

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

(AS REQUIRED UNDER O.C.G.A 50-14-4 (b))

The undersigned Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Miller County, under oath, Hereby states and certifies that at the meeting held on July 19, 2023 the following.

- 1) The board properly entered executive session as permitted by O.C.G.A § 50-14-1 and 50-14-3 were as follow:
 - () Consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions.
 - () To discuss tax matters which are confidential by state law.
 - (X) To authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate, subject to approval in a subsequent public vote.
 - () To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, but not determine disciplinary action.
 - (X) To discuss information exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to Article of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

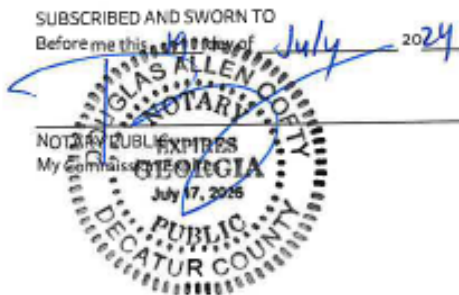
PERSONNEL

- 2) To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, no matter than those of a purely personal and/or nongovernmental nature were discussed during said executive session.
- 3) By executing this affidavit, the undersigned does hereby state that he/she in no way waives any rights granted under the 5th Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- 4) This Affidavit is executed solely for the purpose of compliance with the mandate of O.C.G.A § 50-14-4(b) and shall serve no other purpose.

This 19th day of July 2023



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD





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REGULAR SESSION MEETING
08/12/2024, 6:00 P.M., County Government Complex

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Vice Chairman Jeff Cox, Commissioner Niki Nixon, Commissioner Edwards. Others Present: Douglas Cofty, Faye Whittaker, Austin Lambert, Sheriff Holt, Debbie Henry, Jennifer Jackson, Andy Moore, William Smith.

Chairman Calhoun called the meeting to order. Regular session 08/12/2024 and called for prayer then the pledge of allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Calhoun stated we need to approve the Agenda, any changes that need to be made. Mr. Cofty stated I just talked with Virginia, something come up she's not going to be able to make it to the meeting but she will be here for Thursday's meeting.

Commissioner Edwards made motion. Vice Chairman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Calhoun asked has everybody had a chance to look at the minutes? If no changes need to be made. I need a motion to approve them. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Edwards Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report:

Chairman Calhoun stated Financial reports. They look long. If no changes need to be made. I need a motion to approve the financial report. Vice Chairman Cox made motion.? Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES:

No appearances

OLD BUSINESS

Fueling Center Report:

Chairman Calhoun stated all right fueling Center you want to talk about that. Mr. Cofty stated everything is normal on fueling Center, it's you know when the school was out it kind was a little low, it is starting to pick back up. I think we've got to replace a battery in the in the tank monitoring system but other than that it's running as normal.

DNR Shooting Range

Chairman Calhoun stated shooting range update. Mr. Cofty stated all right so Walter Lane who was the assistant director, he took over for the other guy that retired so now Walter has resigned and he has turned it over to a lady named Jennifer, she supposed to be reaching out to me but he said it is a go. They're all aware of it and they'll be in touch so I have nothing else.

NEW BUSINESS

Spending Resolution

Chairman Calhoun stated moving on to the new business the spending resolution, you want me to read. Mr. Cofty stated yes so what it is basically the property tax notices have not gone out I think they said they would be going out tomorrow, they will have a final hearing tomorrow. So, what we have to do is we have to have this resolution in place to function on last year budget until we get the number so you do have to read the resolution. Chairman Calhoun stated spending resolution 07202 4 from Miller County Georgia whereas the Miller County Board of Commissioners has not formally adopted a budget for the year beginning July 1st 2024 and ending June 30th 2025 and whereas the Miller County Board of Commissioners has studied and revised the proposed budget and is in the process of budget procedures and hearings and now therefore be it resolved that the Miller County Board of Commissioners are operating under the 2324 budget till the time as the 2425 operating budget is adopted be it further resolved that this resolution is to be made a part of the minutes of the regular session minutes of August the 12th 2024 on this day the 12th day of August 2024. I need a motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards made motion. Vice Chairman Calhoun second. All in favor. Motion carried.

