad real bad spot that'll take care of the really worst spot on that end except for on the Baker County end there's a couple little spots we can cold patch up but the worst problem down there is really some trees that fell that just got cut back and hadn't been cleaned up and we got some water coming out of a field that actually the ditches just filled in we just need to restructure down there and do a little work and we can make that road a lot better just working on it. Vice Chairman Cox stated but any bad spots I wouldn't put cold patch on. Mr. Moore stated well not real bad we got one place down there at the crossroad that we'll probably go get some hot patch and fix but then you know just the little potholes we're going to kind of work on it and get it in better shape but we can go either way with cold patch or hot mix whichever one we need. Vice Chairman Cox stated hot mix. Mr. Moore stated but we going we're going to work on it you know but my question is everybody good with us tying right back on and just continue on because it will catch the worst the next paving will catch the worst section of that road and if everything works out good with the way the money's been coming in I'm figuring May or June we you know depending on how fast they we can get the paperwork done and get somebody back in here we probably can pave you know the next paving in May or June so we won't be long in between, but I just need to fill out that part where we going to start

and finish and need to get you all to sign the letter where we can go ahead and get it out of here and get the money coming. Chairman Calhoun stated I'm fine with continuing on with the road if everybody else is. Mr. Moore stated it look what they what they've done so far looks good looks good. Commissioner Edwards stated I know it looks good you know and long as he like he say uh heading down toward Kimbral Road it's rough. Mr. Moore stated yeah we going we're going to work on some of the left parts of it if it works out about like I figured it and it did on the last paving when you go past Griffin Sheffield just before you get to Steer hole and I can't call the other name, St Paul Church Road there's a big field on the right and the left and then there's a house on the right just before you get to that house it's going to wind up right there just before you get to Steer hole road and there's a bad spot in the road right there but I'm hoping that we get just enough that it'll make it cover that but I rode it really looked at it good and that's the worst section is not what's left now is that's the worst section of the road we need to I think we need to just continue on and see. The excavator and the big loader you know you and you pack it in the back there both of them it plainly tells what's wrong you know kind of what's wrong with them we've been working on a big job you know we did Rock Road and that was that was Major and that's big loader kind of give us some problems but we didn't shut down and you know stop in the middle of it to break it down and try to work on it some there's some of those problems I think I can fix on the big loader, we may have some that we may have to live with on it you know I don't know but the tracks on the excavator, we got to do something with them I mean that's just they're just they're maxed out and they wore out I mean they're about to come apart.

Chairman Calhoun stated so what's that how many hours is on that machine. Mr. Moore stated right at 4,000 hours on the excavator, if the meter is working I mean I looked at it the other day and I don't know if the meter working or not to be honest Ladon you know I mean it's only got just a little hand tag meter it don't have anything else in it it's just this old school meter I don't know if it works or not.

Chairman Calhoun stated what you think it's worth. You ever get value on that Doug, you got a value.

Mr. Moore stated I haven't got anything from any I requested some and John Deere was supposed to come, John Deere hadn't shown up. Cats working on kind of giving some price on something.

Chairman Calhoun asked what size is it. Mr. Moore stated it's a 315, the new the new excavators the 315 they downsize them down to the compact to stay like we are we need to move what we all need to do to stay like we are is a 317 and the reason I say that we can dig with the 315 with it compact but we handle so many big trees that I don't think it'll have the muscle to do it if we don't stay you know with the tail weight and all that we won't have the we won't have the man power to go and handle these big oaks when they fall, I mean digging is really not a problem but sometime we need a little bit of.

Chairman Calhoun asked, how much redo the tracks on if you got a price. Mr. Moore stated it's about 14,000 or I took a quote right at Christmas you know I mean everything changes but that's ballpark 14 to 15,000 that was just kind of going through and all the rollers is good you know we had maybe a little more once we pull the tracks off but. Chairman Calhoun stated how old is that thing 14 years old. Mr.

