



# Miller County Government

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## REGULAR SESSION MEETING

02/13/2023, 6:00 P.M., County Government Complex

## MINUTES

**Present:** Chairman Worsley, Vice Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Edwards, , Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Cox. Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Austin Lambert, Douglas Cofty, Andy Moore, Garrison Clenney, Sheriff Jimmy Holt, Josh Suggs, Lexi Sexton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowart.

Chairman Worsley calls the meeting to order. Regular session 02/13/2023 and asked Commissioner Cox to say a word of prayer. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### HOUSEKEEPING:

Chairman Worsley stated first thing we need to do is approve the agenda with the additions of Sale of land Board of Education, USDA Grant #3-Vehicles, USDA Grant#2 Tractor and Mower. Does anything need to be added to it? If not, we need a motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards made motion with Vice Chairman Calhoun seconding. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Worsley stated approval of minutes. Everyone get a chance to look at them. If they are ok we need a motion to approve. Commissioner Nixon motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### FINANCIALS

Chairman Worsley stated approval of finance financial reports. Any questions? Chairman Worsley called for motion. Commissioner Edwards made motion. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### APPEARANCES

#### Jack Cowart – County Historian

Chairman Worsley stated we have Mr. Jack Cowart with the county historian Jack Cowart introduced himself. I am Jack Cowart, I was born here in Miller County many years ago and I have been working on projects repairing Graves cleaning up Cemetery sites and writing books. I've written 12 booklets similar to this on various history in Seminole, Early and Calhoun County as well as Miller County this particular one is about

the Confederate Veterans that are buried in Miller County and the units that were raised here and we bought that and then this is a book that I wrote you'll be reading to this is a list of everybody that I know buried in Miller County, in 1980 there was a an attempt to make a listing of all of the people buried here unfortunately there were some people left out of it a number of people for various reasons and I have gone back through I asked Danny Sheffield how many cemeteries we had in Miller County he told me 32 to 34. I have a list here of the rest of them and we now have 64 many of these some of them are lost we'll never know where they're at some of them we know where they're at we don't have evidence of the graves that are there other than the list and then of course all the active Graves and cemeteries in the county and I'll be publishing this book very soon I hope it's been a several years of the works I have mapped the city cemetery and I showed what I did to Danny and he ripped out a hundred dollar bill and handed to me and said you saved me hundreds of hours of research. People call him you know where my grandmother's buried, they don't even know the name of the cemetery I've got an index you can flip to it turn to it there it is and so we're making a lot easier in the city cemetery. I specifically went through and organized a mapping of the cemetery where everybody is buried and who's buried in that plot with them in that area so I put a lot of work into this and the reason I'm telling you this is, years ago there was a book that was written on Miller County History up to 1980.

At that time the county historian Ms. Davis completed that work and it was published my father helped her do that and those books now sold out there's only a few left I have about well a stack up in my house and to my knowledge is the only ones left I'm trying to update that to 2020. I'm trying to catch up in nature of 40 Years of history there I feel like somebody needs to do this and so I've taken it upon myself to get it done what I'm asking the county to do tonight if you would consider it. I'd like the title County historian when I publish a book whether of any sort that has to do with bill account, I'd like to put on there I'm the Miller County historian. I think it would help in the sales of the book and in reference to other events that I go to and so that's what I'm asking if you would give me that title, I could use it to publicize the books. Chairman Worsley stated anybody got any comments. Commissioner Edwards stated I think it's a great idea, Commissioner Nixon also stated I think it's a great idea and I thank you for doing that. Chairman Worsley stated so we need a motion to allow him to be the Miller County Historian. Commissioner Nixon stated I'll make the motion. Commissioner Edwards stated Ill second. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Worsley stated you are now the County Historian. Mr. Cowart stated thank you by the way I do want to say this I have all people black and white in this book and I have worked hard at that and if they're military I try to mark that and know that and so it covers all of the cemeteries in Miller County not just some of them, thank you.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Fueling Center Report**

Chairman Worsley stated okay, let's go to old business. Fueling Center report pages 24-25. Mr. Cofty stated I just wanted to let you know we had to take first payment out of splash to pay for the fueling Center so that's been done and other that is functioning as normal. We haven't had to take any money out to for its operations.

