



**Miller County Government**  
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**Board of Commissioners**



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

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

### **Housekeeping**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Calhoun stated all right, we if we do not have any additions to the agenda we need to get approval. Commissioner Edwards made motion to approve. Vice Chairman Cox seconded it. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Calhoun stated the minutes look to be in order. We need a motion to approve. Commissioner Bowen made motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Approval of Financial Reports**

Chairman Calhoun stated all right financial reports, I need a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Cox made a motion to approve. Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Appearances**

No appearances

## **Old Business**

### **Jernigan Road Closure**

Chairman Calhoun stated all right the Jernigan Road, Mr. Cofty stated so Ms. Gail at the Clerk of Courts office and I did some research on it. We looked through every deed since 1900 and there is no mention of deeding the land over to the county and there is no deed listed for the county, which means, ACCG was telling me that it is called a pre-emptive easement, which means they just gave them the land to use so when we close it, it will just revert back to the land owner, the county does not own it. Chairman Calhoun asked that will be a smooth transition. Mr. Cofty stated yes a smooth transition, there is really nothing we got to do, only if there was a deed to use for the specific land. Chairman Calhoun asked so what do we need to do and when do we do what we need to and it takes it off. Mr. Cofty stated now that you all know it is pre-emptive easement, we will contact the 2 land owners and let them know, then we will go out and put up the road closed signs. Chairman Calhoun stated as soon as Andy and they put the road closed signs then it is a done deal. Mr. Cofty stated yes you all have taken care of everything legislatively wise. Chairman Calhoun asked, anymore questions on this, everybody good with it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ACCG IRMA Insurance quote**

Chairman Calhoun stated next is the ACCG IRMA insurance quote. Mr. Cofty stated this is a quote that I wanted you to see and look at it. It has basically almost doubled in the last few years. We were at \$260 something thousand last year and now it is over 300,000.00. It is steady going up. We can bid it out, but it is too late to bid it out because we just received it but we need to at least start looking for next year because I am telling you it has gone up 40,000.00 next year it will go up another 40,000.00. I just wanted you all to be aware that it is over 300,000.00 for property and vehicles. It could have gone up due to some of the settled lawsuits, like I said we didn't settle ACCG settled. Chairman Calhoun stated that is due to the Sheriff department stuff. Mr. Cofty stated yes, but then again its also the new vehicles but we are also going to be taking off the ones we have surplused. I am just waiting for the Sheriff to remove all the department markings. But a brand new 50,000.00 vehicle versus a surplused one is not going to matter much. But that is just for you, I want you all to see where it was at now, and we will start to bid it out and see if we can come up with something private.

### **AG Barn Survey**

Chairman Calhoun stated next the AG Barn survey. Mr. Cofty stated it's in your packet. He completed the survey, we initially thought it was 3.3 acres and then it was brought to our attention that it was wrong. It was 1.6 acres, well now we're down to 1.3 65 acres and we also have when we agreed to let the

city put that pumping station there, it's also at the very top corner of tract 1. So Lodge said if we did sell that property we need to address that and all we would need to do is just bring that in and put that on track 2 but it is smaller than what we were anticipating so you got a copy of the survey. Chairman Calhoun stated is there any questions.

### **Travel Credit Card**

Chairman Calhoun stated moving on to the travel credit card. Ms. Whittaker stated we have one credit card we use up here, but when people go off sometimes they want to take the credit card then we don't have one here, so if we could get one that would stay here and they would just use it for travel and then I guess that would kind of help too because we'd still have to pay some mileage but it wouldn't be as high because they could use that credit card to get gas so then it wouldn't be the 70 cent a mile it be whatever it is just for the gas mileage yeah and it would keep us from having to. Chairman Calhoun stated so this won't be a new account this will just be another card on the existing. Mr. Cofty stated no well no because if you put two accounts on the existing you still have that balance and what's happening is everybody's having to like you know the I mean we do get Home Depot stuff but everybody's having to buy different supplies and all that and the balance builds up and before when Qwendlyn can pay it down, you know travel we've got. Ms. Whittaker stated then you got people taking it for a week and then judges have been using it so it's kind of pushing that balance up to the limit. Commissioner Edwards stated why are they're taking it for a week. Ms. Whittaker stated if they go to a class oh to a class training. Commissioner Edwards stated okay I got you. Ms. Whittaker stated so the only thing that would go on this would be travel and education nothing else. Mr. Cofty stated and it would be monitored very heavily. Ms. Whittaker stated it would stay here. Chairman Calhoun stated and you going to be in charge of it. Mr. Cofty stated yes. Chairman Calhoun asked you need a motion for this. Mr. Cofty stated yes to create the new account. Chairman Calhoun stated so we need a motion to create another travel credit card that Faye will be in charge of. Vice Chairman Cox made the motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Tax Assessor's Tax Abatement Letter**