EMS Maintenance Facility

Chairman Calhoun stated all right now you want to do the maintenance building. Mr. Cofty stated yes so you know I told you all when we went with the EMS contract that the only thing that we would need to do when they lowered it down from 700,000 to 600,000 was put in a maintenance building for them to function as the regional maintenance facility this is the quote that I've got, it is the exact build of that pretty

much the EMS is in now is two foot taller and it does come with a 4 in concrete slab so they will do all the concrete work as well so I tried to get up with Tyson didn't get back with me I did get a quote from a company just an almost like a Carolina carport but it was it was highest this was the lowest quote. Chairman Calhoun stated do we know we going to put it yet or we still kind of. Mr. Cofty stated they did a soil sample and seem to think it is fine out there by the fueling station, we are going to do the dirt work soon. Andy has got it marked off. he'll do all the leveling and they'll come in and do the concrete. Chairman Calhoun stated so do you need a motion or anything. Mr. Cofty stated yes just a motion to go ahead and then they'll send the contract over and you just need to get a motion to be able to sign the contract. Chairman Calhoun stated so we need a motion to approve and to sign the contract that's all right need a motion to approve this building and sign the contract when they send the contract over. Commissioner Edwards made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried

Tax Assessors Contract

Chairman Calhoun stated alright next is Tax Assessor contract. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir so, you got the contract. This is for one-year term until 2025, June of 2025 to have Cody functioning as the tax assessor. Chairman Calhoun stated so this will just be a continuation of what we're doing now. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir, we just need a motion to sign the contract. Chairman Calhoun stated I need a motion to extend the contract one more year on the tax assessor. Vice Chairman Cox made the motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tax Assessors Board Appointment

Chairman Calhoun stated tax assessor board reappointments. Mr. Cofty stated yes so Cody got with me and said that they need to go ahead and do the reappointments. They need to be staggered so Ms. Jujuan is the one that's the one-year term, we need to reappoint her from July 2024 to June 2025 and then Mr. Middleton is the three-year term which will be July 2024 to July 2027 and I think Mr. Smith comes up in between that so they'll be staggered where you're always every year you're reappointing. Chairman Calhoun stated so we need a motion to reform reaffirm the appointments of the tax assessor board for Ms. Jujuan Bowen and Mr. Mike Middleton. Mr. Cofty stated then you need to read those two resolutions. Chairman Calhoun stated all right, we need a motion first and then read those. I need a motion to reappoint them. Commissioner Nixon made the motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Calhoun stated all right now you want to read these resolutions and adopt them. Resolution for the appointment of the Miller County Board of Assessors whereas there is a vacancy in the board of assessors and whereas the law requires the County Commission must appoint a successor when a vacancy occurs and whereas the person appointed will serve

a three-year term now therefore be it resolved the Miller County Board of commission appointed William Middleton to the Miller County Board of tax for the term 7/01/24 to expire 6/30/2027 adopted the 12th day of August 2024. Resolution for the appointment of Miller County Board of Assessors where as there is a vacancy on the board of assessors and whereas the law requires the County Commission must appoint a successor when the vacancy occurs whereas the person appointed will serve a term of one year now therefore be it resolved the Miller County Board of Commissioners appoint Jujan Bowen to the Miller County Board of Tax with this term in office to begin 7/01/2024 to expire 6/30/2025 adopted 12th day of August 2024. I need a motion to approve both of them. I need a motion to approve these resolutions for these appointments. Commissioner Nixon made motion. Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hospital Community Report

Chairman Calhoun stated hospital report. Mr. Cofty stated this was given to me and it's basically just a hospital community report that you all need to have and I've got to file with Gail up there clerk of court. It just basically tells how they're doing, gives the statutes where you guys have approved them in the past. It's basically just documentation no motion or anything.