### **Senior Center Building Construction**

Chairman Worsley stated next on the agenda, old business is Senior Center building construction. Mr. Cofty stated all right so on that me and Mr. Jerry went over there and met with Carol Middleton. Carol's actually doing the work, it is not his sons so he had a crew over there and to my knowledge they've already basically tore out the walls they they're putting it back now so we should have a complete building probably in about three weeks. Chairman Worsley stated Mr. Claude I spoke with him over the weekend to him and the other senior they're very happy with the progress they're happy. Mr. Cofty stated and to speak on the creating them an organization so the hospital reached out to me and they asked Danny Shepard to go ahead and start that process and he's going to do and I told them that you guys approved to pay for that so we're going to get together and find out what it is but anyway, he's starting that process to get it to actually get that done. Chairman Worsley stated okay any questions on that.

### **Recreation Board Resolution**

Chairman Worsley stated next on the agenda Recreation Department resolution pages 27-30. Mr. Cofty stated that's a resolution that you guys want to draft it up if you look at it on page 29 it tells you basically how the makeup of the board would be, chairman of the county commissioners, a commissioner appointed by the board, county manager, City Manager and mayor and it reads down there on the on the terms, you know with the chairman being a one-year term it would actually be voted on every year and then like say Corey and myself depending on if we left or not you would have to do that and I think the mayor would be every four-year term or so that's how we would do that so basically, it's just that's the resolution that we had drafted up and if you guys approve it tonight then I'll get it to the city manager and they'll put it on their agenda. Chairman Worsley stated okay do we need to look at the other board appointment tonight, the commissioner that we need to look at that appointment tonight. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir you can if you like. Chairman Worsley asked if anyone wanted to volunteer. Mr. Cofty stated that the meetings would be held the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month and it is usually a noon meeting. Chairman Worsley stated we can wait a few days and think about it to submit the 3rd name but do we have a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Nixon made motion. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Appointment of County Attorney**

Chairman Worsley stated next the county attorney we have three different ones here to choose from you all see the names. We have a Wes Baldwin from Donaldsonville, Malia Phillips Lee from Colquitt and William Mills from Blakely the current County Attorney. Do we have a motion on which one. Mr. Baldwin was looked at and everything seemed to come up really good with him Doug spoke to him. Doug, you got any comments on any of them. Mr. Cofty stated I spoke to all of them Mr. Mills he just sent a letter to you guys it is in your packet. I spoke to Malia and Wes Baldwin they both pretty much wanted to be on the same way to get paid. As you see on there the only conflict was Malia did say that she's probably going to represent somebody that there maybe there may be a suit, I don't know if there is or not but Baldwin said he he's actually the city solicitor and he's the city attorney for Brinson and Arlington I believe it is Vice Chairman Calhoun stated and Donaldsonville. Mr. Cofty stated I do not believe there are any conflicts up here. Chairman Worsley stated we appreciate everything Mr. Bill has done it's just some time it takes to long to get an answer out of him and I would recommend if we look at Wes Baldwin, you know you all please have your say so about this thing. Commissioner Edwards stated I've read over that I was going to select Wes Baldwin myself.

Chairman Worsley stated anyone else got anything to say before we call for motion, if not then we will call for a motion for Mr. Baldwin. Commissioner Nixon stated I do want to say this I have very close ties with Malia, very close to having Malia and I just I need to, Chairman Worsley stated okay do you want abstain. Commissioner Nixon stated yes. Chairman Worsley stated ok so we have so we have a motion for him or do you all want to pick another one here or do you want to stay with Mr. Mills. We narrowed down the field, Mali said she maybe going to be representing someone so that maybe a conflict of interest for her. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated she got a real good looking resume. Commissioner Nixon stated I hate that because she's local she would get us what we need as soon as we need it, I hate that. Chairman Worsley stated so do we have a motion on who you all want to choose. Commissioner Edwards made motion to go with Mr. Baldwin. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded it. All in favor except Commissioner Nixon, she abstained from voting. Motion carried.

