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# Miller County

Board of Commissioners

179 S. Cuthbert St.  
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**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**  
**01/10/2021, 6:00 P.M., Courthouse Courtroom**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Kreg Freeman, Vice Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Allen Worsley, and Commissioner Niki Nixon. Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Doug Cofty, Andy Moore, Austin Lambert, Steve Houston Sr., Keith Bowen, Jerry Calhoun.

Chairman Freeman calls the meeting to order. Regular session 01/10/2022 and called for a moment of silent prayer then the pledge of allegiance.

### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Chairman Freeman stated on the agenda they were going to swap from the new business to the top, the appointment of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and committees and one thing that needed to be added to the agenda is adding GPS to county vehicles. He asked was there anything else that needed to be added to the agenda. He called for a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Calhoun made a motion to approved, Commissioner Nixon seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Freeman call for approval of the minutes Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion to approve, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor, Motion carried.

### **FINANCIALS:**

Chairman Freeman asked the board if they had any questions on accounts payable. No one had any questions. Chairman Freeman called for a motion. Commissioner Worsley made motion to approve, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor, Motion carried.

Chairman Freeman then stated financial reports. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion to approve, Commissioner Nixon seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Freeman moved onto appointment of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and committees. Commissioner Nixon stated can we leave it just like it is. Chairman Freeman asked did she want to make a motion for that, Commissioner Nixon stated yes. She then made the motion to leave it like it was, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded it. Commissioner Worsley against it, Chairman Freeman stated if it took his vote to do it, he would accept the position if Ladon would reaccept the Vice Chairman position, Vice Chairman Calhoun accepts position. Motion carried.

## **APPEARANCES:**

**Jerry Calhoun - Redistricting.** Chairman Freeman stated Jerry Calhoun was here for the redistricting. He asked Mr. Calhoun if he want to go over this with them. Mr. Calhoun stated Yes, sir. Mr. Calhoun asked if he could stay where he was, and Chairman Freeman stated that's fine. Mr. Calhoun stated as you know, you just had your census completed it dropped 61.5 to 6000 but the law says you need to do as far as our voting districts is have equal numbers in each one. He stated we got 6,000 divided by 5. He stated he has been in communication with Mr. Dukes office, and they were very helpful. He stated they gave them a letter to talk to the office that does these maps. A young lady sent me a proposal, He stated you can see there are not many changes. Chairman Freeman stated they got the maps. He stated one of them had new on there and then two other ones. Mr. Calhoun stated 1 was the city and the other was the county. He stated they were really kind of hard to see when they're that small. He stated he could tell them what the changes are in town. It's basically moved the line for district four from West Geer Street down North Cuthbert, North First and there's one little block that goes on East Pine which goes between four and one. Mr. Calhoun stated in district two, you'll see on Lunsford Road. You know where that is. It goes down to Draper Jones and then Mothers Home Church. He stated that was going from three to two He stated the line now will be Brinson Road. Mr. Calhoun goes on to state in district three the line for district four used to come out all the way to Grimsley Bridge Road. He stated They were taking that back and giving it to district three. He stated it now comes up to the power line right behind where the fire tower is. He stated there were no changes in district five

Chairman Freeman stated you got district four giving up part of it inside the city and gaining that. Mr. Calhoun agreed and said they did that by Census blocks it depends on how many people lives wherever but the number is broken down where everybody's got 1200 in that proposal except maybe district three might be 1190 or something. He stated that It's very close and you know it'll never always be the same. He said some people move in, move out, or pass away. Chairman Freeman asked Commissioner Nixon if she looked it over. Commissioner Nixon stated that is what she was looking at now. Chairman Freeman and Vice Chairman Calhoun as if we need to approve it now. Mr. Calhoun stated yes and that he has got a hard deadline. He stated it's got to be completed by February 13th. He said he didn't know when they met again but that would be too late. He must do all the work and input all the data. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked if everything looks good to him. Mr. Calhoun stated everything looks. Good and he was happy with it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Okay. Mr. Calhoun stated he last one was not that easy. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Commissioner Worsley's district change the most looks like to him. Mr. Calhoun stated yes. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Is that right then stated his did not change so he was ok with it. Commissioner Worsley stated if you need a motion, he will make a motion to approve it. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. Chairman Freeman asked Commissioner Nixon is that was acceptable to her, she stated yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman asked was there anything else we need to do on this other than approve this. Mr. Calhoun stated no. Chairman Freeman told Mr. Calhoun they appreciated him coming.

Next appearance Steve Houston Grimsley Bridge Road.

**Steve Houston – Grimsley Bridge Rd.** Mr. Houston stated he wanted to talk about the water running out of that field. He stated he came up and talked last year about John Brantley digging a ditch. Mr. Houston stated it came to his attention later that he had dug that ditch before but had to cover it up. Mr. Houston stated what he was doing is very much in violation of federal law. Mr. Houston stated he's destroyed the habitat for these old ugly birds and whooping cranes. He stated nobody wants to do nothing till you all turn it over to the woman up there that Debbie Henry. Chairman Freeman stated NRCS. Mr. Houston replied, sir. Chairman Freeman stated the NRCS office. Debbie Henry at the NRCS office. Mr. Houston stated what he didn't understand was he dug that ditch before and had to cover it up. The county made him cover it up. Then Yes, sir. Chairman Freeman stated he didn't think it was none of them that made him cover it up. He stated it might have been her office made him covered up. Mr. Houston stated somebody made him cover it up and about a year and a half later, he digs it out. He stated he has pictures; he has writing on the back of them. He states it tells you what it is and that his daughter took them pictures that day. Chairman Freeman asked is this interfering with him, what is this doing, explain to them what this is doing. He asked is this hurting you some kind of way or does it join your joining your land or something. Mr. Houston stated it goes in the dirt road and goes across on other people's land. Mr. Houston stated not him personally, but he knows what John Brantley does. Mr. Houston stated when that Canadian come here he dug up and they made him stop. But John Brantley gets a hold of the land after the Canadians gone. He goes on down to the bank at Sow branch and now he's at the curb.

Vice Chairman Calhoun asked if the state coming in there and dugs some of the ditches out or something right down there and didn't the state do something right there on that Bush Road. Commissioner Worsley stated he called and talked to Mr. Avery with the state, and he told him they were fixing to flood a man out on Grimsley Bridge Rd. Mr. Houston stated make him understand nobody else can do that. Commissioner Worsley stated they were supposed to come back and try to talk to Flex Grimsley about ditching on out to the creek. He stated it failed it never went any further and so all that excess water that the state. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well they dug all that so that water gets across 91 right down at bush road and that's where it goes across that 91 right now. Commissioner Worsley stated it's caused a big issue for Mister Bobby and Miss Sue Roberts down there because the ditch was dug on out by the private landowners from there where the state stopped and then just dumps through those woods and it's a big issue. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated right a big one, he said it goes right behind Bobby and Sue and then goes right on Felix Roy over there and then goes in the creek he guessed. Commissioner Worsley stated yes, see all that's been filled in especially since the storm. All that ditch has been filled. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we need to talk to the state about maybe. Commissioner Worsley stated he talked to them about it and they said they were going to come look at it and see what they could do. He stated they asked who the landowner was and owned the land stuff. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so we just need to push it. Commissioner Worsley stated they didn't go any further with it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they might just need to push it a little bit harder. Commissioner Worsley stated so it really causes a problem for Mister Bobby and Miss Sue. Chairman Freeman stated to Mr. Houston, let me ask you this. The landowners that Allen's talking about that it's affecting down there that it is going through. Mr. Houston stated some of them folk dead. Chairman Freeman stated well

