



# Miller County Government

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Board of Commissioners



**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**  
**01/09/2023, 6:00 P.M., County Government Complex**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Vice Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Worsley, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Cox Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Austin Lambert, Douglas Cofty, Andy Moore, Earl Cox, Martha Cox, Garrison Clenney, Brit Floyd, Jeremy Miller, Elaine Miller, Richard Morgan Kathy Morgan, Paul Fryer.

Vice Chairman Calhoun calls the meeting to order. Regular session 01/09/2023 and called for a moment of silent prayer then the pledge of allegiance.

## **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Vice Chairman stated first thing we need to do is approve the agenda. Anybody got any? addition. You want to do that first? C. Edwards stated Yeah. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated ok we need to make the additions of the recreation board to the agenda and the removal of the personnel. Executive session. Can I get a motion on that. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Commissioner Worsley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so, that's approved. What else you want to do? You going to go to this, next. Alright, the next thing I guess we need to elect the officers and the committees. First thing we do is try to elect a chairman. Now I nominate Ms. Nikki to be the chairman. Are there any seconds? Commissioner Nixon stated I'll nominate Laden. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked is there any seconds. Any other nomination. Commissioner Edwards stated I nominate Allen. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated are there any seconds? Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated now we need to elect a vice chairman. Chairman Worsley stated I nominate Laden Calhoun. Vice Chairman stated any seconds? Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor motion carried. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated alright. What about the committees? Would it be at the approval to add Jeff's name to what Kreg's name was on? Will you be okay with that? Commissioner Cox stated yes Vice Chairman Calhoun stated would be easy for everybody. Chairman Worsley asked do you need a motion for that. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yes. Chairman Worsley stated I make a motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Chairman Worsley if he wanted to take over now. Chairman Worsley stated yes, I guess so.

Chairman Worsley stated first I want to welcome Commissioner Cox aboard and we really appreciate you and if you have to leave before we go, we will understand. He lost his aunt. Visitation is tonight from 7Pm to 9 PM, I think at the funeral home. I would like to open up the meeting tonight with a word of prayer.

## **FINANCIALS**

Chairman Worsley stated approval of minutes. Anyone see anything that was not correct or if it's okay, we need a motion to approval. Commissioner Nixon motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Worsley stated approval of finance financial reports. Did everybody get a chance to look them over. Any questions? Chairman Worsley called for motion. Commissioner Edwards made motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **APPEARANCES**

### **Jerry Miller - Ordinances**

Chairman Worsley stated on the appearances, Local Ordinances – Mr. Jeremy Miller. Jeremy Miller stated I ain't never done any kind of stuff. I don't even know how you do this kind of stuff. So, basically, we bought our property back in 2018, we broke ground back in September of 2022. About February the 12th, 2021. Some people bought some land behind us and you know, to put chicken houses in. Which was about 6 months into the construction of our home. So obviously that degrades our property value and stuff and the whole point of this is to kind of see about maybe having some ordinances put in place for, you know, agricultural property and stuff when it comes to you know, other people with things to try to make it where you can't just basically go in and do wrong on other people. because they actually put these chicken houses let's see, I went and I flew a drone. The only way I could kind of get an estimate, but they're estimated right now about 458 feet from my septic tank is the first chicken house. They bought like over I think around 100 acres and could have put these things way back in the back which has been away from anybody's houses or anything. But instead, they put the first chicken house 458 feet from our septic tank. And about 520 feet from our well. I actually did walk back there and I rolled a wheel off, the first chicken house is about 88 feet from the wetland. Which was to my opinion is mighty close to wetland anyways for a chicken house to be, you know, authorized to be put in the first place but it was. So, anyways, I went back. I flew the drone.

Mr. Miller stated I pulled up Georgia Assessors site and I went marked off on the map and everything and basically, if they would have taken the same amount of space that they put those chicken houses now, if they'd have moved back to the back of the property which has been away from everybody, they would have been about 1450 feet from my septic tank or 1530 feet from my well or 1640 feet from my house which has been a heck

of a lot better than you know, 524 feet. So, anyhow, I've called you know, I do water and wastewater treatment and when this all started, I tried to get the EPD involved. I tried to get Ms. Debbie Henry involved. I tried to get everybody involved. I could. Rick was trying to get people involved. I had EPD go out there because at one point, they were actually digging into the wetland. They got the guy doing at night forestry or whatever told me that they actually had water spraying out of the ground. So, they had to stop that, abandon that but it didn't do any good. So, the process and they kind of quit for a long time. You know, we went ahead and finished building the house and they just disappeared forever. I was told that maybe the funding went away for a while during COVID or something. But they came back you know and that's what got me stirred back up on this again. They started and what we've had already just so far just from them doing it. We have had now every animal that we have and we've had to pull ticks off of them. You can't even walk. Let's do the woods the other day. Ticks running up my legs. My dog who's a German shepherd we lived back there in the camper for 2 years while we built. He has a shock collar on him and we put up fence. Never had a problem with him trying to get out. He's a dangerous dog. He's gotten out like 3 times now. So, now we've had to get him out of the fence, put him in, go buy a pen, and put him in the pen because he's a nervous wreck because they're back there beating and doing everything right there by the wood line right there where he's at near the septic tank. So, we put him up front and everything and he actually chewed through the pen. He's still nervous wreck. So, we had to get another pen. So, we are out a lot of money already. It's they're so close that we've got up in the mornings when they're out there when they're putting the trusses and stuff up for the chicken houses. We have sawdust on our vehicles every morning which tells you that as soon as the houses are built, you know, all that's just going to fall right on top of us here. We're going to be miserable already, you know, breathing the stuff and smelling it anyways and we've had almost every morning decapitated rats in our garage and our cats are killing. So, we never had a problem any kind of things until they start stirring up stuff and messing with stuff which that's going to happen but either way, you know, kind of what we were thinking is maybe we should come up with some type of ordinances where maybe if you're going to do stuff like, you have to treat woods and stuff before you start disturbing or treat areas before you start pushing rodents and things on top of other people especially in a new home. when they have a house. But anyhow.

