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Board of Commissioners



Present: Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Vice Chairman Jeff Cox, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Bowen
Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Douglas Cofty, Andy Moore, , Austin Lambert, Jayme Smith, Kevin Calhoun, Leroy Bush, Debbie Henry, Whitney Butler, Mike Middleton, William Smith.

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

Housekeeping

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Calhoun stated I all right we need approval of the agenda. only thing I know we need to add, we need to add Ms. Jayme, She needs to speak for a moment and Mr. Kevin okay so I just need a motion to approve that. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Calhoun stated we need to approve the minutes everybody's had time to look at them Doug does an excellent job typing out these minutes every month it does a great job really concise everything looks in order I need a motion to approve. Commissioner Nixon made motion. Vice Chairman Cox 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 Bowen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appearances

Chairman Calhoun called Ms. Smith to speak, Ms. Smith stated I have some information that I put together for you all, you may already have which I see some of the same stuff so we've been invited through a collaborative effort in the spirit of regionalism to participate in a Joint Development Authority and Nikki I think you and Ms. Christine were here back in September of 22, I had come and

made the same kind of plea. Hey, let's look into this because of the job tax credit benefits for manufacturing and distribution jobs. Well Suzanne Reynolds who's a Miller County native works in Early County now on development work and we see a lot of each other at these State meetings. There's also an organization called locate South Georgia and what that is, it's a collaborative of all the southern Georgia rural counties working together to solve our regional problems and of course a huge part of that is economic development so we spent a lot of time talking about that. There's some benefits that the state offers to counties that are part of a joint Development Authority and the statute that establishes these authorities is from 1963 and it's basically the same powers that are given to the individual County development authorities so the idea back in 22 when I came to the board and that didn't happen because one of the counties of the three that we were trying to reinvigorate the Southwest Georgia Development Authority that had been inactive for about 25 years and that's just because of circumstances people change positions, change roles dynamics of Economic Development were changing during that time frame so we haven't been. Miller County has not been participating in a joint Development Authority for almost 25 years now so Suzanne and I got together at the request of our regional Georgia Department of Economic Development person from the state and she was really highlighting the benefits of some mutual collaboration between Early County and Miller County so we pulled the template, Suzanne and I pulled the template that the state offers which is what you have with the bylaws and Constitution of a joint Development Authority and then the resolution is also from that same template that the state offers and what it would do to benefit Miller county is because we're tier three if you all will notice on that map we kind of stand out like a sore thumb. So I highlighted in one of your packet pages it has the DC Department of Community Affairs logo and the highlighter did not show up well when I copied but you'll see there that those are the methodology to rank individual counties.

We have really low unemployment and we have median salaries and so those are some of the components that give rise to us being a tier three and Early County is a tier one so they get better tax credits than us but if we're in a Joint Development Authority with Early County and we were to be able to recruit a new manufacturer or a new distribution center we could offer up to \$4,000 per new job in tax credits to that employer so, we would utilize that to help incentivize a manufacturer or distribution company facility to locate in Miller County at tier three we have to create up to 15 new jobs and that's only I think 1750 per job, so there's a big difference in that tier one and tier three category and I think your last two sheets I pulled from the state's website and I tried to highlight those as well but there's some extra benefit given to, I think there's a \$500 credit per job if you are in a Joint Development Authority and then because we can utilize Early County's tier one status that's an addition it lowers the number of jobs that we have to create in order to get the tax benefits which are higher, so I had checked with our state representative with the Georgia Economic Development and generally the Joint development authorities which are all over the state of Georgia they don't have a staff person it's run by the people that are appointed by the County Commission that usually have some type of manufacturing background or Economic Development background and those Constitution and bylaws dictate the decision-making arm of that, they usually work in close coordination with the county Development Authority and sometimes the Downtown Development authorities as well so this isn't going to cost anything, it's not going to cost anything and there's it's really simple so it seems like well