Commissioner Worsley stated Bobby and Sue Roberts. Mr. Houston asked who. Chairman Freeman stated Bobby and Sue Roberts down there. Mr. Houston asked Where at. Commissioner Worsley stated over there on Grimsley Road. Andy Moore stated that is further on down. He stated where Allen is talking about is father on down Grimsley Road when it gets to the road, there are pipes there. Mr. Houston stated it

went across 91 Highway. He stated he has got pictures of it. He stated when it come big rain it flooded. Chairman Freeman stated for them to try to do something or get a hold of somebody. He stated if it's hurting you down there, we can do something but if it's those other people the other landowners some of them need to come in. He stated that some of them needed to come up here with Mr. Houston and explain what it's going to do. Chairman Freeman stated he means it isn't that they aren't wanting to do nothing but. Mr. Houston stated it seems like Aiding and abiding to. Chairman Freeman stated if they are going to contact the NRCS folks he needs some of the other property owners to come up here with you and complain. Commissioner Worsley stated Bobby and Sue both are very disabled; you're not going to be able to get them to come up here. Chairman Freeman stated but they need to, they need write a write a letter. Mr. Houston stated Mr. Murray don't even know who he is half the time. He owns a property that ditch was dug. Chairman Freeman stated right. Mr. Houston asked how could they make him close it up, I don't know how many years.

Chairman Freeman stated they would look into it but what he was getting at, for them, if they something can be done, they have got to have some of the folks, the property owners down there that is going to affect. He stated they got to have a letter or something from them saying that, look, you know, we are complaining too. He told Mr. Houston he needed more than just him because if his property isn't joining or isn't affecting Mr. Houston or his property isn't going to flood his house. Mr. Houston stated it floods down the dirt road when it rains. Chairman Freeman stated he understands that. Mr. Houston stated well okay. Chairman Freeman stated but for them to do something and maybe do you some good, they really need somebody else to come up here also. He told Mr. Houston he appreciated what he was doing there but some of them other property owners, if they can't come up here, get them to write a letter and sign the letter and get it in, get it in the county manager's hands. Commissioner Worsley told Mr. Houston he would to Bobby and Sue Roberts and see about it. Mr. Houston stated okay and then stated he appreciated them for listening to him. Chairman Freeman stated If we can do something well, we're going to look into it. He asked Mr. Houston if he could leave the pictures with them. Mr. Houston stated he has got some more of they wanted to keep them. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Thank you if we can keep them. Chairman Freeman stated they would see about it and thanked him for coming.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**COUNTY OFFICE MOVE** – Chairman Freeman stated they got some information in there, got the pages on it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Mm hmm. Chairman Freeman asked if there were any questions on that? Commissioner Worsley asked where they stand with that thing with Shelia. Chairman Freeman stated she hasn't let us know nothing, he stated haven't heard a word out of her. Commissioner Worsley asked what are you referring to. Chairman Freeman stated she hasn't responded to "I'm moving, I'm going to be out by this date or nothing" not a word. Commissioner Worsley asked was it ever voted on to put her out. Chairman Freeman stated we own the building Allen and the whole thing; the plan was understood up here before there weren't no vote to put her out. Commissioner Worsley stated he spoke to Doug and the motion that he made was for us to go down there and occupy those offices that we had after the hurricane. He stated Doug informed him that the motion was supposedly was intended motion was to. Chairman Freeman stated the motion informed her that we were moving down there to that building. Commissioner Worsley asked well, why can't we share it. Chairman Freeman stated that isn't going to work Allen, that isn't going to work. Commissioner

Worsley stated well, Kreg, I'm going to respectfully ask that you step aside on this situation because it's clearly a conflict of interest. Chairman Freeman asked why is it a conflict of interest. Commissioner Worsley stated that is your sister-in-law. Chairman Freeman stated as far as he knows him and her aren't married, and it isn't my sister-in-law. Commissioner Worsley stated I just don't think that you can make an opinion in this situation with personal feelings. Chairman Freeman asked did he make a motion on anything? He stated all he did was present it. That's it. Commissioner Worsley stated he just thinks Chairman Freeman should step aside on this thing. He stated that was his opinion. Chairman Freeman stated I am not in the middle of it. He stated I am telling you where we at with the thing, we going to move down there, and you were all agreeable to it. Commissioner Worsley stated yes moving down there and occupying those offices we had. Chairman Freeman stated well it is strange she hasn't contacted none of us but she contacted you. Commissioner Worsley stated yes, she called and asked me why I made a motion because she was told that I made a motion to have her evicted. Chairman Freeman stated Allen, the county owns that building. He stated the lease thing is about to be up and out then we can do what we want to with it.

Commissioner Worsley asked well, what about the people that she serves and helps throughout this county, because they help a lot of people who cannot afford the medication. Chairman Freeman stated Allen, you've heard everything that has been talked about in here there is information that needs to be transparent to us to justify what we're doing down there. He stated we have not received none of that, nothing, no contact from Perry to set up a meeting to go over stuff with him, not anything. Commissioner Worsley stated Well, I don't think whatever she presents us, it's never going to be good enough. Chairman Freeman asked have you reviewed any of it? Commissioner Worsley stated Nope. he has seen what she has turned in. Chairman Freeman stated Allen, you could generate that on a computer, anything else. He stated There is nothing to back up any of those numbers whatsoever, not nothing. Commissioner Worsley stated you know; I'm just looking at what the good comes out of this thing for the county and for the people of this county. Chairman Freeman state we don't, the patient list, we don't know if these people are still on that list id someone passed away, if they've got well, if they're not getting any medication. We don't know anything about any of this, anything. Commissioner Worsley stated Well, for record, I want it put in the record. I'm not for throwing her out now. Chairman Freeman stated we did not throw her out. We give her 60 days, actually more than that. She's been asking questions about this thing. She talked to Doug back in the summertime, was this a rumor of what were we going to do. What was our plan and he couldn't tell her anything at the time and you've been in the know about all of it. It's just and now you are back pedaling. Commissioner Worsley state No, I'm not back pedaling. I might have discussed, I have expressed my opinion. Chairman Freeman stated if there were any questions that needed to be answered. You should have asked them back then.

Commissioner Worsley stated we discussed a bunch of this, Kreg, after a call ed meeting over and we adjourned we discussed it over in Commissioners Office that day. Chairman Freeman asked what questions was unanswered. Commissioner Worsley stated about why she's been removed from it and stuff, he stated I just challenged everybody to stop and look at what good is coming out of this situation. Chairman Freeman stated Allen there are offices all over this whole county. Down there, there are offices down there at that schoolhouse. Chairman Freeman stated that matter of fact, there was some programs that they had going on down there that me and Doug and I believe Faye was in on a meeting too we talked to Leah Ribози about the thing. That she's got office down at that old schoolhouse down there. Commissioner Worsley asked what about the \$5,000 we owe them down there. Are we going to pay them. Chairman Freeman stated \$5,000 dollars for what. Commissioner Worsley stated we give them

We give them \$10,000 dollars a year. Chairman Freeman stated Who. Commissioner Worsley stated down there to the Spring Creek Health. He stated, we give \$10,000 a year. Chairman Freeman stated it is more than that. He stated the money is on hold until then. Faye Whittaker told Commissioner Worsley she thinks it's about \$27,000. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated It's \$26,500, I think. Commissioner Worsley stated Don't we still owe them some money. Chairman Freeman stated there is no contract, Allen. There has not been no contract. You signed the last contract down there. There hasn't even been a contract presented to us for signature since you signed that last one. And it hasn't been brought to that office up there. Commissioner Worsley stated they received up till now, you all do whatever you want. Chairman Freeman stated there needs to be some transparency and when we hand out money like that, there needs to be either an audit in everything we do or something to that effect. They are audit exempt. He stated That whole thing right there, she has got to come forth with something to back up those numbers and the people she served, where the money is coming from, the grants, how this thing is split up, the salaries, how it's broken down. We do not have anything to back none of this up. And that right there you need to justify where this money's going. The board does. Commissioner Worsley stated well Kreg we give \$75,000 to the.