## County Holiday Survey

Chairman Worsley stated next is county survey – holidays. We done this to let the county employees vote on which way they wanted to go with this thing on the holiday and I'm trying to find it, it was overwhelmingly decided by the full-time employees by 83 percent response was what is I mean to make long story short it was overwhelmingly decided by them that they wanted to keep it like it is. So, if anyone else got any comments.

Commissioner Edwards stated I do, I just the survey really didn't ask the question of did we want to adopt the holiday, it asked the question of do you want to change that holiday for something else and the next question was do you want to give up your one of your Christmas day so it really didn't ask the question of do you want the holiday the question was never asked so with that I'm going to abstain from voting from it because I'm for the holiday so I mean, the survey to me didn't do any good I mean it never asked the question of do you want to adopt a holiday it just asks do you want to switch it or do you want to uh drop one of your days for the holiday if the question would have been on there do you want to adopt the holiday as a federal holiday then I think the survey would have served the purpose and it didn't in my opinion. Commissioner Nixon stated I mean can we send it back out as is and then add that on there and see what the response is from that. Mr. Cofty stated you can, you just need to decide because see at the last minute you guys wanted to see about replacing that Christmas day. Chairman Worsley stated that's right. Mr. Cofty continued so what you need to do is if you want to do it we need to put it back out, you need to say do you want to add this in addition to your days unless you plan on taking a day then y'all need to decide how you want to do that. Chairman Worsley stated do you all want to make a motion to do that now. Vice

Chairman Calhoun stated I'll make it. Chairman Worsley stated all right is there a second Commissioner Edwards seconded. Mr. Cofty stated do you want to leave the two questions on and then add do you want to add this as a holiday is that what you all want to do. Commissioner Edwards stated yes because the question was never asked do they want the holiday. Mr. Cofty stated well I know when you all did it last time you all didn't say that, you just said you want to see if they wanted to swap a holiday that's what the question was so I mean I need to make sure do you want to add and then leave the other two on there. Commissioner Nixon stated I think that the main reason we were doing it that way is let me make sure I'm correct on this is because that's going to be what I mean that's a large if we add it that's another large amount of money coming up correct. Mr. Cofty stated well like Faye was telling me it's not really that much more of a money it's just productivity they're all because then if you think about you add one, you're going to have to keep adding dates. Chairman Worsley stated you know you've got Veterans Day you've got you know a lot of important days you know that the Federal. Mr. Cofty stated a lot of counties they put on their website we follow state holidays and that takes the Commissioners out of voting because every time the state adds one you have to honor it so I mean there's a way to do that way there's a way to just put the survey out and let them do that or you can say we honor Federal and then whatever the federal days are some of the state will take you can do so you've got three different options you know you can keep continuing to vote on the days let the employees help or you can go say we just

do state or we just do federal however you all want to do. Chairman Worsley stated anyone got any suggestions. Commissioner Nixon stated well I'm the one who has suggested the floating holiday simply I mean I talked to from a co-worker of mine her husband works for a really big really big company and that's kind of what they do so with that floating holiday and maybe it's something that we could instead of taking a day for from Christmas because there are so many different I mean there's so many different holidays that are not observed Veterans day being one of them Juneteenth whatever we could use a floating holiday if we're going to add one and then they could use it for any that floating holiday they could use for any holiday they wanted to use it for so if they wanted it for Juneteenth they could if they want it for Veterans Day they could that way it's fair across the board everybody. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you kind of asked that already. Commissioner Nixon stated no we were talking about taking a Christmas to one of the Christmas days away this is adding a day. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well they are going to vote yes on that if they go. Commissioner Nixon stated well I know but this is the thing that they're going to stay on exactly but if we add Juneteenth then we're going to have people come and wanting Veterans Day. Mr. Cofty stated you may as well go ahead and knock it all out at once. Commissioner Cox asked how many holidays does Federal get versus what we get. Mr. Cofty stated I think federal is 12 or 14 and we are at 10. Commissioner Edwards stated I have the list yeah you see my phone. Mr. Cofty stated because it's like President's Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day so there's four and Juneteenth there's five that we don't. Chairman Worsley stated well you got to admit everyone is going to vote for that. Commissioner Nixon stated they will but I think I'm trying to in some way kind of help out because if we adopt one then we're going to