this is so easy, why we haven't we already done it . It generally can be used as a funding mechanism like a conduit of sorts for the county in order to recruit and create new jobs and then we utilize those tier one tax credits instead of our tier three tax credits. Mr. Kevin is Chairman of the county Development Authority and their attorney Mr. Danny looked over the template that I just filled in. Suzanne and I filled in the Early and Miller language and I don't think there were any sticking points. Mr. Kevin Calhoun stated we just said that we had to vote on it because it's a separate Authority and I'll be a representative and then bring back anything to our Authority. Chairman Calhoun stated so you and him would be our representative, who would be the representative from Early County. Ms. Smith stated there is let's see Mr. Steel maybe, Hal Steel let me check that. Chairman Calhoun stated is that the corn grain guy. Ms. Smith stated that sounds correct yes sir. So they're voting in March on the same resolution, bylaws and Constitution. And yes Mr. Hal Steel with Southern Ad com is who is likely to be one of the two members for Early County. Chairman Calhoun stated so you just need us to do this at the next meeting. Ms. Smith stated well I mean if you need to check on it but I was hopeful that you all could adopt the resolution tonight just to establish that Joint Development Authority because that would get us one step closer to being able to put Miller counties and then early counties in the next few week into the package that we submit to the state in order to be recognized as a new joint development. Chairman Calhoun stated, has our lawyer looked over it Mr. Cofty stated he's got it but he hasn't got back. Ms. Smith stated I understand.

Chairman Calhoun stated I was going to say I don't see any problem, does anybody see any problem, so just let the attorney, just let him. Mr. Cofty stated I mean if I can get it back like maybe tomorrow whatever I can just do the text then and you all can agree and then we just read the resolution at the next the formal vote that then. Ms. Smith stated I will and Doug's been privy to some confidential work with the state we are in active recruitment mode right now for Miller County for a manufacturer something that we do not already have that could be a huge catalyst for some economic development opportunities here in the county so this particular resolution and the formation of a Joint Development Authority would be allowing us to offer some extra incentives and we're one of three cities these counties in the United or in the state rather that this company is looking at so we're really close and anything that I can do to keep moving that ball forward and the momentum centered on Miller county is going to be beneficial. Mr. Cofty stated so I asked Jamie some questions because I had some questions about you know we have all been kind of going out there trying to recruit businesses too, I just want to make sure that this wasn't going to prohibit us from when we went out there recruited, we would go through Mr. Kevin or them or both. Ms. Smith stated so I mean project, well all in all Mr. Kevin and I collaborate and this joint Development Authority would just be another opportunity to collaborate and as well the state looks favorably on the communities that are participating in that Spirit of collaboration so with us Miller County being a member of locate South Georgia now which is actively recruiting and going to shot shows and going to other trade shows to try to find those niche manufacturers in order to create jobs and just all about quality of life in our communities they're going to look favorably on this. I had talked to Gerald Green, it was one of the snow days he and I were on the phone and he was real excited that we were talking about this again because it had been really important 25 years ago when we were doing that, one of Doug's questions too was like where's the funding come from if there ever is an opportunity for a grant, then we could

write the grant underneath the name of the Joint Development Authority if it's mutually beneficial or if you know the joint develop or the county Development Authority would still retain its Authority and the Downtown Development Authority retains its Authority as well. Commissioner Bowen stated so this if I'm understanding it correctly with us tying into early County it would give Miller County \$2,000 plus more possible tax incentive for the people coming because we be up to 4500 I think you said. Ms. Smith stated yes sir, it' be up to 4,000 per new job right. Commissioner Bowen stated now we're like at 1,700 with us at tier three something like that Ms. Smith stated yes that we have to create 15 jobs in order to trigger that 1750 whereas we only have to have two new full-time jobs in that same calendar year to trigger that \$4,000 tax. Commissioner Bowen stated that it's just a really tastier carrot for people to come for businesses to come then. Ms. Smith stated yes sir especially if we're talking about a manufacturing facility that's going to create 50 jobs anything we can do to help incentivize and since these are State incentives we wouldn't have to be rolling out the hey let's talk about some local tax abatements you know that money would be able to stay here and plus if we're creating 50 jobs those people hopefully would want to live here and they would shop here and essentially spend their money here. Mr. Cofty stated that's not going to affect like say if we do recruit businesses here we're not going to have to say well let's put that business in Early County or let's put it in Miller County that's going to be what we get is what we get. Ms. Smith stated that now the vision for joint development authorities is that we will be working collaboratively on recruiting manufacturing facilities and creating jobs where people would go to Early County to do stuff come to Miller County and do stuff if we're in opposite counties with sighing so okay I appreciate you all letting me talk about this, if there's any questions or if you want to talk to someone else within the state I can definitely pass along contacts. Thank you.