Chairman Freeman stated that isn't taxpayer money from the state, that was COVID money. Commissioner Worsley stated we put \$60,000 in a golf course out there and you going to quiver over the \$5,000. Chairman Freeman stated it is not \$5,000 Allen Commissioner Worsley stated yes, it is \$5,000 that's been mentioned, yes. Chairman Freeman asked Finance Director where does the \$5,000 come from? Faye Whittaker stated she does not know because we pay them like close to \$27,000 a year. Doug stated \$26,500. Faye stated So, I don't know where \$5,000 is coming from. Commissioner Worsley asked well, how much have we paid them so far? Chairman Freeman stated we have not paid them nothing. Faye stated we have not paid them in a year. Chairman Freeman stated there is no contract, there is no nothing. He then asked is there any more discussion on this? Commissioner Worsley stated No. Chairman Freeman asked anything else about the move we need to go over?

**FUELING STATION:** Chairman Freeman asked what you got with us. Doug Cofty stated Today, we've complete installation and printer. Everything is working. We actually pumped fuel out. We are now in the beta testing. So, it is going to be basically a trial run. They are going to have to come in. We have the tank monitoring system in place. I can monitor it on my phone. So that is installed and working. The lights are installed and working. I am getting a price on the wire for the generator. That's the last stage but we can open up that fueling station, beta testing for probably about a week or so then we'll go ahead and open it up to the county, the county department heads we will let them try it out and then slowly move it into all the other departments. We just to make sure we do not overload it. I did not have this on there, but I was talking to Faye about that. We do need to see about going in putting some more fuel in that tank. It is sitting there right now I think about 33% on each tank. If we are going to go ahead and launch it. It probably is not a bad idea to go and get some more fuel. I told them, like, Chairman Freeman asked how many, was that one load of fuel or was that more that we put in them tanks? Mr. Cofty replied, it was just the one. So, so in the regular tank, we have 3,658 gallons in regular, which is 33% of that tank. In off-road diesel, we have 3,144 gallons and that is 28% of that tank and then on-road diesel, we have 3,083 gallons, which is 28% of that tank. Faye stated she will not have anything to charge this back against because nobody has been getting fueled, when they start then I'll take it out of their fuel budget. We will write a check out a general fund and it will go back into the fuel account. But right now, this will not, there is no way I can take this out of anybody's budget because nobody is used it yet. So, if we fill it up, it is going to have to just be on the county. Commissioner Worsley stated gas has went up since

then. Mr. Cofty stated it's backed down now to \$2.56 a gallon. That's what we bought that first batch at. So, we're right at that same thing. Mr. Cofty stated Me, and Andy talked, and I think he will burn through the off road in no time. So, that's what concerns. Mr. Cofty stated he was not saying fill it completely up and maybe get another load. Mr. Cofty stated that would put it at not quite  $\frac{3}{4}$  quarters but that's good enough to get started. Mr. Cofty stated we're going to have to buy another load whether we open or not. Ms. Whittaker stated then once everybody starts getting it then it's going to go quick. It's easier to keep track of it but. Chairman Freeman asked how much have you all, do you all have the printer going? Mr. Cofty stated printer, yes. Chairman Freeman asked is that going to print the department and the gallons. Mr. Cofty stated what happens is like say if Andy goes up there, he'll swipe his badge card, He'll then hit it, it tells the computer, hey, the road department's getting this on this vehicle. He'll enter his four-digit pin number and that'll say, okay, well, Andy got it on motor grader 1.

Chairman Freeman asked is it go show that on the receipt. Mr. Cofty stated no, not on the receipt, it will show it on her report. Chairman Freeman asked what the receipt was going to show. Mr. Cofty stated it would show gallons and the price. Austin Lambert with IT department stated It will show the four-digit user pin put in as well as the card that was swiped. He stated that's what everybody wants to know, who got it? He stated we'll be able to trace that back from the receipt as well. Mr. Cofty stated to ask your question, we're working with Fuel Master they're out of Tallahassee, but they may can program to put the department name or at least department number. Mr. Lambert stated yeah. I mean yeah, that that would be something to get Fuel Master to look at. Commissioner Worsley asked if they got the fence around the pipes. Mr. Cofty stated per the state fire marshal he stated no but he did tell us, and I've talked to Brad about that to paint yellow all the way around and put that stock grip, but it's got the lines in it, the black lines and it says caution. That's what we got to do next, but I asked him about that. Mr. Cofty stated he said he would rather not have that to just paint it. Mr. Cofty stated we are waiting of the quotes for the other signs.

Commissioner Worsley stated his concern is somebody going to want to mess around and get tangled up in the pipe. If someone gets hurt, then you got a lawsuit. Mr. Cofty stated maybe we can come up with a little chain around it. You know, a little chain or something like that. But he was over there. He knew something over. They just came walking on top of it. Chairman Freeman stated may have to finish it later but It's going to take two sides to finish the fence. Mr. Cofty stated yes, it would be that front side on Industrial Boulevard and along Dozier Street those 2 sides to finish the fence if we went ahead and fenced it. He stated I am sure that's going to be kind of pricey. Chairman Freeman stated we can finish that later. Commissioner Worsley asked Andy if they had anymore people turn around down there and get stuck Mr. Moore stated not that he knew of. Alright. Chairman Freeman stated they need to agree whether not to get the fuel. Mr. Cofty stated then he just wants to ask them so that if we do need to come up with a plan because we got to start buying fuel and it may be in between when we meet it so we need to have authority to go to the lowest price and what we need to set it at. Chairman Freeman stated we need to need a motion to give Doug the authority to negotiating price on the fuel in order to fill the tanks. Commissioner Worsley stated I'll make it and made the motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chairman Freeman stated we need to we agree to go on and buy the fuel today or tomorrow. Commissioner Worsley stated Yes. Ms. Whittaker asked the board where they want it to come out of, she stated they can't really pay that a general fund because she can't really charge it back to anybody. She advised the board that they had TSPLOST and there is no cushion in the fueling station fund. Commissioner Worsley asked if you take it out of SPLOST and when you start getting paid for the fuel will it go