Moore stated its 18 years old. All of our construction equipment that we use building roads are from 18 to 26 years old every piece of except a couple dump trucks that we've replaced even some of our dump trucks are that old but the actual working equipment when we leave to go build up road like we built Rock Road up everything we using is from 18 to 26 years old right. Chairman Calhoun stated and it's never had tracks on it before. Mr. Moore stated no it's unless I'm mistaken that excavator has never had a service call made to it, I'm just I mean it's been and with us talking about it. Chairman Calhoun stated we'll all get together and we'll kind of talk and let Doug kind of do his thing and try to shop it around. Mr. Moore stated if we ever intended on really get getting a pit or not getting a pit what like Rock road, I got some dirt but when I stockpile dirt when we get dirt we don't have a pit or if you had a pit when you stockpile it like that and you leave it the big loader won't load it you got to go with the excavator bust it up actually restack that whole stack then you got to move and go to work so you're double working this excavator is not the worst one in the world so if you got any intention of buying a new one I'd really like to see if you all would let's keep it to have or you know we may not do a lot of walking with it but we cannot have to double work near. Chairman Calhoun stated you about to get crazy now we are talking about getting a newer one now you want to keep one and new one. Mr. Moore stated if you going to have a pit and you need to dig I mean you're steady moving back fourth I mean that that was a lot of double working we' done we moved over 35,000 tons of dirt to do one job. Chairman Calhoun stated If you need it at the pit do you need the tracks on it still. Mr. Moore stated well good question I can move it around without them but it's something we can think about that we might patch up a little bit to keep it sitting still you know like you moving dirt you're just kind of moving a little few feet you're not out there walking like we walk out there on the jobs we do and we won't double work near as much. Vice Chairman Cox stated what you mean when you said the loader wouldn't load it from the pit the dirt. Mr. Moore state like the dirt I got dirt stock piled right its packed and that loader will not go into it you got to take the excavator out there and basically that if you going to move that whole mound of dirt you got to dig that whole mound and just set it back over and redo it for it to be loose enough for the loader to load it once you do that then you can carry the excavator where you're working and the loader will load the trucks and send them to you but you know you're doing a lot of moving and a lot of double working and this old excavator is not, you know tracks is wore out on it and it's got a lot of wear on it in 18 years but it's not where it can't sit there you know and you know and dig dirt and then you won't have to double dig you know you can just sit there and when the truck comes you can be busted up a little and load the truck send him out you don't have to Rock Road I moved four times because I didn't have enough room to restack my dirt once I restack dirt I filled up that well then I had to go work and we loaded that dirt once we move that dirt we had to move the excavator back bust up some more dirt we moved back four times where if we had the old excavator sitting there he could have just kept busting and kept loading we could have kept working. Vice Chairman Cox stated one thing we might need to look at you stock piling all the dirt on your yard at the

barn. Mr. Moore stated I do, I got the land you know landfill land I keep some at the yard if I got a major pile of dirt coming in I usually put it at. Vice Chairman Cox stated we might need to start talking to somebody and get something spread out throughout the county that way won't have to. Mr. Moore stated I've looked around and you know no over the years and nobody just never come up we need a spot now I was going to hit Ladon up because we are fixing to start working on Union Church. I need a corner somewhere over there to you know to move and stock pile dirt where then when I move over there I can work but now see if I had the old excavator digging dirt what moving back and forth really wouldn't have to like we could work you know hard dirt wouldn't have to stock pile. It save me you know a good bit of time but as it is right now we're going to do it same way we did Rock Road you know we're going to try to move a bunch of dirt stock pilot then we'll move over there and work right close and work quick well I do need a corner you right down the road. Chairman Calhoun stated I will see what I can find. Commissioner Bowen stated I'm sort of new at this but do we have or are we in the process of trying to find a pit to get dirt or is that in the works now. Mr. Moore stated yeah we've looked over the years you know and talked about it but nobody really got serious about it and we've never had a pit and it's a challenge coming up with the amount of dirt that we need to move all the time I mean it's a real challenge to get up back dirt but when we stock pile dirt like you know I get dirt I ask the guys that done whatever they're building over in the red light you know when they was getting that digging that dirt hey you know if you need to get rid of it I want you know I asked everybody I got all the dirt from the Ford place, hospital, Nutrina you know I steady work with these people to keep us dirt coming in to do jobs like this all the dirt we did Rock Road we come from bird song, you know Mike Floyd moved it and I you know hey if you got extra dirt I want it it's not the best but it built a road so I steady you know steady hunting dirt and stop piling it but once it's sit there it gets like concrete you can't do dig into it unless you bust. Chairman Calhoun stated we will talk to Faye about where the money's going to come from and we talk to Doug about getting some prices and then we'll kind of revisit this. Vice Chairman Cox stated maybe if we start this clipping maybe we that us out give us some. Mr. Moore stated it does but I mean we use a lot lots and lots and lots of dirt you know I mean we do some big jobs. Vice Chairman Cox stated I am saying that's free dirt. Mr. Moore stated yeah oh yeah where we clean these highways up that's going to be 15 20 loads of dirt 15 20 loads of dirt but I can't remember me I figured it up kept up with it and just that one job I don't remember how many but it was up in the thousands of dump truck loads we hauled out there to one job and this job we are fixing start on now longer from Todd Road to Bush Road is going be a lot of dirt in places through there that's you know it's just a lot of dirt but I got two piles out at the landfill, some of it we have to come up with dirt to go on top of we can build a bottom layer but top layer we got to find other dirt and we just stacked I don't know probably a hundred loads off of Cook town the other day you know when Oxford went to hauling, we went stack it so we got probably over a hundred loads there at the office you know that we got off of cook town so you know we collecting dirt from everywhere we can get it from but