Old Business

County Ordinances - Review

Chairman Calhoun stated county ordinances. Mr. Cofty stated we were all going to look at them last month and we were going to approve them this month, we also had the addition of the women's privacy ordinance, I sent it out to you through email it basically just affirms what the sex meaning of a male and female is and it also protects the women's restroom, change room or any like if it's which we don't have EMS anymore but if there was woman who had to sleep overnight ,you know, 24 hour it dictates where they sleep versus you know we wouldn't make them sleep with men or nothing like that. So basically Mr. Keith got that ordinance for me and I put that in I don't know if you've had a chance to look at it. Chairman Calhoun stated I read it, you all want, so we just need a motion to adopt Mr. Cofty stated to adopt all, if you want to do that one as well. Commissioner Bowen stated I got some questions about some of them if we. Chairman Calhoun stated go ahead. Commissioner Bowen stated the one that that I was let me see if I can get back to where I need to get at now is the public gatherings that was the one of the big ones that I had a problem with and I'm a guy that I'm a small government I don't like you got to have government but I don't like to have people be too involved everybody's business and on the public gatherings and it's specifically about parades and stuff like that and I know and it's under Section F it says assemblies parades and picketing and I'm completely in agreement with

us getting permits and I think that's needed we need to have control of what going on but under assemblies parades and picketing, it says all assemblies parades and picketing shall be peaceful and unattended by noise boisterous and there should be no yelling, shouting, singing, clapping, chanting, or making how many parades have you seen where they wouldn't singing clapping stuff like that and to me that's just an overreach, I can see where they might need to be a decibel level, I don't know how parades work here, I'm near about 60 years old and I gone to a bunch of them, I don't go to a bunch of parades no more but every parade I've been to, you have a fire truck with a siren going on and so if I don't want us to adopt something that's so narrow-minded that it makes us look like a bunch of knuckleheads and I think that section right there is if you going to have to have a parade to follow as this have to have a bunch of people that can't talk walking around holding hands I mean it's to me it's just overreach and I don't think we need to have that, that phrase right in there I could I could be okay with a decimal level or something like that because you have churches and they'll be singing Christmas carols and Christmas parade and all that kind of stuff so I mean that's my opinion and I just don't think we need to have that that phrase in there and you all tell me if I'm wrong if you all tell me I'm wrong fine. I've spoken. Chairman Calhoun stated I'm pretty sure we just got that off of the Georgia Mr. Cofty stated it was pretty much from Seminole and me and the attorney kind of worked on it so but I mean it's like to say you all are the ultimate ones whatever you all decide if you want it taken out then we'll take it out.