Chairman Worsley stated exactly. Ms. Whittaker stated make a floating then everybody can pick. Commissioner Nixon stated yes. Chairman Worsley stated I think that's the answer to it right there. Commissioner Edwards stated that'll work but give them the option of that. Chairman Worsley stated but they need to let people know ahead of time you don't want three or four in an office taking the same day and then shut that office down do you. Commissioner Edwards stated well I think Doug had mentioned that the manager of that Branch would be in charge of that. Mr. Cofty stated right you need to go tell your department head hey I'm taking this off because it's going to cause a problem of Faye, because if she doesn't know it, she doesn't pay them then. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated all right so if you do that and let's just say let's just use Andy and Andy says I'm going to take Juneteenth off and they don't get the choice of their birthday or President's Day or Columbus Day. Commissioner Edwards stated yeah they do get a choice what she's saying is it's going to be a floating day so if he took Juneteenth and you take your birthday and you take president. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated but he can't take he can't have half his crew take Juneteenth and the other half can't. Commissioner Edwards stated his department. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah, his department if he said we're going to take Juneteenth. Ms. Whittaker stated no it's each employee. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated oh I thought y'all said the head. Commissioner Edwards stated the head would track it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated okay. Chairman Worsley stated are we all good with the floating holiday. Commissioner Cox asked was this an additional

day added. Commissioner Edwards stated additional day added and it will be a floating holiday and they would decide to use it however they want it. Ms. Whittaker stated let me ask for payroll does it have to be one of those other holidays or their birthday or somebody just take a random Wednesday and say that. Mr. Cofty stated no they would have to take one of the states. Chairman Worsley stated so we're going to allow them to have one floating holiday is that correct, Commissioner Cox stated and not take any from Christmas. Chairman Worsley stated right okay y'all good with that well we'll do some motion then we need a motion to go forward. Commissioner Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **USDA List of Officials**

Chairman Worsley stated USDA list of current officials on page 47-48.

Mr. Cofty stated we just have to have that to finish out the USDA loan where we're completing now okay so they had to have an updated list so before we leave I just need you guys to sign the list. Chairman Worsley asked so no action to be taken. Mr. Cofty stated no I just need you to sign.

### **USDA Approval Letter**

Mr. Cofty stated same way with that that just shows you all that it was approved. Everything that is finished up and we're just waiting on the check now.

### **Hospital Board Appointment**

Chairman Worsley stated hospital board appointment, pages 54-55. So, they need 3 names is that correct. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir they need 3 names submitted and they would select at their next meeting which is the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. Chairman Worsley stated ok we need three names submitted. Mr. Cofty stated those 3 names have to be Commissioners. Chairman Worsley asked who wants their name put on the list. Chairman Worsley stated I will put my name down there if its good with you all. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated put my name down there. Chairman Worsley stated ok we need one more. Commissioner Cox stated you can put my name down there if you want. Chairman Worsley stated Chairman Allen Worsley, Vice Chainman Ladon Calhoun and Commissioner Jeff Cox, is everyone good with it? The board all in agreement.

### **Congressman Bishops "Big Check" Presentation**

Chairman Worsley stated okay Congressman Bishops 'Big Check' presentation on page 56. Mr. Cofty stated ok on this I was called by a Congressman Bishop's point man Paul Fryer and they're going to do like they did the city they're going to present a big check and they would like to have all the Commissioners if you can this on a Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. as of right now he confirmed that with me. the location still, we're still working whether we're going to do it at the Emergency Services building or here. Chairman Worsley asked that is February the 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cofty stated correct that is 2 Fridays from now. And I just need to know because you know three or more commissioners, I just have to put a thing up says hey they are meeting.