Mr. Miller stated I talked to Tyndall Enterprises and I was asking, could, you know, this actually affect our water and stuff and he said, certainly, you never say it couldn't. It could. They, if you read online, it's Georgia's all about chicken farms. So, it's all like, oh, it's just a myth. You know, they're really clean. They're not clean but nitrates and ammonia things are you have to worry about especially that close to your house and with cancer going around like it does all the time. I don't really want to be involved with it but anyways, he said to have a hydro geologic survey done that underground rivers, you know, they're flowing just like on top of the ground. If it's flowing your way, then, absolutely, it could, it could affect your water quality or if it's going to the west, it's going to affect somebody else but I'm worried about myself in this situation. Not, I don't care

about everybody else but anyhow, so anyway, what I've done so far is I went and I had like 17 soil samples done right on the wood line right on the property line. I did myself and I sent them off to with the UGA and got my results back on that and I've also can go ahead. This is a lot of water samples to Tyndall Enterprises tested for nitrates and things and what I'm going to do is just if we can't, well, our goal is to do is to try to find a nuisance law or lawyer who can handle a nuisance law because I know there's that you can get that. You just have to find somebody who specializes in it because that's it's protecting people who have chicken farms that have been established for more than a year but these happened and this is literally a nuisance on us. If I can find that, we would love a cease and desist but I know that's probably not going to happen so what we're hoping for is to maybe come to y'all and come up with a set of rules and stuff so that if we can't get rid of them, maybe we can put a set of rules in. Like I talked to my mother before. Whereas like if it's going to be, if we're going to have to smell stuff, if they're going to do, I don't know what they do with chicken house, burn offs or whatever they're going to do. Maybe they have to do that between the hours of 2 AM to 4 AM when people are in the, you know, in the bed. I, we basically, we shouldn't know that they're back there. You know, as least as basis on us as we can. that's kind of what we're wanting to what we're wanting to do and my goal is to kind of stay on top of the numbers, check it every six months maybe and if I start to see something change, I will get a lawyer. That's all I can do for that. Another thing that we're kind of bothered about is think with that program, they have to live there as part of the program and they clear out a spot to live but they're not there. They haven't done well. They haven't put a septic tank in. So, maybe it should be where you know, you actually have to be living there before you do something like that.

But this really bothered us the most, me and my wife the most because you know, we have two businesses in Colquitt and our kids go to school in Colquitt. We build in Colquitt. We do a lot for Colquitt but we try to but then it feels like, you know, they just kind of let a group of Vietnamese or Korean people. I couldn't tell what he was when I talked to him. Just come in and just do this and they're not going to bring anything to Colquitt other than funk now. We have to live with this the rest of our lives. So, I don't really know what how to handle it, you know? But that's kind of what is all about. I took some pictures and stuff so that you can kind of see. I brought my soil results and stuff but to kind of give you an idea just how close I took some drone pictures today. But yeah, this is an overview of the property. Just a general overview. This is the chicken house. That's our house back here in the back. And I've got it marked off. They actually have blocked off the natural drainage way or the old driveway used to be. When they first came in, they threw a bunch of trees down and stuff to come in and clear out the area. Well, they've yet to get those trees out. We haven't had any more rain but that's already flooded and killed all of our grape vines on the back. They've yet to get any of the sticks and trees and stuff out right here blocking that old road. So, that area floods and this is marking off about where the septic tank and the well is at. This is showing you from the wetland to the to the have these little black barriers up now. It's about 88 feet from the wetlands of the first chicken house that they've put in.

Vice Chairman Calhoun asked who owns the woods right there? Mr. Miller stated that's actually I think that's the most Anna Farms. Yeah, that's Anna Farms. That's theirs also but they can't mess with it. Yeah. So that's. Now, we got four rows of pines. We have four rows of pines right there. Yeah. Commissioner Cox stated that's the owner of the chicken house and stuff. Mr. Miller stated right. The pretty green is us and basically all that belongs to them. Commissioner Cox stated it's probably silk. Mr. Miller stated yeah. Right. Richard Morgan stated I took pictures, can I speak. Chairman Worsley stated yes. Mr. Morgan stated November the 24th of 2021 I had a conversation with Debbie Henry about this and I know that he has photos. I also have photos where they had clearly made an inlet into a pond and they had an outlet to a pond running on farmland which is totally. Mr. Miller stated I've got that on the pictures as well. I called and asked Tyndall about that as well. He said that you can't do that. You got to put him in a treatment wastewater treatment like operation. If you're going to do that, you have to treat that water and you'll see it in the pictures coming up. The ponds, it's just like he said, it's just running into the ponds and just go wherever. Haven't put any treatment facility in it at all. This is where they've blocked off the trees are still blocking off, you know, where the drain is supposed to run on both sides of that. You can see it better in that picture there. There's not. I don't think there's a culvert in there at all. Is there a culvert.

Chairman Worsley asked have you contacted EPD. EPD all that. Mr. Miller stated I had EPD. They said, basically, all they can do is just make sure that they're following as far as digging into wetland. Like my biggest thing was, you know, this should have been handled as a little bit differently. You should have to, if you're going to do something like this, you should have to stay Vice Chairman Calhoun stated that's the old road. Mr. Miller stated right. Yeah. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated and this is a new road. Mr. Miller stated right. Yeah. Mr. Morgan stated well, absolutely. I mean, if you going to have something like that coming to the community, the community ought to have some voice. What happens? Commissioner Cox asked this is the water that runs over. That's the pond, Mr. Miller stated yeah. Right. That's the pond. Their properties actually over here on this side. But there's the pond. You know, Robert's old pond is back there. Which is what they're utilizing that's their property. What I was saying was they built here. They could've pushed it way back here. Same amount of space because I marked it off with the thing and they would have been away from everybody instead of being right on top of us. And see we've also heard that they're wanting to get more chicken houses already. Jerry McNeese told me they were wanting to get approval for more. And that don't need to happen. At all. We already had to deal with it. Let's just show them the land. They have about 44 acres there plus another ten acres back that way. That they could've done anything else with, you know, which some of that after.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated looking at the field, they put them in, wasn't it? Mr. Miller stated no, they cleared all those trees out. Those are true. They cleared up where they're at. Now, it was all woods Elaine Miller stated my question why they didn't do it in the already cleared part. Mr. Miller stated yeah, they had a cleared spot in the back. We

know why it was done but we can't really bring all that up. There are other reasons to have why they did it but that's the far from this meeting. Commissioner Cox asked what you got on here? Mr. Miller stated Oh, I was actually just, this, I, I just showed all this property belongs to them. At that, that, that time, I was just showing that that's before I looked on the assessor site, I was thinking that they could have put over here, but actually some of that's wet, so they wouldn't go do anything with that. But back this way, here we go. Yeah, my house is over here. They actually own all that. I just had marked it off at first but did I missed anything.

Ms. Miller stated well, the only thing I was going to ask is that, how do you find out based on what currently permitted for or are they permitted for future construction or is that going to be something that would be in your hands? Who do we ask or how do we find out how many what we're actually facing and how many have already been permitted? So, I mean, we don't mind about asking the question whoever we need to but who you ask for that? How do y'all, can y'all find that out for us? Mr. Morgan stated I think we're at the problem more and it'll be the board's decision to set these ordinances under control this thing. Now, I could be wrong but I think it's going to be up to y'all to be able to set the pretense, and the ordinances that they have to operate on. Ms. Miller stated because what's it going to do to our property value? Mr. Miller stated exactly. Ms. Miller stated well, I was just going to say that. We actually were getting our permanent mortgage for this house that we just built. Our appraiser told us not to even tell them what was going on back there that he knew but it would affect our value. So, not to say anything. So, he was going to act as if it was not even there so that we can get our permit. Mr. Miller stated well, basically, we bought and flipped what, four houses in our life, been through fires and hurricanes to build the houses. Ultimately, what we wanted to do and it was a perfect spot and then, this happened. So, we're not happy about it at all. So, it's not, it's just one of those things but.