back into the SPLOST. Ms. Whittaker stated there's no way to charge, you are not supposed to take it from the General fund and put into SPLOST. Mr. Cofty stated is just like you are paying Sharber, take it out of that department and then just credit it back into that fuel account. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked where do we pay for gas at. General fund. Ms. Whittaker stated the General fund, but if we have a bill from Sharber it comes out of each department, they break it down into each department. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked why did you say we can't pay it out of general fund. Ms. Whittaker stated well, we can. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked why can't we just when they pay us, Ms. Whittaker stated nobody has gotten gas yet. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated once they start doing it, it's just kind of like a loan kind of, isn't it. Mr. Cofty stated Just kind of credit backing, right. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Yes. Ms. Whittaker stated she still needed somewhere to charge it to like the general fund, it's got to go somewhere. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked like, you're talking about where to key it. Ms. Whittaker stated yes. Mr. Cofty stated he would talk with the ones they are buying fuel from right now and check with fuel master to see if they can go ahead and set that side of it up and give her somewhere to charge it to and we may can do it that way. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked can they do that. Would that help you. Mr. Cofty stated I'd like to charge it back to the departments like say if we do. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked why couldn't you just do some forward payment. I mean, you know he's going to use it. Mr. Cofty stated yes, we add up all the departments and get an average and charge it to their department. Ms. Whittaker stated she would have to ask Perry Henry about that. More discussion about how to charge the initial fuel. Commissioner Worsley stated he is concerned about taking it out of SPLOST, all agreed. Chairman Freeman stated they can sort through all that. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked did we need to make a motion to buy fuel, Chairman Freeman stated No he doesn't think we need to we just need to be agreeable with what's going to take place.

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT PLAN:**

Chairman Freeman moves to the road department plan. He tells Andy, this isn't really, what they wanted. He stated this is just an overview of what you all are already doing. Chairman Freeman stated they were looking for a schedule of how they were going to rotate it around. He stated to rotate it around and work five days a week and rotate all the employees around. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated what we are saying, if it rained yesterday or today, tomorrow, and Wednesday, instead of being off on Friday, you all work Friday, he stated watch the weather. He asked did he understand what he was saying. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he knows that puts a little bit on Andy but. Commissioner Worsley stated You have already got one motor grader operator going to walk, He is gone. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Oh, yeah. Commissioner Worsley stated Yeah, and you got some others about to walk down there because. Mr. Moore then stated I understand what you said then. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked You see what I'm saying. Mr. Moore stated Yeah. So right now, it's we can bring in say Monday

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you don't have do it all the time neither. I mean, it's just kind of a. Mr. Moore stated is just, you know, you don't never know when you're going to work, when you aren't going to work. Mr. Moore stated he has a lot of guys that they're not going to do it. He stated if you wanted to do that. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Well, they'd be off on Monday though. Mr. Moore stated Yeah, but they still. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they want to be off on Friday. Mr. Moore stated they want to know when they going to work. Mr. Moore stated if you want to do that, you can split them up and do it right now, we bring in four, four people on Monday, and three on Friday, that's all you going to have because there is only 7 of us, Chairman Freeman asked what happened to the other motor grade driver? Mr. Moore stated the guy is going to leave. Chairman Freeman asked why is he going to leave? Mr. Moore stated all road departments work four days a week, it's not just them it is everybody and these



guys has worked it for 20 years. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well, we aren't talking about them working five days a week, we are talking about working four days a week. Chairman Freeman stated four days a week. Mr. Moore stated we don't want to be where it rains big rains on Monday and going to be changed up to work on Friday because a lot of these guys work for us, they have something else to help supplement their salaries. Commissioner Worsley stated because they do on Friday and Saturday. Mr. Moore stated it's a thing for them that when Friday they got something else that's helping them make more money because some of these guys don't make \$40 more than unemployment. Mr. Moore stated they bring on a small amount of money, they got to have something else that supplements their salary. He stated they got some that they cut dogs hair. We got some that mows grass. Got something to do with mechanic and work. You know they're trying to supplement working for them. Because of what they make. Mr. Moore stated so, you change that, they're going to change.

Chairman Freeman stated unless they cutting dog hair and cutting grass unless it's raining out there, that is something they could rearrange anyway. Chairman Freeman stated but what we are getting at, there has been a constant complaint thing now that these machines are sitting still on Friday and the sun's shining, and they needed to be running. Mr. Moore asked the board, why don't we just go back to five days a week. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well you were just trying to get away from that, you said. Mr. Moore stated I understand that but the way we work, these guys want to know work Monday through Friday, they want they want to know when they going to work. He stated you got to look at we're shorthanded, we try to recruit people. This guy worked for us before I am talking about the guy leaving. This guy worked for us before. The board come up, said, hey, you all are scraping roads too much. You all are ditching too much; we don't need but three motor graders. Mr. Moore stated this guy was driving a motor graded for us, he left. Chairman Freeman stated it wasn't scraping and ditching too much, it was the machine that was no more getting done with three machines than it was with four, it's the same amount. Mr. Moore stated he would try to do it anyway y'all want to do it, I just don't know how much. He stated If you send the guy home today and say, hey, you got to go home you got to come here Friday. What you going to do when he called him Friday and says, hey, I don't feel good. I'm going to use my PTO time for the day I was out. Your machine's going to sit still. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it isn't going to sit still all year though, he is going to run out of time eventually. Mr. Moore stated No, he understands where they are coming from? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we trying to help you, we trying to make you more efficient too though. I mean, we trying to help you out some too.

Commissioner Worsley stated these guys already give up a week to be on call, and they're not getting compensated. Mr. Moore stated I didn't even say anything about it until we come back after Christmas and when I come back after Christmas, I had guys come in and they were voicing their opinion, this is their job. I can't do anything with it. It's their job. He stated and they kind of voice their opinion that these guys have worked 40 hours a week. He stated They know they come to work on Monday and get off on Friday and unless they are on call, they don't have to worry. They don't. He stated he comes from farming; he knows how we do on the farm, but this is kind of a different ball game with the guys at work. They're not any of them farmers and they don't want to work that way. He stated now they might stay, and work and we will do it anyway you want to do it, I will do it anyway y'all want, he stated he would try to help you figure out a way to do it. He stated but when it rains, we do have a lot of work to do when it rains. He stated it rained Sunday, Monday morning, we were wide open. It took every one of us that was there to do what we had to do. Then, Tuesday, we started back scraping and we scraped but then, it rained again last night. He stated, rain can come and go. You know, I mean, it's a hard thing to work around. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated right.

Mr. Moore stated when you got other work to do too, I mean, today, we did a lot of work in the shop. We do work on all our equipment too. I mean, everything is broke, we work on it. But I don't know any, I don't. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you see where we coming from, man. I think we all know there's not an easy answer, but you see where we coming from. Mr. Moore stated I see where you're coming from. Mr. Moore stated his thing was if it rains, you know, and we can work in the shop and then at the end of the week say hey you know, sun is shining, we need to run. He stated offer some of them, some extra overtime and let them work and make some extra money. That's what they're trying to do anyway. Mr. Moore stated that was where he was kind of with and that was kind of a in between what the board wanted and the in-between what these guys are used to working. He stated but like I said, I'll try to do it anyway y'all want to do it. I just think that we got a neighboring road department right now they are offering \$17 an hour to drive a motor grader.