## **Technology Fee**

Chairman Worsley stated okay the next one is technology fee says here Probate Court Judge Josh. Judge Suggs stated good afternoon, Representative Green called me last week and asked if we did a technology fee for our filings in our office so everything is filed in Probate or Magistrate Court, I told him that we do not and he said he wanted to bring that to my attention he was writing some local legislation for some surrounding counties in this session to add that to their fees. Basically what it is it sounds it's exactly what it sounds like it's a fee tacked on to filing that would a crew and be available to update our computers our servers, anything to do with technology in my office which we have a good bit of that you talked to Austin and realized pretty quickly that we're behind on a few things we're not in terrible shape but we should we could upgrade so and this fee would keep me from having to budget that money. Chairman Worsley asked what kind of what are you talking about. Judge Suggs stated I believe the way and it should be in your packet a draft that his attorney drafted up I think it says up to ten dollars per filing so and its probate when you're talking about a five or six hundred dollar filing it's a small portion of it but it would accrue over time and Vice Chairman Calhoun asked would that go into your account. Judge Suggs stated it would go into the regular account we just keep track of it through one of our programs to make sure that that money was set aside for that one specific Act. He did mentioned he wanted to come in front of you know the Commissioners first and he doesn't typically proceed on dropping a bill unless it's unanimous to me it's a no-brainer but got any questions I'll try to answer them.

Chairman Worsley stated so do we need to take a vote for fee involved. Mr. Cofty stated if you want to do it you need to go ahead and make a motion. Chairman Worsley stated yeah you all got any discussion and do we have a motion to adopt that. Commissioner Nixon stated I'll make the motion. Chairman Worsley asked do we have a second. Commissioner Cox stated Ill second. All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Suggs stated just to be clear that's for what you have in front of you is for magistrate bill from what you have in front of you probate the bill for magistrate is the exact same only we've magistrate it appears that which I don't have that because his attorney wasn't done with it so is this vote for both. Chairman Worsley stated ok we need a motion for them both. Commissioner Nixon made motion. Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried for both bills.

## **Land Deed Convey Request**

Chairman Worsley stated okay do you want to go ahead and discuss this addition to the agenda now. The board agreed yes. Chairman Worsley stated all right we need to do the land sale do we need to. Mr. Cofty stated we got Jayme here. Chairman Worsley stated ok Jayme is here. Ms. Smith stated good evening real simple in November of 1952 there was a parcel of 12.4 acres of land South ball fields it was deeded to the Board of Education and the city and the county are also named on that original land deed and we were unaware in the last two years as we were trying to get this land redeveloped and put back on the tax that the city and the county had interest in the property so that attorney found that last week and contacted me and asked if I would reach out. There's a



couple of different ways to handle this but I feel like the most streamlined way to handle this right now is to get the county and I've had the very same discussion with the city and we'll be their city council meeting next Tuesday to give each board to convey their interest for that board of education property on a document to the board of education and that way the closing can go ahead and go through and the Board of Education can sell and close on that property to the developer for the 44 unit apartment complex which is called Spring Ridge. I trying to get used to saying that so don't stick but I'm here to answer any questions it's really simple like I said it was just a small little hurdle in the paperwork that was found. Chairman Worsley stated are there any discussion or any questions over it. We need a motion to approve it. Mr. Cofty stated Jayme let me ask you a question,. Ms. Smith stated yes. Mr. Cofty asked would the board of education's lawyer draw up that that form that we can sign so we wouldn't need to do anything. Ms. Smith stated so it's actually not the board of education's attorney, it's the and I have their name it's a firm in Jacksonville that developer is using. Mr. Cofty stated as long as they drafted it up, we could sign it so we don't have to get ours.