Ms. Miller stated It's one thing to consider as you guys are deciding what ordinances that you can put into place and how she can handle. I think one big element is communication because had they realized, well, whichever one was permitted first year, me and them were permitted first but before you okay, or, or allow to permit something that's going to have this big of an impact, you want to bring the parties together because if he had had any idea in the lane that this was what was in their future, they would not have invested that much money to build that much house, but by the time the permit went through to the chicken houses, they're already \$100,000 in it or more at that time. So, that's a, it's not like you could just say, well, never mind, then we don't want to live there. You know, so, that sort of Communication is not something that when they build in good faith that they could possibly know. So, that might be an element that when you get ready to build, you can't know what future permits are going to be asked for but if you would know that before somebody put in on the pig farm or a junkyard or a chicken farm. Chairman Worsley stated we may be able to look at maybe have an impact study done on something before we allow them to go forward. Let that be important in the building permit process. Ms. Miller stated well, and I mean, honestly, have you, had there been

some sort of process in place where all the, the people who have adjoining property come together. Most problems can be resolved but obviously, the first thing you would have done would have been leave the foliage screen that was already in place around that wetland so that aesthetically, it's more appealing. You don't see chicken houses when you're riding past or in the yard and then also with the smell. I mean, there's really not. Mr. Miller stated we get that every day now. We used to get, oh, it's a beautiful house. Now, what do we, what do they say every day How do y'all feel about them eight chicken houses going up behind you all. Everybody sees it now. That's what we get now. That's exactly what we are in the house in front of you. Chairman Worsley stated I'm familiar with that whenever Rathel had his over there that storm tore them down or something other you know, but man when the wind shifted just right or they were cleaning them out. It was tough. Mr. Miller stated Yeah. Oh yeah.

Ms. Miller stated see that's what Sammy said. He said we have one set of chicken houses. That's one thing. But they cycle off. So, where you might have the smell or the bad time of moving the manure and burning chickens or whatever once every 10 days or it will happen. whatever happens to be. When you've got multiple houses, multiple groups of houses, you're always going to be experiencing the negative stuff because maybe group A is doing it on Monday, group B is doing it on Tuesday. So, you can never get away from that and the other thing is that just common sense says that when it's somebody who is invested in the communion, he already, people who have neighbors, who have friends, who have businesses already own farmland here. It's more in their best interest to communicate with their neighbors. They're here. The guy who came the very first day that is building these chicken houses about the third sentence he said with a smirk on his face was you don't want us here, do you? And we were just shocked but he would say something like that. He thought it was funny and Jeremy said, no. My, if you're coming and you're going to be part of the community and go to school here and do all this stuff, more power to you, come on. But no, if you're going to tear up this beautiful, these beautiful woods and leave some ugly, you know, what, chicken houses for us to deal with. Yeah, I got. Mr. Miller stated I actually said if you're going to hold your tradition and line up filing bankruptcy and changing hands and you don't really care about this place, then, yeah, know, we got a problem with it, you know.

We have a big problem with it. It's different if you bought chicken houses behind me or like Rick LaGuardia, wanted to buy the property one time. He had done it. It different. It still would have been bad but it would have been a little bit different because it would have been even easier to go to somebody local and say, hey, Man. Things are starting to start really, you know, state. You need to do so but these people ain't going to be, it ain't going to be like that. So, Mr. Morgan stated they're not going to pay any taxes. Mr. Miller stated No, they're not going to pay taxes. They don't do anything. Ms. Miller stated well, that was my question. What kind of revenue do we get off of this from the county's perspective? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I don't really know. I mean, do we get a lot of tax dollars and stuff or do they get so many grants that. Chairman Worsley stated I know that David Clements pays a lot of taxes on those chicken houses but I don't know about

this bunch y'all talking about. I don't know. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I would think they would have to pay property tax. They may not have to pay something else but. Ms. Miller stated I mean surely economic impact is something that the county would consider before they were approved anything. Chairman Worsley stated all I know we can check with Jerry McNease again in the morning. I'll personally talk to him, if he is in and then we were contacting our county attorney and discussed it with him. And then our say they we'll get an idea which way we need to proceed and protect this from ever happening again. Mr. Miller stated yeah, because just FYI, I've heard rumors that somebody's wanting to put something across from the golf course, too. So, if so, it's not done. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, I heard. Mr. Miller stated it will be, there will be chicken house across from the golf course also and that ain't good for Colquitt either, but that's not my problem, but still that's, that's another reason why something needs to be done. Mr. Morgan stated that's what we want to make sure of. We, we're already stuck in a situation that we don't think that we're going to be able to get out of it because nobody's going to be able to help us now. But we want to make sure that our fellow citizens and the individuals that live in our community do not end up in the same situation again. Ms. Miller stated we may not be able to stop the eight chicken houses that are there but we need to stop anymore coming to the to the property that's there. I mean, I want to protect the ones that are there. Mr. Miller stated we'll try it. We'll see.

Chairman Worsley stated you all got any suggestions on this situation? Mr. Cofty stated that's what Mr. Jerry McNeese is wanting to talk to y'all about. He has the all the PDFs on I mean ordinances on PDF. He wants to sit down with you and basically like somebody mention a racetrack ordinance. We need all those types of ordinances because we don't have them now. The whole entire county is structured for agriculture. So, he's wanting to sit down with you, go over. He, when he gets, he wants to go over you and then you guys approve him one at a time. That way, we will actually have ordinances that will defeat this stuff in the in the future. Mr. Morgan stated and actually, you know, as far as the county commission is concerned and this is none of my business but y'all can do disorderly conduct. Y'all can do a lot of ordinances and put them in effect and make them into the law and where you get 20% of the fine from the state charge, you get 80% of the fine from the county charge. You give a lot more. You know, that's just, I mean, we need more ordinances in this county. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, we'll get to work on that. We'll see what we can do. Alright. Mr. Miller stated like, all we own is just, it's going to be there. If we can't get them to stop, if we can't find the lawyer, who can do anything? I doubt we can. Okay, really look forward to be honest with you. We're rich, man. We could. But anyway, if we can't and at least at least let's just come up with some rules and stuff to make it where we don't know they're back there now. Ms. Miller stated I mean, you know, and if you need some sort of community, survey or something. If you need to know that other people feel the same way and that it's not just small. I mean if there's things that you need, I do the help so that you got that information in front of you. It's kind of like, y'all are just starting out welcome, you know, whole new year and all that. So, thank you for that but it's a big thing to dump on. So, as you're trying to decide what is the best way and you need to know how impactful it is across the county. If we were



thinking to go ahead and get a petition but that almost sounds like trying to twist your arm or something I'd rather not be that way but if that's something that would be beneficial for you guys to know how the rest of the county feels. You know, just let us know when we work on that. Chairman Worsley stated well, we will get to work on in the morning. Alright.