Commissioner Bowen stated well I mean that that's the when I when I read it I I'm thinking gosh that's and it would probably never be enforced literally but we're talking folks here that I know some I known Ladon for a long time, I've known of you everybody else here for a while and I don't think we'd want that but who's to say in 20 years you might have five people here that wants to crack down and I don't want to I don't want to put a law out there it's got my name where I signed to vote yes on it that in the future can be used to stifle free speech because we've had enough of that these last four years you know I want people to be able to speak their mind, have a pray, have a big time and let's just don't get caught up in the weeds about I mean when I got reading it that can't even make any loud noise by any means whether it be voice, hand clapping, stomping or by mechanical means so intent to disturb the peace, every parade I've been on will have floats with a karaoke machine and folks be singing into it and stuff like that so I mean that's my opinion. Chairman Calhoun stated is that the only one you got you got some more. Commissioner Bowen stated I think there was there's one more under and it sort of same frame of me not wanting to overstep under civil emergencies and it's section five and again us here you know, I'm okay it's under the emergency power section and under several emergencies I know you can declare you can't be out I can't think of the word curfew stuff. Hunky Dory, says ones enforce all rules laws and regulations related to Emergency Management fine number two I got a problem with this and number three. Seize, take for temporary use or condemn any private property for the protection of the public, in my opinion the Constitution don't stop when there's an emergency and I don't think we need to be able to seize it and then number three sell lend or give or distribute any or all such property or supplies among the inhabitants of the county and maintain the strict account of property or supplies distributing funds receive for such property and supplies, I don't think we would have it to where and again I don't think any of us here would do that but I'm thinking in the future them folks that wrote the Constitution back in 1776 I think they were inspired by God and it's little bitty isn't

got a bunch of words but it's relevant today and I want this here to be relevant in 20 years where we might have some people that don't think the way we do now that try to seize stuff you know, try to declare an emergency and seize stuff I just don't think we need to have those in there and again that's my I'm a big, small government guy I don't think we need to overreach. Whenever and I think back at Hurricane Katrina back whenever forever ago that was the police went around trying to get people's handguns and shotguns for no reason just tried to get them and you know this here in my opinion gives the ability to do things like that here and I don't want to have that around here again my opinion. Chairman Calhoun stated all right anybody else got anything, what about if we vote to adopt with the changes that yeah that he you want to get with him and we'll change them and we just will vote to adopt them with the wording changes. Commissioner Bowen stated yeah that'd be fine. Chairman Calhoun stated all right need a motion to adopt with the word changes. Commissioner Bowen made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tax Assessors Board appointment

Chairman Calhoun stated tax assessor appointment. Mr. Cofty stated so Mr. Mike and Mr. William are here. Last month they said they had a couple people they had talked to. I guess you all talk to the certain people and you want to go and kind of give them an update. Mr. Middleton stated yeah I made contact with Ty Godfrey, he said be glad to serve. Chairman Calhoun stated so we need to make a motion to appoint. Mr. Cofty stated I think it's a three year, you all do three year. Mr. Smith stated it would be for like 41 months you know, that way we would all be ending on June the 30th or you know what you would you know it would be like 40 or 41 you know it just it has to be 3 to six years and if you but you can to June the 30th of 27 I think or 28 but you can look at our terms Doug but like I said we would like for it to work out for everybody ends on June the 30th okay and it would be staggered. Chairman Calhoun stated so I need a motion to approve Ty Godfrey to the tax assessor board. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel Policy and Purchasing Policy

Chairman Calhoun stated all right now the personal policy and procedures and the purchasing policy adoption. Mr. Cofty stated so you that I gave this to you all in December then in January you all know Mr. Keith just come on so we pushed it back till February and we just need to either get a motion or we need to make changes or how you want to do it. Chairman Calhoun stated anybody got any changes. I need a motion to adopt. Commissioner Bowen made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried

New Business

Commissioner Packet into Minutes

Chairman Calhoun stated new business, commissioner packet into minutes. Do you want to talk about that for a second. Commissioner Bowen stated again this goes back to me being a, I want to be transparent with everybody because I can remember sitting out there and wondering what we were talking about, what people were talking about up here and this is the packet that we get all this stuff here will become available to the public, whenever the minutes are finished up its within two or three days and it'll be, it's already open records request to where people can ask for it and get it but this will just go ahead and put it out there already to where you can just go and look at it and then you all can see what we work with unless it was some confidential stuff or personnel stuff things like that you all won't get that but then, I've always wondered when we had these meetings how come they could vote on stuff so quick when I didn't know what was going on out there and I just want everybody to be on the , it might not be as fast as we get it but you all will be able to see where we got our information from to help the public realize that we are studying the situation and find out the facts before we just vote there how we do up here so that was the purpose of. Chairman Calhoun stated all right I guess we'll just talk about all this and we at the next meeting we'll vote on that. Commissioner Bowen stated yeah that that's again I'm just trying to, I can remember sitting out there for several years and wonder how in the heck they make them decisions so quickly whenever I don't even know what they was talking about. Chairman Calhoun stated right, Commissioner Bowen continued and then this would let people know there is a method behind what's going on you know when I was elected, oh well I understand now I can see where they made decisions at now I didn't know what was going on and then that will help the public know too and that that's where I'm at just I want I want everybody to be as informed as I am within the bounds of the law without being confidential I'm talking about personnel stuff like that you know anything that's open record requestable. Chairman Calhoun stated right. Mr. Cofty stated that some counties do and some counties don't so it would be up to you all how to do it. I mean it can be done. Chairman Calhoun all right moving on we'll go to Joint House Bill 581.

Joint Educational HB581 meeting

Chairman Calhoun stated next is Joint House Bill 581 educational. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir, so you know the school board was here at the last meeting or the December meeting and they basically informed you that they're not opting out of house bill 581. The city is not opting out and of course we're not opting out because that's what the majority of the citizens voted for. I do think though that with some of the counties around us that really hadn't decided and can't make up their mind they're kind of causing confusion amongst the citizens. So I think what we should do is have a meeting with the school board, I talked to Mr. Mike with the tax assessors board and we can get the school board, the city, the tax assessor board, I've talked to Livvy, we can get the tax commissioner and you guys all and we just have one joint meeting invite the public and kind of inform them of the house bill 581 because what that does limit your property tax. I think it's to a 3% per year so the way we're going to have to off offset

the tax base where you know there's a thing called FLOST which is a 1 cent sales tax just like SPLOST and TSPLOST all that. We need to get that out to the public to let them know whether we do this and everybody pays or we raise the millage rate because nobody paid. Chairman Calhoun stated so we would go up say we do one another one cent sales tax but we would roll the millage rate back. Mr. Cofty stated yeah you have to roll the millage rate back say if you collected a certain amount on your FLOST it would have you would have to roll that back to offset, you cannot have. Ms. Whittaker stated we already do that with LOST, every year there's a formula in there and so there would just be two in there. Mr. Leroy Bush stated we already done it in March so what are y'all talking about joining us with. Mr. Cofty stated no that's ESPLOST this is FLOST, that's the property tax side, nothing to do with it Chairman Calhoun stated it would affect you all too though wouldn't it. Mr. Bush stated yeah. Mr. Cofty stated no they won't get, the school system cannot get FLOST it's only. Mr. Bush stated we get ESPLOST but I mean I'm talking about the taxpayer. Chairman Calhoun stated yeah this is different than the ESPLOST. Mr. Cofty stated we won't do this until towards the end of the year because we still got, Thomas county is the first County that's about the go. Chairman Calhoun stated so it wouldn't take effect until 26. Mr. Cofty stated yes. Chairman Calhoun stated it's just like just like SPLOST, this just makes people coming through to buy something. Mr. Cofty stated if you come from Atlanta they're paying our property tax. Ms. Whittaker stated that if you don't and we only can go only goes up 3% then the millage rate is going to have to go up, so we just need to let people understand that so very important joint educational. Mr. Smith stated this applies only to home homestead exempt, it's just homestead exemptions not all tax.

