

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 October 14, 2024 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.
 - () To discuss information exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to Article of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

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- 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 14th day of October 2024



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD





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REGULAR SESSION MEETING
09/09/2024, 6:00 P.M., County Government Complex

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Vice Chairman Jeff Cox, Commissioner Niki Nixon, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Worsley. Others Present: Douglas Cofty, Faye Whittaker, Austin Lambert, Sheriff Holt, Jennifer Jackson, Andy Moore, Mike Middleton, Jajuan Bowen, members of the community.

Chairman Calhoun called the meeting to order. Regular session 10/14/2024 and called for prayer then the pledge of allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Calhoun stated I need an approval of the agenda for the add-on that we go into Executive Session to discuss some real estate. I need a motion. 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. Does everybody look over the minutes from the last meeting? Doug always does an excellent job. If so, I need a motion to approve the minutes. Vice Chairman Cox made motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report:

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

Chairman Calhoun stated on appearances, we have Ms. Jennifer wants to tell us about. You want to tell us about that? I got you on here.

APPEARANCES:

Tax Commissioner Software Contract – Jennifer Jackson

Ms. Jackson stated as you all know, prior to the meeting, that my vendor, my property tax collection vendor, is going out of business. So, I had to go out and search and get another. So, I've got another one, but it doesn't take effect until next year. So, I got a contract here that got the amount that it's going to cost. So, I want to leave that with you. This is the one that I picked to do business with. And we've got a phone number on there as well. If you've got any questions concerning the payment, on this last sheet here, it's actually the payment. So, this is what I need here to go live, and this right here starts in 2026.

Chairman Calhoun stated all right. And is that pretty comparable to what we've been paying? Ms. Jackson stated well, we haven't had a contract. Chairman Calhoun stated we haven't had a contract? Ms. Jackson stated yeah, since 1999, I believe it was. That's just how long we've been in business with them. But this is a new one like I say, it's in line with the other one, but this here gives me more of what I need to operate on right here. And they have to be doing their own hosting. Now everybody's going into the cloud now, so like web based. That's what that'll be considered. So, I'm going to leave that with you all. As soon as we can get the contract signed, that will lock me in place there. Chairman Calhoun stated Okay. Do we need a motion to it? Mr. Cofty stated if you all want to go ahead and sign it tonight, yes. Chairman Calhoun stated you want to sign it tonight? When do you need notice by? Ms. Jackson stated whenever. Chairman Calhoun stated can we look at it? Ms. Jackson stated if you want to look at it. Chairman Calhoun states then we can. Yes. Ms. Jackson stated maybe by the end of the week or something like that. Mr. Cofty stated I'll send you all a message, and if y'all agree to it. Chairman Calhoun stated all right. Okay. Give everybody a little time to look at it. Ms. Jackson stated all right. Thank you, ma'am. Ms. Jackson stated You're welcome. All right. Ms. Virginia Harrison, you want to tell us a little bit, give us a little update?

Economic Development

Ms. Harrison stated I do. I just want to first of all thank you all for allowing me to serve with you all in Miller County. I've made a lot of contacts since I started, and what I've been trying to do is you all, got my reports, so you all can read those. And any time you 'all have, If you have an idea or a comment, please feel free to call me, because I think when we all put our heads together, we come up with some unique ideas, and I would love to hear from you. I'm just trying to revisit the ones that I've already visited or already contacted several times. I've met with some of them, just to find the right people that can complement what we've got here. And I'm determined to make it a better place than the way I found it. So, we all want the betterment for our communities, for our children and our grandchildren. Also, hopefully on Friday, I'll have an appointment if the guy gets better. He's got kidney stones to meet with a guy who owns seven grocery stores throughout Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. So hopefully Friday, I can meet with him. And

so, First, back to that, trying to get a good grocery store in. So, again, anytime, feel free to call me with any questions. And I really appreciate you all letting me help you all and work with you all. Doug has been very good to be behind me. Hard to work with, but he's good. Chairman Calhoun stated yes understood. Thank you, ma'am. All right, moving on. We've got Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

Fueling Center Report:

Mr. Cofty stated it's pretty much running as normal. We did pick up Survival Flight as clients. So, we're up to five now. And we're still hanging at two semis a month. Hopefully, that'll start going up. Chairman Calhoun stated all right.

Cooktown Paving Contract

Chairman Calhoun stated what about Cooktown Road Paving? Mr. Cofty stated all right, so this, what you signed earlier, was actually just the acceptance of the agreement, the proposal. So, I have, Kalin emailed me at the end of September that we need to get this signed. This is the actual contract that you, you all got a copy of it. So, once this gets signed. It's for 1,192,000.00 because that's the extra \$30,000 that Andy wanted. So, if you all get that signed, we'll get it figured out when we will start paying. Chairman Calhoun stated so, we need to make a motion? Mr. Cofty stated yes, you need to make a motion to sign that. Commissioner Worsley made motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

5311 Resolution

Chairman Calhoun stated All right. Moving on to new business. The 5311 resolution. Mr. Cofty stated yes, that's the resolution we sign every year is for the public transportation for the regional commission. We need to get that signed. Chairman Calhoun stated so you need a motion. Mr. Cofty stated yes, it's in the packet. Chairman Calhoun stated do you want me to read it? Mr. Cofty stated No, you don't have to read it. It's the same thing. You need to sign it and get it back to them. Chairman Calhoun stated all right. We need a motion to adopt the 5311 resolution this year. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded All in favor. Motion carried.