Courthouse Air Conditioner

Chairman Calhoun stated next is Courthouse AC replacement. Mr. Cofty stated all right so the sheriff can attest to that back hall, I'm going go and tell you every air conditioner is probably going to need to be replaced coming up soon we've got two that are 50 years old. One of them is pretty much given out completely, I don't even think they were able to patch it have they. Sheriff Holt stated Booby has tried several times it's still hot that whole North West Corner nothing up there. Mr. Cofty stated so this one I've got two bids, I've got one from Big Jims Heating and Cooling and I got one from Colquitt Condition Air just do that one but I think we need to maybe go ahead and get a game plan on getting them all, if it goes out the judges are going to be right that's the one in the court room. Chairman Calhoun stated you want to read them out loud. The first one is from Colquitt Conditioned Air to remove the old unit and install a 7 ½-ton 410 a split system providing new duct and old duct system new thermostat reconnect freon lines and phase power that's 18,000. Next is from Big Jims Heating and Cooling 7 1/2-ton heat pump change out all labor materials to install remove old unit check system one year labor is \$17,206.75 so we need a motion to move forward. Mr. Cofty stated yeah you need to decide which one. We use them both, so both have W9. The sheriff use Big Jims so you all just have to decide. Chairman Calhoun stated they both are the same. Vice Chairman Cox stated the tonnage and all. Chairman Calhoun stated yeah looks like looks like everything is same to me. Mr. Cofty stated we'll take it out of the building SPLOST. Commissioner Nixon

stated he's from here. Chairman Calhoun stated so we need a motion. Do you all want to discuss. I need a motion to go with one or the other. Mr. Cofty stated we do need it this is kind of an emergency situation I mean they're in there would hardly I don't think it's just running out. Chairman Calhoun stated Ms. Jennifer you aren't hot up there are you. Ms. Jackson stated I stay hot. Commissioner Edwards state I say we go with Big Jims if it is going to save us some money, they are same thing. Chairman Calhoun stated make a motion, I get a second. Commissioner Edwards made motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. Vice Chairman Cox stated I guess far as the warranty and all they both the same. Mr. Cofty stated yeah both them get warranty. Commissioner Edwards stated and both are local. Mr. Cofty stated maybe longer than that, I think compressors nowadays are maybe 10 years or so. Chairman Calhoun stated motion and second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Chairman Calhoun stated Department Reports. Mr. Cofty stated I've included all the reports from all the different departments. I guess what we need to talk about is that tractor that I gave each this from John Deere. The tractor that we bought in the 22 it's on its second hydraulic pump, the best thing they can do is just basically take it on trade for another higher quality. They told me we don't need to go at model E so now we just need to stop even looking at the Es because that's like the introductory so they quoted two different ones which are M's one's a 6110 and one's a 6140 and I guess you said Ladon it's like 10 horsepower. Chairman Calhoun stated I think that is right. Mr. Cofty stated okay so they just gave this to you all to look at we really don't have to do it tonight but unless you want to. I just told him I would pitch it to you all and let you all look at it. Like I don't even know if they they've actually completed the repairs on the other one. Chairman Calhoun stated ours is still in the shop. Mr. Cofty stated yes it is still in the shop. Chairman Calhoun stated it's been in the shop twice since we had it, three times for like extended periods though right. Mr. Moore stated I probably had it a month and a year. Mr. Cofty asked is that the one that they took to Pelham and had to tear apart. Mr. Moore stated yeah that's it's been in the shop it's got a 100 hours on it. Chairman Calhoun asked how many hours on it total. Mr. Moore stated its got a little over 100 hours on. Chairman Calhoun stated the whole time we've had it, we've had two years. Mr. Moore stated no we have not had it quite two years we've had over a year. Chairman Calhoun stated but only 100 hours. Mr. Moore stated it's got 100 hours on it's been broke down ever since we had I mean you know it is what it is my personal opinion is you know do like Doug is talking about go ahead and let somebody else hold that one you know I mean we had been able to run it they had been able to fix it so. They done tore it in half this third time that a broke tractor you know broke it in pieces I don't know what's wrong with it Ladon I mean they hadn't they had never come out and just said you know this is what's wrong with it I don't think they've been able to really. Chairman Calhoun stated