Calhoun stated we got find that that out, I think but I am not 100%. Mr. Smith stated only about a third of your taxpayers are going to be affected by this. Chairman Calhoun stated yes so if so there is 1000 taxpayer 300 of them going to be affected or something like that right . What is it is it homestead and 4 acres, what is it something. Mr. Smith stated no if you have homestead exemption it's regardless you know like you if your house sits on 5 10 20 acres but all these people would have CUVAs and things like that they can't put that in none. Chairman Calhoun stated I think it's your house in four acres I think so like if your house sat on 10 or 15 acres it would only you can only put four acres of that. Mr. Smith stated that you're probably talking about this will be help about 1,500 people but like everybody that's in other categories it will not affect them it's just homestead exemptions. Chairman Calhoun stated right so you don't think it's going to hurt us though. Mr. Smith stated no but this will be challenged in court eventually you know and I think what's really going to hurt us not us I'm talking about Georgia is some counties can be in it some and I think the courts will come down and say you're either everybody in or everybody's out. Chairman Calhoun stated I got you. Mr. Cofty stated because they put op outs for schools and all that in there yeah and then everybody's so it's like they you told me this, it's uncharted waters and really nobody knows what to do. Vice Chairman Cox stated but you did say you reached out to other counties. Mr. Cofty stated yes but nobody has decided. Thomas County's the only one, Thomas and Washington are the only two that I know of are they're fully steam ahead. Chairman Calhoun stated but nobody's out. Mr. Cofty stated nobody's out just doesn't get. Chairman Calhoun stated all right moving on

Tire Reimbursement

Chairman Calhoun stated all right moving on the tire reimbursement. Mr. Cofty stated so, about two weeks ago or maybe longer, we got a call for this young lady that damaged her tire on Bush Dairy road. I included the police report in there and I think last week we actually got a bill from Hall's Tire or Kevin Hall's where they went and replaced two tires now. I know that we've damaged rims, there have been damaged tires in the past and you all have never paid for it so I mean if you do it now you're going to start a precedence. Andy, I got on him and he went out there and fixed the road. Do you want to tell them how it was, where was at. Mr. Moore stated what I saw was the road was there but there was a driveway there and you know there was a wash there but the car had to be pretty much slam off the road you know when they run through it I mean the highway was there. We repaired to driveway and repaired to wash you know and put some aggregate right there to drop off of the road but pretty much the asphalt the white line was still there so I mean the car had to been halfway off the road to my opinion now I wasn't there but it just look like maybe the car run off the road and hit a rough driveway. Mr. Cofty stated it states there that that the police report says one tire but then when you see the bill you'll see the two tires so I don't know where the second tire came from but either way we just need to decide how we want to proceed on this. Chairman Calhoun asked you got any thoughts, anybody. Vice Chairman Cox stated I would make sure that these vendors just don't assume that we are going to be responsible and send us the bill.

Commissioner Nixon stated I agree but I also agree there should be no reason why people are hitting potholes and it being that they're being so big that it's busting their tires I mean I'm sorry but there should be no reason for that because I've hit several myself and I mean that that's not okay. Commissioner Bowen stated in the pictures that it put out Andy did hasn't that been patched a couple of times that spot there. Mr. Moore stated the driveway you know had rocks put in it you know at a different time but you know as far as the road they was you know they didn't hit a pothole not where they told me it was now you know I mean I didn't see a pothole there it was just a rough driveway is what it was but yeah they've been some rocks put there before it's been fixed before but water runs off the road down that driveway is pretty steep driveway and it you know it just washes there. Mr. Cofty stated Mr. Keith I think with the pictures that put on there I think me and Andy when we talked I think it was more down toward because in the police report you know it doesn't really show anything it says 500 from the county line but where Andy is talking about is down there where that guy used to have that shop yeah which is a little further down it's a little bit more than 500-yard feet from the line that you can see. Mr. Moore stated the potholes were fixed on the other side of the road. I can't point where exactly where it happened. I was there was there and the police report said they were going I think East and the road runs north and south so I kind of figured they must you know maybe meant they were going toward Donalsonville so I mean I don't you know I can't pin point to you know exact spot. Mr. Cofty stated according to police it doesn't really give you know. Chairman Calhoun stated my recommendation would be not to pay it but to definitely need to know where Andy can go and fix these potholes as quickly as possible so it doesn't happen again. Mr. Cofty stated we've come up with a