### **Recreation Board**

Chairman Worsley stated next, we might as well go ahead and slide this in, next is Recreation board. Doug what do we got with the recreation board. Mr. Cofty stated alright, so you know we all met Friday with the city at the City County Retreat. And you guys had elected with them to change the structure of the board to mayor, city manager, county manager, chairman of the board, and a person at large. I'm talking with them now as change that person at large to another commissioner. That way, it is actually a true authority board and the county still will have the three seats versus the two and you know, the financials. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated and that's just legally right because we will be handling the money if it's a governing board. So, you don't want just to have person in the community. Mr. Cofty stated I talked with Cory today and he was ok with that. But I just need you guys to approve moving forward so I can go and get that resolution drawn up. Chairman Worsley stated alright, I recommend we do that. Everyone was at that meeting. We know what it's about. Do we have a motion to move forward. Commissioner Edwards made motion, Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Fueling Center Report**

Chairman Worsley stated okay, let's go to old business. Fueling Center report. Everyone seen it. It seemed to be doing pretty good. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir. We're still not having to pull out money from anywhere. It's just generating its own revenue.

#### **Fueling Center Gates/Fence**

Chairman Worsley stated okay, Fueling Center fence gates. Mr. Cofty stated so, if you look at that picture, there's also another truck out there parked. I didn't go over and talk to him but I did talk with the fence guy and he said that the material was getting hard to get so, he's still waiting on quotes. It's been, it's rough in and out. So, if I don't get a quote from him soon, I'm going to reach out to somebody else but we are getting quotes for that fence. I just want to make y'all aware about this tonight.

Alright,

## **John Deere Tractor and mower - USDA**

Chairman Worsley stated next on the agenda is USDA Tractor and mower. The John Deere Place has already got it all put together down there. They got weights to get everything ready to go. Got the mower behind it. And so, we got to look at the financing. what have we come up with here Doug? Mr. Cofty stated alright, so first we need you to get. y'all need to approve that \$114,900. Chairman Worsley stated okay. Mr. Cofty stated because you all did it on the phone, text. We need a formal vote to approve that money. Chairman Worsley stated okay, we need a motion to approve that amount of back. Let's say keep in mind we get \$50000 back, you know, on the grant towards purchase. Do we have a motion to proceed forward with that? Commissioner Nixon made motion, Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Alright. Now, we. Chairman Worsley stated so then next, Mr. Cofty stated Mr. Allen, on the tractor trade in we had an initial price of 17,000.00. I think it's down to 12,500. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, it's down to 12,500. Mr. Cofty stated so to keep from having to surplus, what we need to do is actually let them put that on the trade in. They need to take that off and then I reached out to First State Bank, Peoples South and they actually gave us the, it's in your packets, the rates that they're going to do. Faye said that is probably better for us to go to John Deere and let them finance it.

Ms. Whittaker stated if its only for a month or two because we already have credit with them. Then we could just pay off John Deere Financial. It would be easier than getting another note. But since it was long term, I'd say, you know, shop around but we're not talking that long. Mr. Cofty stated yeah, probably 3 months. Ms. Whittaker stated until we pay it off and so we can just write, you know, they're already set up. We just write them and check and pay. Mr. Cofty stated but we did receive the invoice today for the 114,900. So, we haven't picked up the tractor yet so we're not going to cut them a check but what we need them to do is go back and take the 12,500 if you guys agree to the 12,500, take that off from that 114,900 and then whatever the balance is we will go to John Deere Financial. Chairman Worsley stated everybody get that. So, are y'all good at making a motion to proceed forward and accept the 12,500 on the trade in on the old tractors. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Worsley stated now we need to make a motion to go with John Deere finance on the finance. So, it's going to be a short term, very short. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **Animal Rescue Alliance**

Chairman Worsley stated alright, next on the agenda Animal Rescue Alliance. Y'all seen that letter in your packet, correct? Doug, would you tell us the gist of it. Mr. Cofty stated in the last meeting Mr. Kreg had stated he was going to reach out to the lady and let her know and let her know what you guys have approved the 2675.00, for the contract but the amount of taxes owed was going to be the contract. Well, I actually reached out to her and she will not accept that. She basically said that is the tax abatements between

you and the other lady and that we need to sign a full contract. She said or forget but she didn't really word it like that but yeah, I'd say that. She said they were full but that city of Iron City signed it, the city of Colquitt signed it and Seminole County and I just advised her. I said, look, they're trying to help out both parties. The lady that owns the building and also you and she said, well, that's not between me. So, I would just prefer you sign for a contract. I mean if the city of Colquitt has already got a contract with him, why can't we contract with the city of Colquitt and do it somehow way. I mean, that's what I was. Chairman Worsley stated if she didn't want that we take that offer off the table that we give them because I think it was very generous. You know, and they're apparently not satisfied with it. Commissioner Nixon asked and how much were they wanting? Mr. Cofty stated theirs was \$100 per dog per day and then like 25 or 35 per hour for somebody to come in after hours. Ms. Whittaker stated it will depend on how many dogs you make. Mr. Cofty stated and like I say you guys just find out how much the building owner owed on taxes. And then you were going to give the business owner that amount and then heard another lady to work out the difference. And that way. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated like 2500 or something like that.

Chairman Worsley stated about \$2500. Mr. Cofty stated well, actually, I think it's 2675.00. Chairman Worsley stated you know, and I thought we would be in generous. So, I would suggest that we pull that offer off the table. Mm hmm. And then if we have any problem with this contract with the city, then, they can take care of them with them down there. And then we'll pay for per dog then. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah, I'd like to know how much we going to spend in a year. I mean, like I might can get behind 2675.00 going towards I mean I don't know sounds like its 100.00 a day. You run up a bill pretty quick. Mr. Cofty stated well, that's what it was going to be. It was going to be 2675.00, what our yearly annual contract was going to be and she basically. Chairman Worsley stated what I was talking about, It didn't matter if you have one dog or you had 100 dogs. You know, that's what we were basically. So, what y'all feelings on that one? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'm okay with that. Mr. Cofty stated well, she told me they were full anyway at the time. So, she didn't really act like it was pressing. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated full capacity already? Wow. So, we need to go ahead and remove that offer. Mr. Cofty stated I think we should and then let me talk to the city. Maybe we can do some kind of contracting with them to them take our dogs down there. Chairman Worsley stated alright, we need a motion to remove that offer. Commissioner Edwards made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Vehicle Purchase – Sheriff's Office**

Chairman Worsley stated next is new business. Approval of vehicle purchase for the sheriff. Doug did you go look at it. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir I did. Actually, me and Brett Austin and the sheriff went up there and look at it. Drove it. Everything's fine. There's no problem. The equipment alone is more than what they're going to sell for. So, you guys did a phone poll and everyone, I didn't hear back from Ms. Christine but every one of you

said as long as he had the money and I think he's got close to 45,000 or, 50,000 in SPLOST now. Chairman Worsley stated so, we made a motion. Mr. Cofty stated yes. Chairman Worsley stated we need a motion to go ahead and let the sheriff purchase that vehicle. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **GDOT Meeting**