Bank Signatures and Contact

Chairman Calhoun stated Bank signatures? Mr. Cofty stated so, during the hurricane, I guess it was Helene, or I think it was Helene when we were preparing for that, we transferred over and closed out the EMS account, we were closing out the bank account. And I think one of the statements they got was looking at the July statement instead of the August statement. So, the bank, we wrote a check to close it out and there was not enough to cover it. So then after we went back, they put more money in there to close it out. The problem is, when we call them, Ameris Bank would not speak to anybody. I think Mr. Allen's the only one that they will talk to. They haven't had any new people since 2013. Commissioner Worsley stated well, they tried to call everybody on the list, and I was the only one. Mr. Cofty stated so, what we need to do is we need to go ahead and for every bank, we need to go ahead and get the same list of names and it needs to change, like, every year that there's a chairman or vice chairman that needs to change, and I stay on there until I, you know, if I was to leave, you could change that. But I do recommend that we have Faye at least as a direct communication where they can actually get, not a signer, but where they can actually talk, she can talk to them. Chairman Calhoun stated do we need a motion for that, or is that just... Mr. Cofty stated yes, it's just got to be in the minutes. Chairman Calhoun stated so we need a motion to announce. We need to make a motion. Mr. Cofty stated but you need to say who, you need to say that it'll be you and Jeff and Doug, Chairman Calhoun stated so we need, you want to be chairman and vice chairman, or you want the names? Mr. Cofty stated no, they want names. Ms. Whittaker stated yeah, it's got to be names. Chairman Calhoun stated all right, so we need a motion that Ladon Calhoun, Jeff Cox, and Faye, Doug... As the signer, and then Faye is the direct communication. Yes. You get all that? You want to make a motion? Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Building Inspector Agreement

Chairman Calhoun stated next is building inspector agreement. Mr. Cofty stated so, you know, Mark Hawkins has been contracting with us. Now he has put his name in the hat. I actually had the ad up on Indeed, and he applied, and I had two or three others apply, but we really don't need, like, warehouse workers. We need a building inspector. So, I was talking to you all. We need to go ahead and hire him. I told him I would let him know tomorrow, but we need to hire him, and then we need to get the city. If you all approve that agreement, basically what it states is the city has to pay half of all of his expenses. We need to sign. Get it to them. Go ahead and get him on board. Commissioner Worsley asked what kind of salary are we looking at? What is the salary? Mr. Cofty stated 58,000 or 59,000? All salary workers have to be 58,600. So, he's coming in. But now with Mr. Jerry, we paid we gave him a fuel allowance and we didn't pay him out. But Mr. Hawkins will take Debbie's old truck. That'll be the building inspector. So, we won't have to have

that extra expense into that. Chairman Calhoun stated so, you just need a motion to hire him? Yes. And then for you to sign the building inspector agreement with the city. So, you're saying you have two motions or just one? Mr. Cofty stated well, I mean you don't have to have a motion to hire him. I can do the hiring because he's just an employee. But I would just do the agreement. Chairman Calhoun stated so we need a motion to. On behalf of the building inspector. Commissioner Worsley made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bailiff Rate Increase

Chairman Calhoun moved to next. Bailiff tare increase and stated, So we need a motion to adopt the new bailiff rates. Mr. Cofty stated that's if you all want to. So, like I said, I gave you all the letter from the Superior Court judge. Chairman Calhoun stated well that's what the judge said right here. Mr. Cofty stated that's what the recommendation is from the grand jury to raise \$30 a day to \$70 a day. I don't think it's been raised in multiple years. Chairman Calhoun stated can I get a motion to adopt the bailiff rates? Vice Chairman Cox made motion. Commissioner Worsley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried..

Department Reports

Chairman Calhoun stated all right , you got any Department reports. Mr. Cofty stated they are in your package you have all the department reports in there everything but the EMS report and that will next month start I don't have any other business in the Departments.

Chairman Calhoun stated all right, you ready to do the other? Mr. Cofty stated yes. Chairman Calhoun stated all right, I need a motion to go into an executive session to discuss real estate. Mr. Cofty stated we do need to invite Ms. Robin and Ms. Jill. Chairman Calhoun stated say so move. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Board into executive session.

Executive Session

Real Estate

Chairman Calhoun stated no action taken. Need a motion to return and adjourn meeting. Vice Chairman Cox made motion. Commissioner Worsley seconded. 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