Chairman Calhoun said all right the tax assessor tax abatement letter. Mr. Cofty stated yes so I talked to Mike Middleton about this and then I got this letter basically in the past when the Ford place was given abatements and when the olive plant was given abatements they really wasn't put in the system or discussed, which I wasn't here at times but I believe it was discussed with the tax assessor's office because they were involved. They were involved in that but they're saying that the abatements are not put in the computers like they were supposed to so they didn't know the deal, so they said going forward you know at least bring them into the talk or if you all meet with a group and decide to give them abatement just meet with them later and everybody be on the same page. So that's basically what that letter is about. Chairman Calhoun stated any questions on that. Commissioner Bowen stated is there any way to look back in in like the county commissioner records and see what the deal was to recreate for the tax assessors folks? Mr. Cofty stated so the issue with that is when I came on I

started dictating the minutes word for word back then it was discussed That was discussed, there's nothing that tells what. Chairman Calhoun stated kind of highlights. Mr. Cofty continued, it was just a summary. But it wasn't put into the system what they're saying so I don't know that's what they're just saying, let's all get on the same page and work toward and I think the solar plant is what really triggered this but I asked when we met with them could they find the stuff on the olive plant, they really couldn't find anything, any records but I mean then then they started digging and found it in folders but it wasn't put in the computers for like if someone replace somebody could find. Chairman Calhoun stated but moving forward I think that you'll have a record of it because you're here if we talk about it. Mr. Cofty stated it'll be in the minutes. Chairman Calhoun stated yeah so it shouldn't be a problem going forward. Mr. Cofty stated I think they're just wanting to know like say if you meet with a company and we all agree then just bring them in on it but then again they can show up to the meetings anytime they want to so. Chairman Calhoun stated absolutely. Commissioner Bowen stated this won't cause Miller County to leave any money on the table us not knowing the exact parameters of past abatements or anything will it. Mr. Cofty stated no they have been finding things like the helicopter for instance the survival flight they were like "Well we need to start taxing the helicopter." I said you cannot because here's the contract. I gave them the contract and they're making the pilot payment in lieu of the taxes so they're paying it so now they're they went and added it to their records payment in lieu of taxes. They're finding things, I think the only thing that I know of was the Ford place, the olive plant and the helicopter that was the only three so they've got those three. Commissioner Bowen stated okay. Mr. Cofty stated so going forward we just need to make sure that we are all on the same page.

## **SAP Funding Project**

Chairman Calhoun stated the SAP funding project. Mr. Cofty stated so we did submit a request for 200,000 it's going to cost us 60,000 so 260,000 and what we all discussed was putting and there there's a map in and two reports in there. Putting the flashing stop ahead signs at the I think that's going to be about \$30,000 and you can see the roads that we come up with those are pretty much most of the ones that had either the wrecks or most of the damage and then the next one is going to be 230,000 and that's the stripe Twilight, Whites Bridge, Kimbrell, Jeterville, Harmony Church and Avenue Rds. Chairman Calhoun stated so how many rows are we going to put the stop flashing sign on. Mr. Cofty state 10 or 11. Mr. Moore stated and we can we get the money we can change something if somebody sees something we may need to do or we can adjust that you know a little bit. Chairman Calhoun stated can we put that out on Facebook so people will know which ones we're going to do when you get a chance. Mr. Cofty asked do you want to do it now or you want to wait till we get the money. Chairman Calhoun stated when we get the money. Commissioner Edwards good idea. Mr. Cofty stated it's almost a guarantee that we're getting it but wait. Commissioner Bowen stated these come from the Sheriff and Chief Tully these recommended crossroads. Mr. Cofty stated correct, and if you see there's emails back and forth where you know we were approved those signs and stuff like that. Real quick I didn't put in there about the road paving yet I'm going to let Andy talk about that but we need to go ahead and start working on paving it the rest of Cooktown Rd so we'll talk about that in