Chairman Freeman stated Andy I tried to tell y'all that long time ago and I couldn't get the rest of the board do that. There needs to be a wider spread between what the Motor grader drivers are getting and what these other folks not specialized in driving a piece of equipment like that all the time. He stated there needs to be a wider spread than that. I couldn't get it done. I told them that. That's been 10 years ago. Mr. Moore stated I'm just saying right now, there's just a lot of competition for anybody that would come to work at the Road Department. He stated there's another neighboring one, they raised their starting salary. They raised the pay the guys are getting out and they give them a big bonus. They change their retirement plan to a retirement win. He stated that's what I'm in with to try to get somebody that knows what we do to come work for and we're three men short right now. There's only seven of us, you know, we are trying to train a guy to take the guy's place leaving us. But I mean, we're just shorthanded. We put it out there, you know. Chairman Freeman stated this is something needs to happen, when they go to work at seven o'clock down there, they don't need to go by the store and do this and do that and another thing is we talked about this before too, you need to find somewhere to park those motor grader like they used to. He stated you all got enough of vehicles down there to go out there and service them out there and park around somebody's farm site. He stated there's two or three of them that I know of said they used to do it long time ago and want to know why they quit doing. You are killing 2 hours in and out back and forth like that right there already on the machines going out, they're coming in 45 minutes before is knocking off time. Mr. Moore stated sometimes Kreg, they come in and they blow them. We have to blow the machines out.

Chairman Freeman stated not the one driving a pickup truck he isn't blowing the machine out. He's driving the truck Mr. Moore stated I'll try to help y'all do it anyway you want to do it. I just don't know no easy answer to be. I mean I just don't I don't know what the answer is to try to make any everybody happy. You know I just don't know what it is. Commissioner Nixon stated well bottom line is probably will never make everybody happy with it. But I mean why don't you come and sit with us and maybe we can all come to like to some kind of solution together with it. And let's just put, I mean all of our heads is better than just one, you know? Yeah. And maybe we can try to come to some kind of solution with that. Mr. Moore stated Yeah, we kind of talk Doug about that first week. When the guys actually, when we come back at the Christmas day, some of them come in there and ask me about it and I said, yeah, it did come up after me and we kind of talked to Doug about you know, it's not my job. It's their job and they were voiced in their opinion to me, and I told them, I said, hey, you know, it's not my decision. If it was my decision, it be different. It's not my decision, it's on somebody else to, that's making that decision and I I see where y'all want to run and there's a lot of days when it gets dry like we always picking peanuts. That's where I would concentrate on trying to get them to run every minute because we fixed a lot of places when it was dry. When it's

raining, basically, all we're going to get to do is straight roads, you're not going to haul a lot of dirt but when you have four, weeks that it gets good and dry. He stated I'd like to see them run seven days a week to get some of the places we have a problem with, in future. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated right. Mr. Moore stated I see where y'all coming from, but you know, I'm hearing where these other guys come from, and they can go somewhere else and work. It very easily and not just they know what time they come into work. They know what time they're going home, but I do think that we offer some of them some, you know, like rains this week. We still work but we offer them. Hey, here's your little overtime. Come in and run for us. I think there'd be some they'd be more than glad to come. I mean, they're gone blade roads. It's not like they're going to be out there just digging ditches or anything. He stated you know, right now, we run shorthanded. So, far as affecting budget. You know, I think we could do that by budget but.

Commissioner Worsley stated I think y'all do a real good job. What you all do down there with the amount of people you all got, I don't see how in the world you can cover whole county. The work that they do with six or seven eight people. Mr. Moore stated I mean like I said there is fixing to be seven of us and it's pretty challenging to stay on top of it. I mean just like we you know when it rains. Monday when we had that big rain. We had a bunch of washouts to fix, we had trees down, I mean it took every one of us all day long with all of us there to try to make things where it would go Monday. After a big rain. I know it was wet and couldn't scrape roads, but we still have a bunch of stuff out, we had trees down, we had broken limbs. I mean, with seven people to accomplish all that and you know, when it's raining, you split up there is going to be days when you're not going to accomplish that. I mean, I don't know any easy answers to. I see where you're coming from and yes, when it's dry, I do see running. I'd love to run. We need to be ditching roads. I mean, really, when it's dry, I just don't know. I can only speak for myself. I can't speak for the guys. I just know how they voice their opinions about it. You know, they built their life around working four days a week. And now I've never had a problem like we had a storm and I said, hey, we got a storm on Thursday, we know Friday morning. We all got to show up and we got to get the road safe. Once I told them guys, I've never had a problem with one of them showing up. They've always been there, and we worked till we get them back safe and move on. Nobody's ever asked us to run any extra.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well, this isn't going to be a every week thing either. Mr. Moore stated No, you know. And that's why I'm saying if it's not going to be every week. Yeah. Let's try to give them a little overtime to do it. Commissioner Worsley stated give them some and let them run, it isn't going to be all the time. Mr. Moore stated you know what I'm saying? I mean, I don't want to fight you all and I don't want to fight them. You know, I want to see us all. We got a pretty good little group and it's been kind of come and go with them and you know, we already showed three guys and they're not but they're not anybody beaten down the door. That's one reason some of the counties are offering such big salaries to run their machines because they're sitting still.

Commissioner Worsley stated and you take when they get ready to move the excavator, they got to find a CDL driver from the city to go run the truck. Chairman Freeman asked what happened to the man you all talk to with the fellow from last month. Mr. Moore stated we contacted him, talked to him, and he said that you know that he was he was going to leave where he was at, and he was just looking for something part time and we told him you know come get an application. fill it out. You know, but now he didn't want to be a dump truck driver. Now, but we didn't detour him. We told him to come get an application, fill it out and we see what we can do, and we hadn't heard from him or seen him. But he did kind of say that all he wanted to do was drive a motor grader part time. He didn't want to work all week, didn't want to drive a truck. He just pretty much wanted to come in, get in the motor grader, drive it like three days a week, go home. But he

didn't come get application either. Chairman Freeman stated well, I'm going to follow back up with him because I was the one that the man thinks. Mr. Moore stated you know, Doug advertised some the other day for us on some things, you know, trying to get some help but we got a lot of competition out there with people that can do what we do. Chairman Freeman stated alright we going to give it. We're going to do some more planning on this thing right here.

**CULVERT PIPE COST:** Chairman Freeman stated next thing is the cover pipe cost. It's showing on here that the plastic pipe. He stated Doug is going to try to get the specs on the pipe. Don't nobody seem to know if it's as strong as the steel pipe or I mean nobody. He asked Mr. Cofty did you ever find out anything. Mr. Cofty stated I talked to the manufacturer and of course they didn't give me anything. They just said it's this American Association of State Highway and Transportation officials certified. It's like the M-294. Mr. Cofty stated she would try to send me something. He stated him and Andy had talked about it. he told me that so was the local guys, they wouldn't give weight rating either. Mr. Cofty stated it sounds like nobody wants to give a weight rating that way they won't be responsible if they're crushing these crushes. That's what it sounds like for me. Mr. Moore state that's kind of what we were getting? He stated they told us it's really not meant for the road; it's meant to be good under parking lots and a lot of dirt on them. And that's all they would give us. Mr. Cofty stated the manufacture basically was telling that same thing. Chairman Freeman stated Donalsonville's got some of it on the yard over there, you need to check with them and see if they're buying that stuff on a regular basis and if it's holding up or. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked all these prizes we got are plastic. Mr. Moore stated No, it's one plastic and one metal.