Ms. Smith stated they said they wanted to make it as easy as possible and whatever we needed as the city or the county reach out so they have a template for that document but the starting point of course was to for the board Commissioners to have a vote saying that they would convey the interests the property to the board of education for the betterment of the community. So, everybody has different attorneys and y'all have a different attorney as of tonight too but so just contacting those attorneys with that template from the Jacksonville attorney's office. Chairman Worsley stated okay do we have a motion to proceed forward with signing over property. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'd like to talk to our attorney before we sign anything over. Mr. Cofty stated that is up to you all, I can get it done. Commissioner Cox asked what kind of time frame were they possible. Ms. Smith stated as quickly as possible, so this development is actually coming by way of a state incentive program it's through the Georgia Initiative for community housing. There was a press release I can get y'all some more information about it but it never in in the conversations about this development started in March of 21 there's never been any information about any interest besides the board of education on that piece of property except for the Georgia Power there's a little easement there that's less than an acre but Chairman Worsley stated do you all want to have the attorney look at it then proceed forward. The entire board was in agreement to let the county attorney get involved. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I feel we should just make sure we cover that we don't foresee any trouble. Mr. Cofty asked could you get me that document so I can take it down there to him. Ms. Smith asked you mean Wesley, yes, I can and if you wanted to have a conversation with the attorney handled on the closing as well or the Developers. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we will just let them talk. Ms. Smith asked would there be any way to handle it before the next board meeting. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated oh yeah, I think we'll do this in the next week or so yeah. Mr. Cofty stated we can. Ms. Smith stated okay excellent well I'll get with you Doug on all that information so I appreciate you all's time tonight thank you.

## **USDA Grant Vehicle and Tractor/Mower**

Chairman Worsley stated next time I guess USDA Grant #3 the vehicles. Chairman Worsley asked Andy Moore if he was going to do that. Mr. Moore stated yes, I guess and what was this grant for. Chairman Worsley stated the vehicles. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated the trucks. Mr. Moore stated I've talking to some of the board not everybody but and some of them actually saw the trucks that I'm talking about. I got one that I've already decommissioned is out there side the fence and we got two more that we're going to have to take them off the road. I mean these trucks are just they're we'll slam out one of them is an 86 ford we've already scrapped it twice and had to pull it back out and put it back in commission but is pretty much ready for the bone yard and we got another one that is right behind it. I'd like to try to use this Grant and try to upgrade 3 of the trucks and you know we took some quotes and it'd be close to what we would have to pay would be about \$60,000 to \$65,000 and the grant pay \$50,000 and we're getting 3 trucks for around \$20,000 apiece it is nothing that'll happen overnight we've talked to some of the dealers and the Ford place here it's probably 8 months out before they could even have the trucks. I mean I'd like to see if we could go forward with at least applying for the grant and start working on it because I got 3 trucks it's going to be sitting beside the fence and 1 of them goes to the limb cutter every day and one of them goes to the mowing tractors every day. Chairman Worsley stated well you already got 2 others by the fence don't you.

Mr. Moore stated well I got 2 but I mean I wasn't trying to replace I got actually 2 350s that I put in the scrap iron bin that hadn't been replaced too. But I mean we can't replace everything at one time but we got to start somewhere and we're getting by with what we got, but we're not going to be getting by when these trucks go down and they're out beside the fence. I mean they're loaded with all the tools and air compressors and diesel tanks cutting torches that these guys need out there every day to work with and when they go down I mean it's hard for us as short-handed we are going to be running back and forth trying to take care of them when they get into some wires stuff like that we kind of got them self-contained without these trucks they're not going to be self-contained they're going to become something that we have to carry out and go back and get every day and then they don't have the tools to take care of a small problem to keep them going all day so I mean that's up to you all but we were trying to look at fleet trucks we have we have a fleet number we've had a hard time with Dodge they're the only one that's got any fleet troops right now. Ford or Chevrolet does not have any but they've all given some pretty reasonable price to kind of compensate that if you all want to. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so if you apply for this grant it's going to be 6 months before you, Mr. Moore stated well that I mean the trucks are not going to be no faster than the grant so I mean but Chevrolet and Ford really doesn't have they don't even have a future for our Fleet truck which Dodge does but we've had some complications with our numbers go inside to use their Fleet number so we kind of just take a basic price from all of them and what I've looked at the forward place here in town is the cheapest they've offered us two regular cab pickup trucks long wheelbase there's no bells and no whistles and one cab and chassis F350. I got the prices here I think a \$115,000 for the Dodges,