Chairman Worsley stated alright, we got the GDOT STIP meeting, January 13th. Where is that going to be. Mr. Cofty stated I'll be here. We'll do a Zoom meeting, I need to know who will be attending. If I have 3 commissioners, I'll have to advertise the meeting, if you can give me an answer tomorrow the next day. I know that Andy, Andy is going to be here and what that is, they're basically saying that they have no projects for the next couple of years in Miller County. So, they wanted to kind of get with us. I asked them about paving and they stated paving is not part of it. Road widening is. If I can talk them into electric chargers back here in the park, they may pave the parking lot as well. So, I mean, we just need to throw different things out there and see there's something that we can do. Chairman Worsley stated they will pay or they will do widening. Mr. Cofty stated that's what thy said widening. Chairman Worsley asked what kind of match is it? Mr. Cofty stated you know, he did say there was any matches. Mr. Cofty asked Commissioner Cox do you know anything about the program? Commissioner Cox stated not really. Mr. Moore stated if it comes out of any kind of LMIG, it'll still have a 30% match but you're still talking it's a lot of money that you can get your hands on. You know.

Vice Chairman Calhoun asked you got any projects in mind? Mr. Cofty stated they didn't say that we would have to pay for it. It's they're wanting to do the project. Mr. Moore stated right, there there's some projects out there right now that they're like thing we just did. I mean, we did 80 something miles of signs and strapping. It had a couple stipulations but it did cost the county anything. Right. You know, we did it and they did it and there's some more programs out there like Doug said we going to meet with them and see what their stipulations are or is it there are some programs in LMIG more than just our LMIG money we pave with. We just never could really apply a lot because we didn't have a lot of match money, you know, to do but one project but now, we kind of little better shape. You can get in in a program that'll widen the road and it may still have a 30% match but then you have you know 30 percent on the dollar. Yeah. For what money you can get coming in and then, you know, keep going with your paving projects too. We will know more about it when we have this meeting. To which way it's going to go because there are programs out there that they're trying to push. We got money we need to spend it. And they are not charging anything or they may say it's got a little act or whatever. Our county is rated at 30% and they got a formula the way they rate, you know, by population, miles of road, and ours is 30%. So, it comes out of LMIG, you won't be able 30% but that'll go a long way on widening roads. Chairman Worsley stated Cooktown Road really needs widening before resurfaced like we done Bellview. Mr. Cofty stated so, basically, I just need to know if, I like all y'all, but I really just need 2 so I don't have to advertise it. Chairman Worsley asked when it is. Mr. Cofty stated it's Friday the

13th at 10 AM. Chairman Worsley stated Okay I will try to attend. Mr. Cofty stated I think Mr. Jeff, I talked to you. Commissioner Cox asked Laden. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I will have to see. I had to see if we are going to the ballgame. Chairman Worsley stated okay, we'll wait and see a little bit more what we are detailing with on that. Alright, next on the agenda.

### **Congressman Bishop's 2023 Appropriation Package**

Congressman Bishop's 2023 appropriation package. Paul Fryer stated yes, sir. How are you? Just want to say, I know y'all are busy tonight. Greetings for the New Year from Congressman Bishop, as you know congress passed right before the end of 2022. The omnibus bill and they were partial that were they were controversial certainly but it did pass both houses and get signed by the president and the benefit to Miller County will be you will receive and 161,167 for your 911 system consoles upgrade and there is a match in there. I think the project total was 217,000. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir. no. Mr. Fryer stated so, you will begin basically three for one if this works out but it's that has passed and it will probably take I will say, six months or more to get the actual money. I don't know exactly what it I think is a FEMA grant, isn't that right? Mr. Cofty stated it is through Homeland Security. Mr. Fryer stated yes. Homeland Security, I'm sorry. So, it'll be a non-competitive grant. You still have to kind of tag all the bases and go through a grant process but it will be noncompetitive but you have to sign off on it for saying you're going to use the money for what you say you're going to use it for and that sort of thing but it's a done deal otherwise. I will report briefly the we became aware that Miller County could not communicate hardly at with the adjoining counties as far as the law enforcement and it became a serious issue with Justin Bedwell that got killed down here in Brinson and the Miller County officers were up there essentially flying blind because they couldn't communicate with them and so we were trying to put in for money for Miller County to get, you know, their system, your system upgraded.

The way it came is that the Regional Commission out of Camilla will receive \$3.9 million dollars to be allocated to the counties that need these new systems and then we they may run out of money before they run out of systems because there's a lot of counties that don't have the updated system a lot of cities So it'll hopefully the money will go you know be used the best possible way but at least it's a step in the right direction. I'll just say briefly that the city of Colquitt some of you may live in Colquitt is going to receive a 1872000 for their sewage treatment plant so and there's a 20% match on that by the way. So, not as money is free but it's the mission's coming back home. So, so we've glad to report that to you and anything you need or ideas or thing we might be able to work on please let me know. We'll try to respond and I'll leave some cards over here. I know most of y'all, you know, and welcome Mr. Cox. Commissioner Cox stated thank you sir. So, we'll try to be responsive to your needs. Chairman Worsley stated yes sir we appreciate it.

## **TANS Note**

Chairman Worsley stated TANS note. Ms. Whittaker stated I need permission. Go ahead and pay that off and get him to have another one just so we have it when we need it during the year. He'll just need the minutes of you all approving it. I need to pay it off. I told him once y'all approved it I would have it up there tomorrow. Chairman Worsley stated alright do we have a motion to go ahead and pay the TANSs note off. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so moved, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **USDA Vehicle Loan Renewals**

Chairman Worsley stated Renew USDA Vehicle loan. Ms. Whittaker stated yes that is because we can't do a 10 year note. It has to be redone every year. So, we're paying 10% each year for 10 years. So, I need to make a payment which is coming out of all the SPLOSTs that got vehicles and then we'll have the banks these minutes saying, y'all were approving him to pretty much do another note for 9 years. Chairman Worsley stated okay. Ms. Whittaker stated and I just need that in a minute. The two, the chairman and vice chair will have to sign on that. Chairman Worsley stated Okay, do we have a motion for that? Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion. Commissioner Edwards second. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **Departments**

Chairman Worsley stated Alright, the next thing on the agenda is Departments. We got road department, Andy you got dump site personnel, LME projects, and DOT projects. Mr. Moore stated yeah, the dump site here recently when they guy that worked our dump site had to have some surgery. We found someone else, you know, to fill in while he was out. Well, our normal guys came back but you know, then that leaves us kind of with some options at the dump site. You know, we people had people wanting us to look for a spot on the other side of town. Open dump side up maybe more days a week. But what I'd like to do until we kind of can make some of those decisions, we're shorthanded at the road department. I'm going to let him help put out cool patch, fix signs, stuff like that, you know, and I got, you know, open salaries and he's can still work to part time and maybe we can look at some of the other options to see if we wanted to do anything instead of just cutting loose, you know, until we decide because we get a lot of people, you know, that have to drive a long way to the dump site and you know, something we may ought to put back on the table and look at and see if we can find another spot or who opened the dump site. You know, a lot of people wants it open 6 days a week. It's something for y'all to think about. I'd like to just keep him on for right now and help us put out cold patch fix signs, help people move, little odd jobs, and he said he was, you know, willing to do that and then maybe we can look at making some decisions on something else. If that's what y'all want to.