Vice Chairman Calhoun asked which one is the plastic, which one is the galvanized? Mr. Moore stated that Wintec or something like that, I think it's plastic. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Wind supply, that's the plastic and the culvert pipe from consolidating gulf is consolidated is the metal pipe. Mr. Moore stated right now nobody is building anything but twenty-foot section. So, anything you get, you go out the band it together and basically put a weak spot right in. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so all this 30-foot stuff that we got isn't that accurate. Mr. Moore stated they quote us like thirty. It's just, you know, if you want 30 feet, they'll tell you so much foot and they stay 30 foot. He stated Gulf Atlantic might accidentally build us some 30-foot pipes but right now, anything they got on the yard is twenty feet. And that's everybody. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked well, if you buy a truckload, I know that surely, they give you a discount if you buy a truck. Mr. Moore stated that's the discount. That that's pretty much it. You know, we buy one or a truck load. They already give us, you know, discount. Gulf Atlanta's pretty much. We found out that when Kreg wanted to price it, we kind of found out Gulf Atlantic has bought up pretty much bought everybody around us and they district it out like caterpillar does or whatever. So, Baker County and Early County is going above us and Seminole, Decatur, and us is going to Tallahassee. Mr. Moore stated he only thing about plastic pipe to me is if you get any kind of damage in it in the road. I don't know how to fix that once it's got a cut in it or something because it's going to make it weak. He stated metal pipe, I've got a small metal pipe which I know Ladon sees right down the road from where he goes. We've got that pipe by years by working on it when we have a problem. We add a little to it or we put a put a patch on it or whatever. I don't know exactly how good, you know, do on plant but y'all want to try some? We will. I do know Early County just bought their first pipe. They're going to start using it on some driveways. They said they won't go just start putting it in the road, but they were going to start, you know, when they had to go do a driveway and they knew just a car was going across it. They were going to start putting in some plastic pipe He stated I do have several roads that we do need to put some in. A little bit in everybody's

district. He stated basically, one spot one spot in everybody's district. We got a problem that we need to see. Chairman Freeman asked what do you got on the yard down there now. Mr. Moore stated I got one piece, one twenty-four by thirty and I got a little short piece that when we have to, if we have to add a little on, we cut off of it and I got one 36x30 and I got two that belongs to the school, they want them to go into football field. Chairman Freeman asked how many pieces of pipe you need right now? Mr. Moore stated I need one on Henry Miller, two more Hornsby Cemetery, two on McClendon, and one 36 by thirty on Griffin Sheffield. He stated that's thirty-foot pipe but if we have to buy a 20-foot links, we have to adjust, you know, it'll be three pipes for one because we have to cut it in half. but we got some pretty bad places on them roads right now. I know Ladon sees that one on McClendon. He stated it gets washed out so bad now that sometimes you can't hardly go through it. We got a place that they redid a ditch on Hornsby Cemetery and when they redid the ditch, now it's over. And we got that one that collapsed in the old district on Henry Miller, and we've been to work on place on Griffin Sheffield. You just can't even go that we need a crossover pipe to drain it. We don't have to build that road up three or four feet for a long section and get the water to cross over and try to drain.

Commissioner Worsley stated so, you need 6 thirty-foot pipes, but you can't get the thirty-foot right now. So, you need 9- 20-foot pipe. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you need a truck load. Mr. Moore stated maybe five 24 by 30s and 1 36 X30 to cover that. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated then you and then you won't have none on the yard still. Mr. Moore stated Well, I still have the two. I got them on the yard, I try to keep because you never know what overnight. You may have to dig some of it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I would definitely keep some spares on the yard. Mr. Moore stated but these places are getting pretty bad where we can't handle them too good on. The only one that really hadn't caused too much problem on Henry Miller it didn't get enough rain to build up to go across the road that day but it pondered. You know because that pipe's not there but eventually it will. Chairman Freeman stated we need a motion to approve him getting the pipe. Commissioner Worsley made motion. Seconded by Vice Chairman Calhoun. All in favor. Alright. Motion security.

**FEMA 515 PROJECT CORRECTION:** Chairman Freeman stated next thing on the old business is the FEMA project and that there was a correction on that right there. Faye stated when we did the budget, we were only expecting \$60,000. She learned some confusion with GEMA, and she stated she thinks Debbie Henry thought we were going to get a bit more, but we'd already gotten that. Ms. Whittaker stated we're still just getting the 60,000 we budgeted because we have already gotten the other. She stated we got the 60,000 still coming. Chairman Freeman Alright. Commissioner Worsley stated well that's better than nothing. Ms. Whittaker stated yes. Mr. Cofty stated we just wanted to make sure we let you all know.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**TANS NOTE APPROVAL:** Chairman Freeman stated last year, we went ahead and approved the tans notes so she could draw on it whenever, not right now but whenever she needed without having in the middle of the year to call a special. Ms. Whittaker stated she paid the other one off today. Chairman Freeman stated It would just be available. He stated they need a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Do you have some extra. Ms. Whittaker stated we will we took the tax money. Commissioner Worsley asked how much was it. Ms. Whittaker stated a little over 1.5. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked we need a motion for the future, he then stated he made the motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**ALCOHOL LICENSE APPROVAL:**

Chairman Freeman stated next was approval of the alcohol license for the Georgia Rural Hospital Food Collaborative. He stated that was Robin Rau. Commissioner Worsley asked what that was, Vice Chairman Calhoun asked was that the old meat market. Chairman Freeman stated it was Terry Pickles old business and that there is about four to five different investors that bought into that thing. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked about a bar out there. Commissioner Worsley stated it said for off-premises consumption. Chairman Freeman confirmed and said we just need to approve this; she's cleared the background and all that. Mr. Cofty stated the Sheriff signed off on the license. Commissioner Worsley made the motion with Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**QUALIFYING FEES:** Chairman Freeman stated to the board you got the qualifying fees and he guessed they were the same. Mr. Cofty stated yes, Judge Suggs thinks nothing went u and it's still going to be 3% of the salary. He stated so he believes it's \$72 per commissioner and \$90 for a school board member. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked the school board member makes more than us. He then jokingly stated I need a raise in. Commissioner Worsley stated you're on the wrong board. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated no, I said they schoolboard was making more than us. I feel like we're working harder than they are. Commissioner Worsley stated he would make the motion to approve the fees. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Chairman Freeman presented the schedule. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked that it was normal, right he stated he didn't see no problem. Chairman Freeman asked was there anything that might be a conflict on any of this these days with anything? Mr. Cofty stated It's the same as it basically was, just right there at the Christmas being on the weekend so, we kind of split it and did the 2 before, and 1 after because you give them 3 days. We always do the 26th no matter what. Chairman Freeman stated Alright. Mr. Cofty stated everything else is the same as has always been. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion to approve, Commissioner Worsley seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**REGIONAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:** Chairman Freeman stated the regional commission appointment, does anybody want to do that. Chairman Freeman asked Doug, Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he made a motion Doug does, Mr. Cofty stated he would do whatever they wanted and asked if it needed to be a commissioner. Ms. Whittaker stated he can't vote; they say someone can represent but only an elected official can vote. Mr. Cofty stated it was up to the board. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he was pretty full, he jokingly said they could vote Commissioner Edwards she wasn't there. Chairman Freeman stated that might not go over too well. You stick my name on it directly. Chairman Freeman stated to stick his name on it, but he can't promise he can do anything. He stated he can't be everywhere Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion; Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN APPROVAL:** Chairman Freeman stated the hazardous mitigation plan letter from GEMA. Mr. Cofty stated that's the plan that we have we have. We have to have a hazard mitigation plan to be able to get grant money through GEMA and that's what Debbie completed. He stated it's just telling you that we got approved for our plan for five years. It's just for information.