just a little. Chairman Calhoun stated while you want to talk now while you got on your mind. Mr. Moore stated we going to do Cooktown I'm assuming because that's what we applied for it will go if we everything works out like I'm thinking it's going to work out we should go one/tenth of a mile over Kimbrell and we'll like a mile and 3/10 finishing out but it'll get all you know everything down to Kimbrell and we'll go just a little bit past Mr. Buckshot Franklin's old house you know going on in going toward Baker County so we'll get a we'll get all that trouble area right there that's well that the other end needs paving too but that that's as far as we can go but we'll have well 90% of the road in good shape. Commissioner Edwards stated so that'll take up from right there where the Henely is at I think Mr. Moore stated yeah it'll just start where we left off all the way down to if everything goes like I kind of talked to the guy about you know the price don't change a lot or nothing before we do it that's the plan yeah and I guess what Doug is really asking is we got everything ready all we got to do is drop it and start. Commissioner Edwards stated when are you going to start on it. Mr. Moore stated well we got we got the ads ready we got you know we got a few hoops to jump through. Mr. Cofty stated we already know pretty much there's going to be one maybe two that will apply for us, so we already pretty much we just got to do that we got to run it in the newspaper for two weeks and then we got to run that RFP for about 30 days and then after that you all just let us know and you know. I think it's 1.2 million this time is the total. Mr. Moore stated I can't remember all I mean it was but anyway if you all give us the go ahead we'll put everything in the wheels in motion. Chairman Calhoun stated I'm good everybody else. The board was all ok with it. Mr. Cofty state just go ahead and make a motion. Chairman Calhoun stated make a motion to finish Cooktown proceed with the RFP for Cooktown Road We need a motion. Commissioner Edwards made the motion. Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **E911 Software Contact**

Chairman Calhoun stated all right we got the 911 software contract, you want to talk about that Whitney. Ms. Butler stated all right now we use Resilient, which before it was known as Ez911. It's coming due for an update we're supposed to update the CAD system to stay current every five years. They haven't given us a quote yet for what their update is I have reached out to a company called PTS Solutions who merges with our West Tel who is our phones, they've given us a quote for 19,000 to get started and then the maintenance fee a year will be \$10,000 which is about \$500 less a year they offer mapping through Google mapping but they also have another company that offers mapping like we're using now which is next generation 911 mapping it'll be \$9,000 to start it and then \$4,400 a year for that maintenance. Resilient has worked up until now but we've had a few issues that me and Doug have talked about that it may be best just to kind of move away from them and move to somebody that's a little more user friendly for us and this company that I've talked to that works with West Tell they offer also offer it as a cloud-based which is better for us as far as the software goes and I have the ability to remote in whether I use my phone or another computer or an iPad anybody that's got a user ID can use it you know virtually if we have to currently with Resilient Austin has to make sure that I have something called remote viewer to be able to log into at home and if someone's using the CAD

that I need to get on to I can't log in so if we have three people so two people working in one training and something goes on and I'm not there or I'm in my office I have no access to the CAD till somebody logs off with this system, it doesn't matter who's on it as long as I have a username and a different computer I can log on regardless of how many people are using it. Mr. Cofty stated didn't you say bunch of counties around us. Ms. Butler stated a lot of counties around us are moving away from Resilient and they're all going to different agencies that offer everything in one package. A lot of those are like under the sheriff's department they're all going to somebody different everybody's kind of moving away and everybody has their own mind it's just I feel like it's time for us to move to somebody that works a little better for us especially when we need to be able to remote in if we've got a lot of people there. Ms. Whittaker stated and this gets paid this wouldn't come out of general fund there's an E911 account where we get money for cell phones and telephone fees and all that and she has plenty of money in there to cover that so this wouldn't actually have to come out of general fund, now we're still paying for the equipment from easy 911 because we financed that for 10 years that people and we owe like four more years on it but we can use the same equipment. Mr. Cofty stated we'll take their software off and put this new. Ms. Butler stated according to Jamie with PTS we do not have to have any new computers modems or anything what we have right now they can come in and install their stuff on and train us how to use it we don't have to buy anything new to get started it's just buying the licenses and the software and the training that we would need to learn how to use it. And we have until our current agreement with Easy 911 or what we pay their maintenance through December so we couldn't do anything in until December, we're going to have to pay that cancellation fee then.