Chairman Worsley asked everybody okay with that? Commissioner Edwards stated well, you're saying that you have a position open anyway, don't you? Mr. Moore sated yes, ma'am. And you know, a lot of things like putting out coal patch. That's something we

kind of need to be staying on top of fixing these potholes and it's something that, you know, he can kind of go do by itself every day or we have a sign down. He can go do that because he's short-handed. We are, we're working on a project. We get a stop sign now. We have stopped while we do it and usually if one man's gone, it stops whole. It stops everything. You know, and he could be somebody or we got to a man that needs to move from one road to another, he can go help him move and kind of saves us but we can stay working on the bigger jobs and kind of a handy, kind of like a handyman, you know, just doing odd jobs but then, you know, we do sometimes need to fill in at the dump site because somebody's out or it would leave us open because it's hard to find somebody that'll work on Saturday. When you opened up on Saturday. It's very hard to find somebody that will be dependable and both of these guys have showed that they're dependable to be there and only, you know, on the job and the complaints we get about not being open six days a week or not having a dump site on the other side of the county. You know, it's maybe something we should look at. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I don't think anybody would complain about opening six days a week at the dump or having another spot. Mr. Moore stated I mean, I was just bringing that option. I really didn't want to just say, hey, guy. You know, I don't have a job for you anymore when I really got something that he can do to help us until maybe we can look at.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated but if we open another site, we got to have electricity and water and all that kind of stuff, right? Mr. Moore stated to be honest the site that I've thought about and we'd have to get with back with the same people. We had it with but you know, Cory and them have the old fire station. So, there's that little dirt road right there that used to be old landfill right there that the county had a landfill there. Well, right behind that, you know, it's a small area. It joins Rock Road. If they would let us open one up kind of behind there, Vice Chairman Calhoun asked don't we have to have electricity and water? Mr. Moore stated well, there's electricity to the fire station so we can get it. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked didn't we run into something, we had to have a bathroom for him. Mr. Moore stated we have a porta potty. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah. Mr. Moore stated well, they got that fenced off and locked up because they don't use it every day. It's a training station. That we can handle very simply if we open up another site like, you know, we put in another porta potty. We get some electricity there where they can have lights in the building. But there is electricity there that we can tie on to. At the other side they wanted us to pay a fortune because there's not a light line there at all. I don't know if they would let us but that was just a site that come to mind to me. It's off of 91. The visibility of it's not as great and we're managing our dump site better too. We had a little mess over the weekend but we had a little wind. You know, we picked up some other day and tomorrow the dump site guys will be back. They going to, you know, clean it up a little better and you know, you have to maintain it but. Those are things that we can handle but I didn't want to just cut this guy loose. And then us look at look at other options when we got a good, dependable man that if we wanted to move him back to a dump site, we'd have somebody already me. I'll make it very clear to him if we get a full-time position. You know, somebody walks in the door that we can take on full time that, you know, he would have to step back at that time but you know, we've

been shorthanded for several years and I didn't see that happening in the next week or two. So, he agreed to all that and he's willing to work. So, I just kind of wanted to keep him around too. And bring some of those other options to y'all for something we can look at in the future because there's a lot of people on that side of the county that drive a long way to come over to this side of the county, you know, and I hated that we lost the other one but they took it away from us and one thing it was on 91. This is a site that'll be more secluded, Vice Chairman Calhoun asked how much cleaning up would you have to do to get it, get the site ready? Mr. Moore stated it's not much. There's, you know, a few pine trees and some scrub trees there. Nothing that we can't handle. You know, I mean, I really, Ladon really hadn't just rode out there and put my finger on it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated if you had an excavator out there and you'd have it ready to go properly. Mr. Moore stated I can probably handle that for you if you just wanted it. You know, we don't have to put a big facility there. I mean with the city taking over, you know, they haul a lot more regular than what we were doing before. So, we could have a smaller site than what we had before and still be able to maintain it, I think. Oh yeah. But it'd be worth looking in.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they can work it probably faster than that other crowd was working it. If you got in a tie, you make a call and they come. Mr. Moore stated yeah. if nothing else, they drop a dumpster if they couldn't haul it. They could drop another dumpster to keep from getting full, till they get up. We got a little more control. Now that You know, the City's involved with us instead of you know, a company that is in Lee County. There's a lot more options on the table if y'all want to look at it. We and that's not the only place. I mean, you over that way. You could ask around. Somebody might get, you know, let us have a spot or just have a look around but think a lot of citizens will be happy to see a site open back up on that side of the county. A lot of people left home and they come to work in Colquitt and they ride you know, in the morning time or on their way home and drop her trash out. Well, now, they have to driveway on the other side of town and then go back that way. So, it is an option. You know, if y'all want to think about it, it's just something to think about but I wanted to keep the man around. Commissioner Edwards stated absolutely. Mr. Moore stated so, then we had time to think about it.

Chairman Worsley stated what about your road grader operator. Mr. Moore stated we do have the opportunity to take on a motor grader operator that is an experienced motivator operator. I can handle with us being shorthanded for as long in budget. I can kind of handle the salary because it's different than a starting salary until July but in July, if I take him on, y'all have to help me with it. You know, to keep him on. Because it'll add a little more money in budget. You know, when we when we do a new budget, we'll have to, it's not a lot of money at all. But it will be more than what we are spend now. But I'd really like to take him on because Commissioner Edwards asked is there a way that you could train him? I mean by July Chairman Worsley stated this guy is already trained. Commissioner Edwards stated Okay. I got you. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated what he is saying is he's going to start him out higher than normal. Commissioner Edwards stated



yeah, I got you. Mr. Moore stated yeah instead of a walk on pay. It's going to take a little more to bring him home and then walk on. And it would free me up to have a man to where I can have my excavator running every day. And naturally we need to be cleaning up some of these dirt roads and highways. And it was just help with what? Help our guy and add this guy. I could move and keep another piece of machinery running all day long every day. But I do think that we're alright by us not having our full salaries till July but in July, naturally, it would add a couple more thousand dollars to, you know, our labor and I wanted to run that by y'all before I did and see if y'all were alright with. Chairman Worsley asked what will you start out at. Mr. Moore stated if you start out, motor grader guys at 14.00 and then we try to move them up, you know, a little more and then probably go, you know, probably going to take about 15 to keep him. Chairman Worsley stated what I'm looking to get is an experienced man out there on a piece of equipment. It's going to save in the long run having experienced people walk thru the door. Mr. Moore stated the Chairman of the Board in Decatur County is one of his commendations and I know the man, and you know, like I say, I don't always start y'all a little low for 90 days and after 90 days, if you can do what you said, you can do and you're performing like he is. I'll move you up too. You know, a good running pay. And I think it'd be a real asset if we took him on while we can get because this man's a hard worker. You know, his past history shows he's hard worker. Kind of know a little bit about the situation. I think it would be an asset to us but you know, naturally, we'll try in 90 days at a certain price and then we'll move him up. If y'all agreed to do. Chairman Worsley asked how do y'all feel about it? The board was in agreement. Mr. Moore stated you all good with it all. I mean, he may be found a job, this guy's going to find a job quick and I kind of put him off about a week before I can talk to y'all about it but can't bring him on board