**LMIG GRANT:** Mr. Cofty stated at the time of the when he put this packet together, he didn't know the actual numbers. Andy and he talked. Since then, they sent us the numbers. So based on the formulas were getting 427,632.61 with a 30% match we're going to be to have to pay at least 555,000, Mr. Moore stated have to spend \$555, 000. He stated our match is around 110,000. Mr. Cofty stated but didn't you say that would not complete the full road? Mr. Moore stated not at that price, they talking a 150,000 a mile just to resurface. He stated then it depends on two, how do we want to do that. On the other part of that road, we pulled it twice because all the potholes we didn't want them to pop back up. Mr. Moore asked do we want to pull this do the same on the second half as we did on the first half. Because it's a little, you know, that's a little more. He stated It worked out well and we got a good road, I think but it's still, you know, it adds to that price a little bit. So, and that's you all's decision on how you want to do it but when we bid it, we just need to know whether we need to be at a level job or just need to be in a resurfacing job. Chairman Freeman stated I think you go and do it like you did it before. Vice Chairman Calhoun agreed. Mr. Moore stated there is a section of it, Kreg knows that goes down to Bellview Church it is pretty rough right there, you know, so.

Mr. Cofty asked Mr. Moore what about that section where you had a that sinkhole. Mr. Moore stated we do need to look into fixing that dip right there at Luke Cook's house because it, you know, it caved in on us and it's caved in some more sense then, we got it patched but we didn't do really do much. Because of cotton season, you know, we got a lot of cotton trucks. You know, trying to run so we got it by but before we pave it, we need to get a month ahead of it. Commissioner Worsley asked was it a culvert collapsing. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it's a sinkhole. Mr. Moore stated we need to go in there and just cut a section of it out and need somebody with some real good sandy clay and some big packing machines to come in there and you know and redo that section of road or we go I we going to have a dip there and I guess far as I know that dip has been there about half of my lifetime and I know Kreg has probably been over it too. He stated if we don't fix it it's going to come back, Commissioner Worsley stated it's going to get worse. Chairman Freeman you aren't going to do all the road, what I'm understanding the money. Mr. Moore stated there is 4.3 miles of road left and asked him the other day before the meeting, what did he think that you know we got back to paving, what do you think per mile was going to be running at that time and he said I'm guessing probably 150,000 a mile and that's about \$645,000 dollars if you just sit down and researched it just like it is. He stated if you do a level job, when we did the other part, we did about 110 more thousand dollars to do.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he thinks it was 700,000. Mr. Moore stated I'm figuring if you level it, you are getting between 750,000 and 800,000 to finish the road by what he told me that he thought things were but it's just like everything else nobody quoting you nothing until you say I want to buy and they giving you a price on it because just like this pipe, they telling us today, that's why prices is today but when you call in order two days later, it may be changed, you know? And paving is going to be the same way. He stated I'm going to bid it out. You know, get it out there. Chairman Freeman stated well, you need to go ahead and bid the whole road. Mr. Moore asked do you want to do two pulls, Kreg like we did do it. Chairman Freeman stated I think you're going, like to Bellview Church anyway. Mr. Moore stated yes, it's got to go to Bellview Church because I mean, I'll ask him to do that both ways. he'll come look at it. Him and his paving guy and he'll tell us, hey, right here, we don't need to go no further with this will be alright we we'll do it to. He stated we'll try to do it the cheapest way we can and do a good road because we got a good road. You know out there. Chairman Freeman stated go ahead and get somebody come look at it. Let's get some bid and I'll call Kalin in the morning and we'll get to work on. Chairman Freeman stated Alright I think that's all we need to talk about

the road. Mr. Moore stated what about this place on Bellview where they tore it up? Chairman Freeman asked which one are you talking about? Mr. Moore stated coming out of Bush Grimes. He stated they tore it up pretty bad. And it's going to keep breaking on in. So, you know, we'll need some hot asphalt, and we got a place on Twilight Church about two days late right past John Weaver's house. They got about this much of that road broke off, you know, in that lane. There isn't much of a road there at the start, but same thing happened there if we don't patch that spot right there you know, that's going to break on off and get on out in the road. Chairman Freeman stated Doug done tried to contact the folk, he sent them a letter. We'll see what they say about it if they want to help. Commissioner Worsley asked Andy, were they swinging out and going off the road or were they coming on the road. Mr. Moore stated to coming out that dirt road, they have to go out in the ditch and when their front tires is pushing, it's just tearing that asphalt off. He stated I went out to Bellview and both places I put a rock base. You know, I swept off that loose dirt and we put a rock base kind of there and maybe it would give them some stability and not push much but when they're coming out when it's wet and that ditch is wet, it's just into the road. They got about that much Bellview and just right at beginning where it's fitted to break the road off. Mr. Moore stated you know, y'all want to see if we can get a little hot asphalt, fix it, but if trucks are coming in, I don't know if we can fix it or not. Chairman Freeman stated you need to fix that and go on down the road they patched four holes and missed ten. He stated Going on out to the end of the Bellevue Road down there and it's that part that they widened out. There is water in the hole now, but when it dries up, they need to fix that. Mr. Moore stated we will rerun it, some of them scabs, you know, Chairman Freeman stated it isn't that. He stated they missed holes that big around out there. Mr. Moore stated we'll go back down and putting out some more.

**USDA ROAD DEPARTMENT GRANT:** Chairman Freeman stated the USDA grant for the road department. He stated there are some tractor bids, but we don't know on this thing, the woman's coming down here Thursday. Mr. Cofty stated that she was coming down on the 13th to close out the vehicle grant. We got to go back over and finalize that thing that we did to get the vehicle. Chairman Freeman stated we got to go back over that and finalize that thing we did to get the vehicles. He stated we are going to see how much it is, there was some of that stuff that was a little bit misleading on the grant, wasn't no total 50/50 thing on some of them. Mr. Moore stated I think that's what it was. Kreg, it was 50/50. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it wound up being a max total that it could be or something I can't remember that. Chairman Freeman stated it wasn't the 50/50 we were led up to believe but it was a too good a deal to turn down, but it wasn't half price thing. He stated it cost us a little bit cost bit more than that. Chairman Freeman stated anyway, we got the tractor bids, we're going to see what the woman says. I mean, we got a lot of difference between these bids right here. He asked about the trade in. what is the trade-in? Mr. Moore stated the trade is the two open cabs and that old.

Commissioner Worsley stated it's the same tractors we've been trying to trade in all along. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked is it a two 6603s and 6405. Mr. Moore stated that's right. Yeah. Mr. Moore stated the trade was a little open cab tractor in one old tractor sitting out there just signed the fence. You know, it was the first limb cutting tractor, we had. You know, we've mowed with it, it won't even pull off when you crank it up, you know, right now. Mr. Cofty advised the board that Flint is the cheapest on the quotes. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Why'd you price one mower and two mowers? Mr. Moore stated the guy just done it like put a tractor and mower and a tractor and mower together. We were just pricing. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so, you just really need one more? Mr. Moore stated we really two but one. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated knew I shouldn't have asked that. Mr. Moore stated one mower had



more air on it than metal. I mean one would get us get us by but the other one's real old too now. Commissioner Worsley stated they wore slam out. They are busted all the pieces. Mr. Moore stated that one mower is about 13 years old. They're more weld on it than there is metal left on it and the other ones. Vice Chairman Calhoun let us talk that lady and we'll see, we going to talk to the lady about the grant. Maybe we can swing it. He stated You might get one instead of two. Mr. Moore stated the most problem out of that chassis wears out and which we go through next month, we'll have both of them in in there we'll replace bolts, and we'll try to make the chassis that moves and picks them up. He stated that's where we have a lot of problems is all that stuff just wears out. You know, and we don't we, we'll patch up on whatever we have to now. Chairman Freeman stated we'll see what we get, we will work out something with the grant.