Mr. Cofty stated do you know if they approve this tonight do we have to pay them upfront or can we stretch until December when the contract goes into place, can you. Ms. Butler stated I do not but I can find out I know that PTS the quote they give us right now is good until July and the one for the mapping is good till August so I can reach out to them in the morning and find out how they could work that out. Ms. Whittaker stated so if they think it's going to go up a lot we could go ahead and pay it on it I mean you know if we need to go ahead they may stretch it but if they think it's going to go up a lot by December keep it down we could go ahead. Chairman Calhoun states and make some progress payments. Mr. Cofty stated and it may be that we need to go ahead and at least go ahead and get it approved and put in place and then negotiate with them if we do have to pay or not because it could go up and if it goes up then there'll be more money than what she's talking about. Vice Chairman Cox stated how long was it good for did it take. Ms. Butler stated for the CAD the quote's good until July 17<sup>th</sup>, the one for the mapping is good until August the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Cofty stated we will have another meeting before July 17th if you all want to. Vice Chairman Cox stated well I mean not much is going to change we won't need. Ms. Butler stated yeah I can call Jamie first thing in the morning when I get here and talk to you Commissioner Edwards stated so I said wait till the next meeting to do the motion. Commissioner Bowen stated I just like to see you know I'm all for it I'm we need to get But I don't want to if we have to pay for it now and then when's the contract going to start is it going to start December is it going to start now we'll be always double paying for a little while. Ms. Butler stated I'll find out from Jamie in the morning. Commissioner Bowen stated yeah that's not a great idea to go and let's do that I like that's a little bit of the fine tuning. Chairman Calhoun asked will we meet before the

next time I guess July. Commissioner Edwards stated we'll meet in July. Chairman Calhoun stated so all right that's fine with me.

## Departments

Chairman Calhoun stated all right fueling center. Mr. Cofty stated we did have a little mishap with Georgia Power came and run power to the EMS maintenance building and when they cut the power I guess they didn't cut it phase like they supposed to so it basically killed the fuel master. We were able to get the fuel master on the line, we actually rebooted it between them and Austin we had to load all the system up back like it was. I did tell them to send me over an agreement like a service agreement where we do not pay for parts anymore so we're now under a service agreement with them. Fuel is still a little low because you know the school's not in but other than that we had to have nothing major just that one mishap with George Power. Chairman Calhoun asked any the other department.

Mr. Cofty stated I think Mr. Virginia's here to present. Ms. Harrison stated this is my report for this month and the only thing that's not on here is this week, I will be meeting with the hotel representative he's coming Wednesday and then the feasibility study she'll be coming in a couple weeks so that's moving very quickly. This is a letter that I would love for you all to take time to read and then it's very important and then you can I guess tell Doug the way you feel about it. I think if we do this it will kind of move us in a different direction and help the county tremendously but I know you all think that I'm not making any progress but I am working really hard. Vice Chairman Cox and Commissioner Edwards stated we know you are. Ms. Harrison stated it just takes time to make contacts, build relationships and but we are got some stuff on the burner. Chairman Calhoun stated right. Ms. Harrison stated so thank you all for allowing me to help. Chairman Calhoun stated we appreciate thank you for all you do appreciate. Mr. Cofty stated Debbie to you have anything. Ms. Henry stated the mobile command is coming along well, the painting done wait for it to put on the logo inside I'd say by the next commission meeting we ought to have, but we don't need the rest of the payment. Chairman Calhoun stated anybody you got anything else anybody got any questions commissioners. Commissioner Bowen stated Doug we talked the other week about the monitoring stuff on the like motor graders and things like that you going to check and see about did you ever find out anything I haven't I've still been trying to figure out because like I said we've got the monitoring through the Verizon but what we want to do on a lot of it we can do through Verizon but we just can't monitor the oil the pressure but now like I was saying each one of them has their own. I can log into the John Deere and see the John Deere I can log into the CAT we just don't have the one altogether and I don't know if you know with what we can do is there a way that we can combine them into one you know maybe Austin can put them into one site that we can all look at or is it feasible to go and put this one on that one and vice versa you know how that is so I'm still working on that. Commissioner Bowen stated okay.

**Executive Session**

NONE

Chairman Calhoun stated all right if there's no other business no other questions. I need a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Cox made motion to adjourn. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Moton carried.

Meeting is adjourned.

**SIGNATURES**

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Cristene Edwards, Commissioner – District 1

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Jeff Cox, Vice Chairman – District 2

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Keith Bowen, Commissioner – District 3

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Niki Nixon, Commissioner – District 4

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Ladon Calhoun, Chairman – District 5

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Douglas Cofty, County Manager