On our LMIG money, we got to fill out our paperwork. We got to apply for our grant. We got a February 1st deadline so we need to decide what we want to put on the paperwork and let you know that it gets signed. We have to put a letter but we got two options that I see and y'all may have another one. We've all talked about Cooktown Road my thing with Cooktown Road is I think it needs to be widened. It's got a lot of farm traffic on it. It's farm traffic all the way up and down into Carey's farm and into the in the Baker County. I think the road needs to be widened and do it just like we did Bellview Road, widen it, and resurface it. But we have a problem on Grimsley Road. Jeff might be familiar with some of it. You know, we had a problem up around Bush Road on 91 and they didn't really do any damage to us but we get a little bit of water faster because the drain got cleaned out. We got a drain on Grimsley Road that is fixing to blow the road out. It's already sinking. It's got a bad dipl. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked right there when you get to the Robertson's right there. Mr. Moore stated right there.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it's been like that for a long time. Mr. Moore stated well, it's getting worse. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah but been like that for 20 years. Mr. Moore stated yeah but is actually getting worse right there that we going to have to fix that drain and we already started paving that road. I mean, why not pitch the drain, finish the two miles road, try to get this grant that we're talking about to start widening and

then, we going to have money left, you know, in this LMIG program that we can move and be widened on Cooktown too between what we're talking about Friday, our LMIG, and we going to solve a big problem because that that's going to collapse. You know, I mean, it's going to cave in overnight one night and then, we going to be stuck kind of fixing it out of pocket. Chairman Worsley stated if you hit it now. It will nearabout. Mr. Moore stated it's getting worse. I'm, you know, starting to get some calls about it and I know I've been on it and checked it. It is, it's back a little bit from the drain. Most likely, in my experience, what we probably got is an underground stream right there and when we get big rains, when it gets to that sewage pipe and all that water can't go so it spreads and it makes this part of the road soft and then that weight's caving it in and eventually, it'll undermine it. When we fix it, we need to put in a French drain right there to handle that underground stream and when it gets there, it'll have somewhere to drain. We'll do. You know, it's a process but we messed up and did that on Thompson town and we kind of cut some corners and I had to go back and redo it. I wanted to put in a French drain on it to start with and everybody said, no, let's just fix it and see what happens. Well, a year later, I had to go dig it up and we had to put a French drain in. This one, I would do saying, you know, I would start off, put a French drain in it, fix it, and I would finish resurfacing in that two miles and I would move to Cooktown.

Chairman Worsley stated and that road would be through with and you don't have to worry about it for a long time. Mr. Moore stated but have y'all want to, y'all got any different ideas? You know, , we look at all options, but far as me, I think we'll fix a problem that we fix them to have, and get, we'll finish a road out that we've already started on, then we can with the rest of the money and maybe we'll get some of this other money. We'll start on Cooktown. We'll work on it till we get finished. you know, it's going to take several years. You know, to do the Cooktown but. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, we had started on Grimley Road and then we pulled off a bit because of the shape that Bellview was in, that road was dangerous. Very dangerous. And so, I would like to recommend we finish out that fix that drain before it finally collapsed because you had to hit it just right now. I know where these spots are, you know, but it's getting worse all the way across the road now. It's starting to sink. Mr. Moore yeah, as Allen said, that's one reason it got what paving it got because we had a place that caved in and actually came in two or three times. And we finally just had to go in there and I took it apart and you know, fixed it, put a French drain in it, and then we come back over and resurfaced it and we hadn't had any more problem. We don't have this problem, same problem down the road. You know, I mean, it's already getting worse and worse and eventually, we're going to wake up one morning. They're going to be a big giant hole right there. We're going to have to do something with it. But it's totally up y'all. My recommendation we either do that, move to Cooktown either start on Cooktown or do Cooktown. You know, I mean, that's. Cooktown definitely needs.

Chairman Worsley asked are you all good with that plan. Commissioner Cox stated if it's a safety hazard by all means, yeah. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, it definitely is. You have to hit it here right now. If you don't, you just about get airborne when you hit it.

Does that needs to be in a form of a motion there to do that. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir. Chairman Worsley stated alright. Well, we need a motion to move forward with it on finishing up. Grimsley Road, repairing that dip, and moving on forward to finish paving it, researching, and then move on. I'll look at the dip both ways. When if we're going to resurface, a lot of times when we got a major project like that, like we had it on Bellview at Luke Cook's house. When Oxford or whoever, you know, we'll take bids, but Oxford did that one. We let them where we wouldn't have a future problem of if that dip come back that's where you didn't fix it good and it didn't change the they didn't charge a whole lot to go in there and fix it and they got better packing equipment than we do if we have to fix it ourselves we will we did we did a big project on Moulton Road we've not had any problem out of but I always like to look at that two ways if it's cheap for us to let the company just go pave it fix it as it would be for us to fix it. We won't have that problem where if something happens, we call them say, hey, your work didn't hold up, your paving's going away. We got a dip again in the road. They'll come back and fix it.