let me and Doug go talk to the John Deere man and then we'll let everybody know kind of which way we're going to lean I guess. Is that all right with everybody. That's the tractor you mow with right. Mr. Moore stated yeah it's one we bought to mow. Mr. Cofty stated that's the second one it's not the first one. Chairman Calhoun stated right. Mr. Moore stated no that's actually the first one you know we got a back to back they wasn't few weeks difference in them but I think that's actually the first one we got and then the second we once we got they loaned us it to take the place of the first because it didn't it didn't run a half a day you know before it was broke down and we started that morning by 11:00 it was in the shop so it's pretty much been there ever since. Vice Chairman Cox asked have we got a loaner for this one. Mr. Moore stated they offered they offered us a loaner yeah if we need one we we'll get it yeah they did off one. If you all are through talking about that. We ready to do paving if you all go, we kind of got our ducks in a row to pave Cooktown, did you give them a copy of this Doug. We got our match money we got an extra grant we got an extra half a million dollars so we are spending over a million dollars on Cooktown, the question is how far do we want to go. If we do 4.4 miles we're going to be about \$15,000 over our match and the grant money that we got that would be great, my only thing with that is if we do 45,000 over it'll probably get us by one of the worst spots in that road that's Ladon probably rides it more than anybody that's right at Kim Henley's driveway. 4.4 miles measuring with the truck is going to be questionable whether we go through that spot measuring by feet and measuring with the trucks two different things I think we're going to come up short. If we do 4.5 miles I think we'll get past that bad spot you know that's a really bad spot in that road and that put there too Commissioner Edwards stated isn't it it's worse it's worse going up to Ms. Wiley. Mr. Moore stated yeah well I mean you know starting where we going to start that's one of the worst places you know the next go we'll just we. Commissioner Edwards asked what way you going to start from. Mr. Moore stated we start right there at Philipsburg you know we widen we already widen a mile of it. Chairman Calhoun asked how far how far is the whole like the whole road, how far like 9 miles. Mr. Moore stated it's 10.1 miles but it's about 8 miles to Kimbrell so that'll put us that'll put us half about halfway if we do 4.5 miles that'll get us that'll get us close to that get us close to half. Chairman Calhoun stated but you said it's going to be \$45,000 over. Mr. Moore stated what over what we got designated to spend that'll be 45,000 over if we spend 45,000 that'll give us 4 and a half miles. Commissioner Edwards asked and that's going to take you up to Kim Henleys Mr. Moore stated it should take us right around the corner it should take us right ask Kim Henley and there's a little hill and a field there on the right it should take us maybe to that hill that's you know. Chairman Calhoun stated about to the middle of Spring Pond right there. Mr. Moore stated yeah almost to where they got them you know them gates there for the for Spring Pond gate somewhere right along in there, but my thing was you know if we go right up to that point you know we're going to go right there and stop and then we got this bad spot you know I mean that's you know everybody's going to say well

you know you stop right at the bad spot it's kind of what I was thinking but that's up to y'all. Ms. Whittaker asked that's 45 what was the match before the 45. Mr. Moore stated the match we're only matching half of this money other half we got the half a million we got without a match it's around 130,000 I think 115 to 130,000. Mr. Cofty stated you got it in TSPLOST to the take the extra out if you want to. Vice Chairman Cox stated you saying the whole thing. Commissioner Edwards stated so we got it to do the whole thing. Mr. Cofty stated yes you have enough, you got you got several hundred thousand in there. Vice Chairman Cox stated the whole road is in bad shape. Commissioner Edwards stated the entire Road I get calls on it all the time. Mr. Moore stated it's \$90,000 a mile to widen and 205,000 to resurface. We'll automatically start working on the next grant you know once we start this one and I don't know you know I don't know what else grants is going to be out there but we will look for some extra money and we kind of got a little bit behind on this one because of some paperwork but if we do another one just as soon as it warms up first of the year we can jump out there and do you know as many miles as we can get the money for so it won't be quite as long between the two pavings you know as it was as it was this time. Mr. Cofty asked so the other money's not going to be there again Mr. Moore stated I don't know I mean it's just a year-to-year thing Doug and you know Shelly gets on there and she goes to hunting right now she's hunting money for striping you know we need to do some striping like Jeterville, a couple of our older roads it helps put stripes she's been on there and talking to Shannon Bradford you know about getting some money to do some striping so I mean we're steady looking for money and you know that half a million dollars is going to come in handy on this road. Commissioner Edwards stated so if we don't do the whole road are you going to go and patch. Mr. Moore stated we running shorthanded right now we need to put out but I talked to, they are starting the detail crew back up some and I talked to the boy that's running it about starting back to help us you know with some cold patch and that'll help us catch some of that up too I actually rode it today it definitely needs some cold patch but on it, and we and I talked to the guy which I know Jeff knows Kayin we discussed you know widening the road, not resurfacing but when we did Bellview it really worked on that road so hard that you know he said it would be a good thing just whenever we widen, pave it and then that part's done we only taking care of half of it and we're not running them trucks up and down it and that milling machine and all that wearing the road out so I think we're doing the right thing by just we just need to decide how far we want to go you know we want to do 4.2 or it's going to be between 4.2 and 4.3 miles when they measure by feet if we just spend our matching the grant. Chairman Calhoun stated and this is what Oxford. Mr. Moore stated well we got we got to run an ad. Mr. Cofty stated we have to post to the Georgia Procurement site, there may be somebody that's cheaper. Mr. Moore stated yeah they could somebody could fall in here do it a little cheaper but you know we've had a good relationship with them and they kind of give us a little estimate of kind of what things is going for well we can kind of figure on what to add what to run into add but was