plan that we're going to we're going to fix them. Commissioner Bowen stated does the county have any kind of a schedule about when the county is liable like what Ms. Niki said you know if it's if you hit one that's bad enough to tear your car up because of the county hadn't been doing their stuff or if it's just you know if you run off the road and hit something and tear it up do we do we have any kind of guidance on that about when we all. Mr. Cofty stated it's always been if you hit it, it's we just I mean that's something we need to look into. Mr. Moore stated we hire you know got a couple people hired on so we going to try to do better you know we're real short-handed you know we kind of scattered but we going to try to do better on you know at least maybe a monthly trip you know around the county or if we need to do more we'll do more but you know it's just been catch them as we could and we've been working you know we work on potholes but you know it's just but with being short-handed you know something you just have to catch when you can. Commissioner Nixon stated I know there are going to be potholes, I mean I know they're going to be holes I mean that's inevitable but for them to get so big that they're messing up somebody's car that's what I'm talking about is that they should they be allowed to get that big. Mr. Cofty stated I think before we put like Mr. Keith I think we should put something like that in but before we do that we need to get a plan to fix these roads because if we do it right now we don't have then we're just going to be buying tires every week, I mean anybody can go and say I hit this pothole and we need to replace the tire. Vice Chairman Cox stated probably be best just to have somebody to ride to County routes to see.

Chairman Calhoun stated absolutely and make sure have schedule what road to ride and maybe take pictures of the show off bad spot. Mr. Cofty stated get the hot mix and patch that road patch another and just go start patching have maybe one or two guys that's all their job is patch, I had asked the sheriff if he, Mr. Moore stated side the road usually I tried to get the mowing crew you know you mow this road then you turn around and go back down it fix the signs and then go back fix the potholes but then we get short-handed with them that we don't have one guy mowing but that was sort of the plan but then you know during the winter time we're not mowing so it kind of gets a little further behind but that's usually the plan is when you got the mowing crew out there they mow this road stop go back fix straighten up all the signs and then fix the potholes. Mr. Cofty stated could we have them where somebody's going out there and like you say if you see a pothole you have like a white. Vice Chairman Cox stated yeah that's what I saying don't rely mowing crew. Mr. Cofty stated you know somebody circles and then the next crew the pothole crew comes back and says okay well they circled this one let's see you know what I'm saying and then then if they see something else. Chairman Calhoun stated I would do it in orange. Mr. Cofty stated you know just circle it, you say okay well this in circle I got to get this one or ah that one's not bad you know what I'm saying and it be in Diamond Maps, we would make sure it's all put in Diamond Maps. Vice Chairman Cox stated yes and not rely on the mowing crew. Chairman Calhoun stated somebody designated just for that job yeah and then when he's not doing that he can help do other things, but he'll be pretty busy, he'll be fairly busy around. Mr. Cofty stated it would take a year to patch everything. Chairman Calhoun stated maybe longer. Commissioner Bowen stated again I'm just ask you all the question because I'm a new got this, could we table the question for paying for the tire till we go out and look at the situation where it occurred at because I want to be able to make an informed decision. Chairman Calhoun stated well they fixed it now. Commissioner Bowen stated well you can see where it was you can't see where it is. Vice