Chairman Worsley stated the liability falls on them. Mr. Moore stated the liability falls on them. Where if we fix the, we fix the dip, then we have a problem with the asphalt or anything there. They going to say, well, you didn't fix it, right? You know, and then we have to pay to come back, fix the pavement and the dip. But we can, we'll look at both ways or make that decision. But we'll do the paperwork on it. However, y'all want to do it. But we do need to get it signed and sent in. So, we do have February first deadline to get it turned in. Chairman Worsley stated we need a motion to proceed forward to do that work on Grimsley Road. Finish resurfacing it. And then moving on over to Cooktown Road and get started with it. Do we have a motion on that. Mr. Moore stated do y'all want to widen Cooktown? Like we did Bellevue. I see Ladon because I know they work out it. To me, there there's more farming on Cooktown Road than about any road in town. I mean, it it's got semis on it, big tractors on it. I mean, it's just a. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated how we did it by Bellview, I haven't heard nobody complain about Bellview. Chairman Worsley stated you take, you go by and look at Helms Rd we had done just the normal width. And right now, the sides of the roads are just getting bad, you know. I would strongly recommend widening that road because it seems to be holding up so much better. Okay, we need a motion to proceed forward with that. We have a motion. Commissioner Nixon stated I'll make the motion. Commissioner Cox seconded, All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Worsley stated okay Andy you've got DOT projects. Mr. Moore stated our DO you know we got these projects coming up and what I'd like to do is the dirt part of Avenue and Griffin Sheffield Road I want to go ahead and do some pretty extensive work on them and get them and kind of get ahead of the game because those are going to become some detour roads on starting design this evening and we started cutting on Avenue Road in the cutting the bushes back I'm going to move the limb cutter in there get it trimmed back just tied on them or take the weeds out but then we going to trim the trees. We know what's left. I want to jump out there and ditch them real hard and look at any problems we got because both of these roads are dirt but they

going to become very heavy used crossover roads for our local travel. You know, because local people, if they come up 91, they going to detour across Griffin Sheffield to hit Cooktown to come on in town because that's going to be their closest route. Bellview, they going to probably hit Avenue and cut across to 91. That'll get ahead of ahead of that project to come on in because of you. I don't know exact dates on either one of these projects but looking like there's going to be a time in there that we are going to need these roads. I'd like to go ahead and get them done. I just want to let you all know kind of that we were going to hit these roads real hard. Get them ditched. See about any drainage problems. I know Jeff probably seen on Avenue at the irrigation system. They got drain tile in that field. We may have to put in a piece of pipe right there to get that water to come across the road on Avenue Road but I want to go ahead and start looking at some of these problems because these are going to be some heavy used roads while these projects are going on. Just kind of wanted to let you know that there's going to be some ditching going on that some of the farmers in the past hadn't wanted a ditch there because they got some fields there. During this time that this project was here, I kind of need those ditches to be on these roads. If later on, they want to maybe do away with them at some of these little fields. We'll deal with that but right now want to put a ditch all the way down both sides of the road. Because I got some water that comes off of those fields that gets into those roads and probably going to need to slow that down some when we take on a lot of car traffic because a lot of people going to back have small cars and we need to kind of get these roads ditched up. Get a good crown in them. And go ahead and get them packed back in and see if kind of go to looking at rain and see if we got any problems and try to repair those and get those roads where they'll be solid for this detour traffic.

Chairman Worsley stated Andy, you are the road superintendent, you know what need to happen for my part. Mr. Moore stated well, I know that but I mean, I just want to let y'all know that there's going to be some places that probably somebody's going to call, say, hey, I didn't want to ditch there or whatever but and I don't have a problem if they don't later on but right now, I kind of want ditches on both sides of the road because I need the dirt to get back in the road and some of it I have some washes right there that I need to stop those washes for this heavy traffic because it's going to be a lot more traffic than kind of our normal traffic. And they probably going to call and say, hey, you know, we never had a ditch there before and now there's a ditch there. We don't want it to. kind of for this length of time at the time we need those we need that section the road ditch because there's a lot of water that runs down through there. They going to try to calm some of that down. We got a couple little places that we got to work on Avenue Road that, you know, we have some water issues on that road that we're going to take on a lot of traffic. They need to be a little better of shape than what they normally are. Chairman Worsley stated Andy give us a big blessing. I don't know if anybody seen that big two mountains of dirt down there at the road department. Mr. Moore stated yeah, right now, we got, we got about 400 loads of dirt coming in. So, we're dealing with that right now. We're trying to stack dirt, I mean, it's taking a little way from us but we got 400 free loads of dirt that come in and. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked where did that come. Mr. Moore

stated across the road. Mike Floyd, he gave it to us. So, we are gracious. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we need to remember that if we ever need something. Mr. Moore stated we graciously took it. Chairman Worsley stated he is hauling it for us too. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated oh, he's hauling it too. Mr. Moore stated yeah. He's been helping stack. That's the biggest part of it. We you know, Mike and I work really well together among other contractors the Boyetts. You know, the people some people that done the hospital. We, you know, there's no, we're not going to go out spending the county money with them but if we can unload something for them or you know, keep them from bringing equipment in. We try to work together and then, you know, the county gets it way back in numbers.

Chairman Worsley stated well tell him thank you from us. Mr. Moore stated I will. I tell him y'all said y'all appreciate it. Mike's pretty good, you know, about helping us out because he knows we need dirt and he didn't, you know, he didn't want to have to haul it to Bainbridge and we needed the dirt. We work with some folks that when we had to fill up the inert landfill, we didn't have the dirt to do it. We just got to buy it. It was, it was seven acres, 20 something feet deep and we got lucky and we helped somebody do a job, helped Birdsong out. It helped us out. Help the people doing the job. It didn't it cost us one dime. They have all the dirt. We filled in the inert landfill basically, for free. And it never hurts to work with some of these people when they're in town working. It's bringing in revenue. to the county when they're building some. It helps us out and if we can do a little something to help them out, we try to do it. I don't really have anything else about there may be one day this week that I've gone miss work. I've had a kidney stone and if I can get somewhere to get rid of that, I'm probably going to take advantage of that appointment. I'm trying to get in somewhere. So, I'll have everything taken care of the road department and I'm hoping it's in and out but you know, they may have to do a little surgery on me or whatever because they said it was seven millimeters. Probably wasn't it don't pass it. I'll try to take care of everything in the road department. I'm anything that y'all got that y'all need. The next meeting I'm going to bring to y'all some projects that I'd like to look at us taking on some dirt road projects and use it. Maybe use a little money in her district, I got Kelly Crossing, Ladon, we got we got Glass Road. I don't know who. If I said Allen's are yours but we got Newberry Chambers. You know them big pipes. We got we got some projects that we need to look at. Maybe setting aside little bit of our TSPLOST money and start taking maybe every three months, go and do a project in this district in the next three months to do a project in this district and one in this district get some of these real major problems taken care of because I think Glass Road maybe in Allen's or between the lines. We got some pipes there. They got to be replaced.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they stay underwater all the time. Mr. Moore stated New Newberry Chambers, we got those, I know you've been over there. We got Kelly Crossing and I'm definitely going to probably be taking on some in Jeff's from these 91 projects going downhill. We're going to have to look at, you know, taking that one at a time but TSPLOST money is there for us to spend it on some roads and we need to kind of spend some of it on some of these dirt roads and I'd like maybe every three months to do a look

at doing a major project scattered over the county and fix some of these things that's going away. We got a lot of heavy traffic going on these roads and when these big pipes get weak, these big semis and these big spreader buggies and things are having problems with them collapsing. We need to look at start and replace some of them. But we want to jump on it all at one time. We got some projects. We need to get passed. But I'd like to start looking at some of those. And I appreciate what y'all have done to help us.

Chairman Worsley stated anything else? No. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion to adjourn, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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