that's just the idea if you work in two places, one excavator is kind of hard and you know this one I wouldn't be scared of it to you know to keep it leave it seating. Chairman Calhoun stated all right we going to talk to Faye and we going to talk to Doug and we'll all revisit this next month how about that. Mr. Moore stated while it's wet we're going to try to clip some shoulders and then we'll go back to working on dirt roads you know when it dries up, try to work on Cook town down on the Baker County line and kind of while it's wet then soon as everything starts drying off we're going to move and start right there where they cleaning out the ditch you seen where they cleaning out the ditch down there, they doing a real good job there we're going to try to drop both pipes in and you know we'll pick up start you know the Union Church project just like we did Rock Road and we'll go to we'll pick a road and you know we get through with that we'll move on to other districts and pick another road in their District. Chairman Calhoun stated we'll have one by in don't worry. Mr. Cofty stated we probably need to update those five roads like we did last year everyone needs to pick a road in their district. Mr. Moore stated that's definitely a bad one, Vice Chairman Cox stated this old galleon, why not Mr. Moore stated it's not really I mean that's something that's kind of a joint thing with us and the city they scrapped it and I got it back running we used it for years on projects you know like leveling the road out and we got through now we use a box blade. If you all really interested in buying something that's what I need right now to work on my roads with is another box blade ours has had it, It was in two pieces when I come here and I welded it back together but the running gear was snatched off of it this really got out of whack from being level and that's what I run behind like we built Rock Road I run it every day and try to keep the traffic. It's a 12 ft pull behind. Chairman Calhoun stated you just want one just like that box. Mr. Moore stated yeah that's all I can pull I can't pull nothing no heavier if you know I'd like to look around and maybe find this one or wouldn't hurt my feelings if we bought actually bought a new one but I will take a but that's something I need that I really need out of all of it that's something I really need. Chairman Calhoun stated all right we'll check in all that and we're going to move on. Mr. Moore stated all right I appreciate it was more than five minutes Ladon but anyway I appreciate you all. Chairman Calhoun stated all right y'all got anything else any questions anything. Vice Chairman Cox stated what road was you going to start clipping Mr. Moore stated we was working on Thompson town when we left off you know when we start back we going to start back on it. Vice Chairman Cox stated you going to start at the city limits go all the way to Babcock turn around and go back. Mr. Moore stated we're going to skip the houses for now because I don't have really enough labor to work on you know leveling the yards back off and you know it's a little I'd rather work on around yards but we going to start kind of right past them yards and just work our way and work the whole road. The yards kind of get to be a hairy and tricky thing I told them we'd probably come back and just maybe take the bucket and the loader and run downside the yard and see if we could get enough clip without making such a mess in front of the yards but we going to start kind of right there before we get to the church and go to the far end. We going to catch it we going to work that in in between times you know

when if it's too wet to blade. We're going to try to run you know just work a road at a time and just do what we can with what we got.

Executive Session

NONE

Chairman Calhoun called for motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

SIGNATURES

Cristene Edwards, Commissioner – District 1

Jeff Cox, Vice Chairman – District 2

Keith Bowen, Commissioner – District 3

Niki Nixon, Commissioner – District 4

Ladon Calhoun, Chairman – District 5

Douglas Cofty, County Manager