Chairman Cox asked do we know exactly where it was. Mr. Moore stated I don't know they said a pothole at the bridge you know, there wasn't nothing serious you know like you run in it and tear up something and I think there right past bridge there's a little brick house we fixed a little pot over there but they were in what I'd called the north lane you know and all that only thing I other I saw was that driveway going into that mechanic shop. Chairman Calhoun stated you could ask the arrest, you know the officer. Vice Chairman Cox stated we can get it off report. Mr. Cofty stated it says 500 feet from, I can say only I can see in that area is right across from the house was on the one that Mr. Keith on the side of the road. Commissioner Bowen stated yeah that's what it looked to me like it near might be off the road now when I saw it I said well they were I mean the pothole part of the white line was gone because a pothole was there you know I said that was that's not where you're normally driving unless you know something that's happening in your car you drop something or something. Vice Chairman Cox stated we just need to be transparent if we do it we're going to need to do it from this point forward. Commissioner Bowen stated that's what I'm getting at I want to see where it occurred at and we going to need to develop a policy procedure for going forward you know and I don't we can't just go throwing out money I'm and I'm not accusing nothing at all but I wonder how one tire turned into two tires stuff like that you know I want to find out more information for before I'm comfortable voting either way you know. Chairman Calhoun stated we can do that if you can find out. Mr. Cofty stated I will get with the Sheriff and I'll get sure get Musgrove to take us out there. Commissioner Nixon stated so we're not even sure that. Mr. Cofty stated we don't even know exactly where it happened. Commissioner Nixon stated okay well we need to make sure I think. Commissioner Bowen stated yeah because Andy saying at one place in the picture showing another place I want to be sure that we're and if it's very obvious that that we were at fault then we can hand like that but if it's you know question on the side of the road we'll know that so Mr. Cofty stated and then the police report says one tire and we get a billed for two tires yeah so just two things are not adding.

Departments

Chairman Calhoun stated all right departments Fueling Center report. Mr. Cofty stated everything's running normally we hadn't really increased or decreased. Chairman Calhoun stated all right Department reports. Mr. Cofty stated they're in your packet and if any of them that are here that's got anything to say. Debbie you want to talk again. Ms. Henry asked did you put it back in the packet about the NIMS. Mr. Cofty state no because I thought we talked about the 3rd or the 6th. I didn't know what day was that March or was that February. Ms. Henry stated March. Mr. Cofty stated okay so March the 3rd or the 6th okay that's the you know because we talked about it first January, the end of January Chairman Calhoun stated is that going to take all day. Ms. Henry stated at night. Chairman Calhoun asked you going to feed us. Mr. Cofty stated you all agreed to it last meeting we just need to get the date. Chairman Calhoun stated March the 3rd through the 6th, she waiting on the guy. It's the 3rd or the 6th okay I'll probably be the beach. Ms. Henry stated you all agreed to it. Chairman Calhoun stated I know it. Vice Chairman stated we'll be there. Chairman Calhoun stated we'll be there, we'll be smiling too. Mr. Cofty stated we got find out, have you talked to the city to I mean. Chairman Calhoun stated we don't have to have them though do we. Ms. Henry stated yes. Chairman Calhoun stated we do have

to have them okay and you going to make sure they there. Ms. Henry stated yes. Chairman Calhoun stated great. Whitney you got anything, nothing. Mr. Cofty stated me speak on Whitney behalf. So, she came over today and we had the building inspector go down there to 911 and check that window that the previous board before you all put in as an escape route because they walled up the door that they've never should have been walled up put a generator in front of it so there's a window there that's got an escape window in it but you can't I mean we can go around and try but you can't. Chairman Calhoun stated you can't jump up there to get to it. Mr. Cofty stated so Mark said we can actually cut a door out but like I talked to Whitney about today is when we do cut that door out we don't need to have it where it's open so we're going to look at putting one of those emergency alarms when you hit that door it goes off because we don't need nobody sitting out there smoking or just propping the door open it's that's a secure area and it needs to stay secured so that's what we're doing there um we are looking at the showers that we talked about as well maybe converting a different bathroom into a complete just a shower room because Mark said it's going to be hard because that that building's got the concrete floors in it so you'd have to channel all the way to try to find it, so we're working on that we are talking about the kitchen area you know like if we have the hurricane on but the first I think the door's number one priority and then the shower is number two priority and then we'll go from there.

Executive Session

NONE

Chairman Calhoun stated any more question anything Nikki nobody no I need a 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