**UNION CHURCH ROAD DAMAGE:** Chairman Freeman asked is that what we. Commissioner Worsley asked Mr. Cofty he got a call three or four weeks ago? Mr. Cofty stated yes. Commissioner Worsley continued a Fellow called me and told me he was traveling Union Church Road and that a person out there took a his own personal excavator and he had dug out the ditch and piled about a five-foot bank dirt right down the middle of the road. It was around the 40, 50 feet long, right in the middle of the road. Commissioner Worsley stated they dug a ditch out and just piled it all in the middle of the road. He stated they like to hit the pile head on. Chairman Freeman asked Mr. Cofty is that what we talked about before. Mr. Cofty stated He has actually tried to fix it, but he is taking it he's taking some of the county road. Mr. Cofty stated so were he widened the ditch to drain the field, the ditch is still wide, he's put the dirt back, but it's took some of the county road. Yeah. Still a lot of years got stopped, man. Commissioner Worsley stated stuff like this has to stop, you can't keep ditching water to the road. You can't keep digging up ditches just all you want to. He stated piling dirt in the road, all is taking one person to hit something like that and there is going to be a lawsuit. Commissioner Nixon agreed and said that is right. Chairman Freeman asked if there is anything in the ordinance book. Mr. Cofty stated finding stuff up there is. He stated he would just have to look, locate it and see. Chairman Freeman stated look through that book. Mr. Cofty stated when he started putting stuff online, he didn't see any kind of ordinance books. he'll just have to try to find it again. Chairman Freeman stated alright. do you all want to put some kind of ordinance in place if there's not one already in place. Commissioner Worsley stated yes. Chairman Freeman stated alright, you're going to come up, I am not a lawyer but you're going to come up with something.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated let Doug have a little leeway and maybe coming up with, Chairman Freeman stated well, he needs to talk to the county attorney because you just got to have something with some teeth if you don't, you aren't doing anything. Mr. Cofty stated he can probably search the counties around us get whatever their examples are and then take it to the county attorney and let him put something together then bring it to you guys for approval. Vice Chairman Calhoun state that sounds good to him. Chairman Freeman stated Alright. You all want to give him authority to do that. Andy Moore stated wouldn't you say that he's really digging on his property though? I mean. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it's a fine line right there. Mr. Moore stated it's a fine line. I mean, I know he pile the dirt in the road and that road's already had a history of where you couldn't even walk down it. We had got it back where you can drive. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated right anytime it rains, you can't you drive down that road. He stated if it rains, 1/2 inch, you don't need to travel. over there. Mr. Moore stated yeah that's right we've kind of got that road settled a little bit. from what it used to be. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated if I'm not mistaken, the gentleman did it. I don't know, seven, eight years ago, he did the same thing, I think. So, I mean, he just. Mr. Moore stated yeah, that's when the blue clay in the road, we closed it when the dirt was in the road and the road's back open now, but you know what I'm saying?

Commissioner Worsley stated for someone to do that. Mr. Moore stated I agree with that but then again words are we got to look at where our right of way is to there because he's kind of. Mr. Cofty stated he's taking the right of way away; I can tell you that. Mr. Moore stated but he's widening it a little bit on the other side. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I don't know if I see there's a lot of questions there. Mr. Moore stated he can dump water on someone else if he is digging on the other side of the road if he is still digging on his property. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well, I mean, that's what I said we just need to be some clarification. I think there was going on. Mr. Moore stated I would hate to run out there and just jump off at him. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated that's right. Detailed. Mr. Cofty stated he called him, and he was nice about it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah. I mean, he is. He said he said do whatever to make it right. Mr. Moore stated he should never have piled a bunch of dirt in the road and folks trying to travel the roads and run over because.

Vice Chairman Calhoun state I think that's the main problem while he's working there, he needs to finish the work. He stated complete the project. Mr. Moore stated he should have called us, and we should've just closed from the start. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated exactly. That's all that. Chairman Freeman stated Well, the if you put the ordinance in place, I think you need to cover all that right there and if somebody wanted to do some work like that. They weren't going to cost us anything. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they'd give us notification and then we shut the road, and everything be fine. Commissioner Worsley stated then they take on the responsibility and possibility of somebody running through there. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Well, if they give us 48 hours, that gives him time to go out there and shut the road like he need to have it shut. He stated that way, he doesn't have do it at four o'clock in the afternoon. That gives him two or three days to do it and then, like you said, then, if something happens, it's off us. Mr. Moore stated we didn't know until somebody called it in. He stated it was there during the night that somebody could've run into it. Chairman Freeman stated we need to make a motion to let Doug inquire into putting ordinance in place. Commissioner Worsley made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**PERSONAL VEHICLE FOR COUNTY BUSINESS:** Chairman Freeman stated there is an employee in one of the departments using his own vehicle and he didn't know why or why not of that. He stated the board needed to give Doug permission to look into that because if the transmission were to go out on the vehicle thing or the employee needed some tires, he stated he didn't know why the employee was doing it. He stated it's with the sheriff department down there and he's hauling an inmate in the vehicle. Chairman Freeman stated he didn't know what the liability was. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked if he knew if he was paid mileage or anything like that. Chairman Freeman stated I don't know. Commissioner Nixon stated no. You don't. Chairman Freeman stated there need s to be some answers to that right there. He stated give Doug permission to look into it and see. Commissioner Nixon stated she thought he gets a little gas but that's it. Chairman Freeman stated it's been it's been brought to my attention, and he was pulling a trailer also and he has the inmate in his own personal vehicle. He stated he didn't know what the deal would be if he got a wreck since it isn't a county vehicle, what the deal with the inmate. Would he be liable for it or personally, we need to look into that? Commissioner Nixon stated well that's not that's not fair to him. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated oh absolutely not, that's not fair. Andy Moore stated they had an old blazer, it's not the best in the world but if you need something, let me know. Chairman Freeman stated I don't think that is the problem, it's he's not permitted to drive for some reason. He stated but anyway, let Doug look into it and get back with us on that right there.

**GPS for county vehicles:** Chairman Freeman stated one last thing they had was putting GPS on these vehicles. He stated since the incident with Kenny Kirkland, they had a time locating the vehicle and anything like that could happen, he stated they had one, the man, the incident with that motor grader. Chairman Freeman stated he wasn't lost or nothing like that but if he didn't come in or something like that and you needed to try to find out where he was at, we need to look into that. Chairman Freeman went on to say a lot of these counties, he thought Decatur County has it on everything they got down there, and he thought the 2 motor graders, 3 of the motor graders has got it on them. He stated you just got to get download the app. He stated the John Deere's got the same thing that we agreed to buy. He stated that unless some of newer vehicles had a provision for that, we need to look into doing that. He told the board in the event we had to. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated if something bad happened. Commissioner Worsley stated we had to hunt somebody. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yes, he agreed with that. Chairman Freeman asked what they want to do that. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked do we need to make a motion to look into it. Chairman Freeman stated yes. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he made a motion to look Commissioner Worsley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Freeman asked if anybody had anything else we need to go over. He then asked Keith Bowen if he had anything. He then stated they need a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Worsley made motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.