\$119,000 for Chevrolets and I think it's \$90,000 to \$94,000.00 for the Fords, which I got the quotes, if you all want to look at them, you're more than welcome to look at them. I'm sure those prices are going to change in 8 months but you know we don't start now I mean the grant is that far out the trucks are that far out and we got to try to make these run 8 more months and they're not going to get in they're not getting any in better shape, we've had them a long time and we've run them a long time and they're just more slam out. Chairman Worsley stated Andy is maxed out in his SPLOST so it would need to come out of the TSPLOST if we're going to be able to do it and he's good a bit of money in there. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated but that's the money we use for paving. Mr. Moore stated do what.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated the TSPLOST money. Mr. Moore stated oh yeah. I've talked to some of them and I'd be more glad to talk to some of you all I kind of set up and set out on it with some of them and we had actually have looked over a plan that I put together for a 9 to 12 month plan and basically this 9 to 12 month plan, it'll use some money but it'll put some equipment on the yard we get some jobs done and it if we had to touch a little bit of the money that we got which is close to a \$500,000, something like that if we had to touch a little bit of it would be \$30,000 to \$40,000 of it and that would be putting a good bit some limb cutting equipment, trucks, tractor and mower, another limb cutter, the fuel station payment and we would come up a tad short on having enough money for our match to pave with for that 12 months that we might would have to dip into some of the money that's in the bank so I mean you'd use up kind of 12 months of money but you wouldn't be touching really any of the money that's already accumulated it would still be sitting there and I mean we haven't been using it for much anything but paving and this plan if you all want me to really put it together for you to look at it some of the rest of them have seen it because we sat down and talked about it a little bit I think Ladon knows that Limb cutting has become a very big thing in the county and this would put two more machines on. We'd have two machines on this side two machines on the other side and that would really help cut back some trees and kind of get the roads open back up. It would get us some pickups to run back and forth to these machines we'd have good tractors and mowers it to run. The fueling Station payment would be paid and we would be just a tad short on our match money to do our yearly paving just like we've always done and not touch but, if we touch \$50,000 out of what we got already saved up that would probably be the max and there's some prices in here to give or take because of the time limit so I couldn't guarantee that they would hold good but we've been looking at the prices.

Chairman Worsley stated but are not talking about buying all this equipment at one time. Mr. Moore stated the tractor and mower we kind of already kind of wanted to start getting that in motion you know. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you already got the other one right. Mr. Moore stated I got one and when you put it in motion it's not coming about they're not going to all hit it one time it's a gradual thing that'll work you down the road but at the end of 12 months you'll be about lift the money you got saved up alone and you'll be put a good bit of stuff there that we actually need and some equipment that

we need to get the roads cut back because that that's a big priority right now with everybody. Cars going down dirt roads, farmers going down dirt roads, us going down the dirt roads I mean the dirt roads are just grown up one machine is not going to one machine's not going to catch us back up we got to put more stuff out there and we got right now we're running two we're running a side arm mower behind the tractor it's not getting the top but it's doing a lot for the bottom and cars are not having as much trouble you know some of the equipment's not as tall and it's not getting the tall stuff for the peanut pickers and cotton pickers but what it does do is it cuts a lot of stuff out the way that when the limb cutter gets to that road there's a lot of stuff there that's already gone you don't have to cut so it's kind of doubling his time he's getting down that road faster we're going to go cut another road. Like I said some of us have sit down and talked and tried to put together a plan to start working. Limb cutting is something that we need to really focus on and then we have a few projects that we need to focus on.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated what about your, you're going to need another motor grader. Mr. Moore stated we got one coming up due and I don't have enough quotes to. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked that's going to come out TSPOLST too. Mr. Moore stated well we're going to turn one in take one back you know and that payment's already. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well it will probably a little more. Mr. Moore stated it's going to be. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked how much more you think, I know it isn't going to be cheaper. Mr. Moore stated we are paying 4 something now it's probably going to be around five, I've looked at it already and started working on it and I got some of it and as you all know the interest rate some of you all know the interest rates really high. I haven't got all the quotes on it but I turned around what I did get I turned around and recalled them and I asked them to call back to their financing people and see if they wouldn't drop the interest rate you know try to help us some on that price and actually it dropped the price of the machine 400.00 a month with the second quote and I have both of those quotes but you know I called them back I said hey you know you all killing us you got to try to do something to help us. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I think we need all that in front of us, see all that before we make a decision on all this other though you know what I mean like.