pretty close I don't see anybody being you know a whole lot of difference. Vice Chairman Cox stated so on that what you was saying that would just be \$15,000 over. Mr. Moore stated if we do right at 4.4 I mean I'm not measuring it by feet I'm just kind of trying to figure I'm just trying to figure miles and tenths, they pave by feet you know which Jeff knows that they pave by feet but you know when you know ride with the truck just kind of guessing where you going to come up you know where you going to stop at 4.5 miles would carry us kind of pass that bad place and get us over the hill and put us pretty close to if we don't get quite as much money next year maybe we'll get enough to make it to Kimbrell you know and that'll have that whole stretch of road paved and that that's up to you all, you know I mean we just got I wouldn't even ask if it wasn't for that bad spot in the road I hate to I hate to stop right at it and then it's just right there and that's first thing everybody's going to say is where you stop right there at that bad spot you know you should have paved it. Commissioner Edwards asked what time frame we are looking at are we going to wait until they start to harvest on the last part of year when are we going to start because there is no need for starting on and then the season come in and they are harvesting and all those big trucks and tractors on it defeating the purpose just going to tear it on up. Vice Chairman Cox states imagine you have to go through the bidding process and all. Mr. Moore stated yeah it won't be but probably I figured within a month we you know have everything back then probably the next month they'll pave it you know two months it's probably two months out. Mr. Cofty stated we need to run it about a month. Commissioner Edwards stated is that right in the middle of. Chairman Calhoun stated right in the middle of it right. Mr. Moore stated well I mean go ahead and do it. Chairman Calhoun stated if you waited till November that probably be. Mr. Moore stated well we can hold up we can tell him when we want to tell them when we want to pay but locking in the price right now a month can make a big difference on price with the way asphalt's changing so you know we go if y'all decide what you going to do we'll bid it out we'll lock it in then whenever you all get ready to pave it we'll pave it, we don't want it to get too cold. Vice Charman Cox stated I would go ahead and proceed start bidding. Mr. Cofty stated I just need to know what you all do, how many miles. Mr. Moore stated we kind of figure out what you know if you want to do 4.55. Chairman Calhoun stated what was it. Vice Chairman Cox stated 4.4 4.5 he said. Mr. Moore stated 4.5 would be what I recommend. Chairman Calhoun stated is that all you need to know, you need a motion. what do you need. Mr. Cofty stated yes we need a motion to proceed. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Economic Development

Mr. Cofty stated Ms. Virginia, she gave you all a packet but I thought she was going to be here tonight, she said she talk to Cory and she was not be able to be there so she'll be here the Thursday night.

Executive Session

Personnel and Real Estate (County Attorney Present)

Chairman Calhoun stated All right if nothing else. We need a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Cox made motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

SIGNATURE PAGE:

Cristene Edwards, Commissioner – District 1

Jeff Cox, Commissioner – District 2

Allen Worsley, Chairman – District 3

Niki Nixon, Commissioner – District 4

Ladon Calhoun, Vice Chairman – District 5

Douglas Cofty, County Manager