Mr. Moore stated I mean it's going to add a thousand dollars much to SPLOST money, this money that way 400 a month on that one that's right well I mean we're not buying apples for apples there either because on those motor graders I swap ditching blades three years you know three times on them that's \$65,000 you can't do that anymore everything the motor grader ditching blades all changed we save that money when we could but can't do it now you know and you know I mean SPLOST money taking care of that and this money we're talking about the plan is all going to be TSPLOST money. Chairman Worsley stated how long Doug does it take to get approval of a grant and then actually received the \$50,000. Mr. Cofty stated the approval will probably come about six months later right now once I turn this paper into the lady, we're going to get that check from last March so you're looking at 12 months to get to get your check now I'm not saying I mean they could have sped up but the going rate is probably 9 months to 12

months. Chairman Worsley stated well we're going to be actually collecting this TSPLOST this whole time and not spending any of it until you're going to continue to accumulate more and more in your TSPLOST. Mr. Cofty stated so we should know I mean pretty regular because what she told me was on that USDA program usually, you're not turned down at all it's because it's a match and you spend and a half of yours and you won't be turned down it's just a matter of how many they got how quick they can get you check. Ms. Whittaker stated on SPLOST, we are at the limit now. Mr. Moore stated and I do understand that I'm looking at all the options on these motor graders I'm looking at dropping down to one size smaller and looking at the size we run now and another option that you know I'm trying to get them to put together for you all to look at them I mean I see it but it's you all's decision the motor grader that we have now I don't know what the buyback is on it and we're looking into seeing if we can buy an extended warranty on it and it may be an option to keep the one we got now I mean we don't have to we have to buy it back but that's a lot less a lot less money and if we can put a warranty on it run it three more years some of this may change I mean that may get us down the road further because this other stuff that I that I was mentioning the trucks, the limb cutters and things like that, these are things coming that they're going to have to happen I mean you can't let it all just die I mean and we've run it for most of our stuff we've run 15 years it's just come to the point where we got to start somewhere replacing some of it or it's not going to be running the Limb cutting machine we should have done this long time ago we should have more than one machine running I mean one machine cannot cover 600 miles of road we covered 300 miles of dirt road which has two sides he's got to cover 600 miles of Road and I'm sure Ladon, Allen and Jeff will tell you the farmers that it's getting more and more every day that you know they're coming to me and that they're getting to where they can't go to their fields.

Commissioner Nixon stated well I just want to say this and I don't know about Christine I don't know if you talked to Christine about it but I don't understand a lot of this and so I want like I want you to explain this to me so I don't have a problem with the grants and I know that the county needs, I mean I know we do for the roads I know you need it but I'd rather hear it than it be thrown at me at the meeting when I don't understand it anyway t and then you I mean it's like and I'd rather you pick up the phone and call me and explain it to me because when you just tell me in five minutes I don't understand I mean like I need to understand it and I don't have a problem with it all I just want to understand it. Mr. Moore stated right that's why I didn't you know I mean. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated especially when you tell us that you need all that stuff and you ain't about nothing in 15 years but then you need all this all this at one time and that's. Mr. Moore stated I was telling you wasn't we need but I'm saying this don't you know we need to start working on it and maybe use this grant and none of it's going to come tomorrow you know I wasn't asking you to buy anything tomorrow I'm just kind of discussing it with you to listen try to start we got to start somewhere I mean the tractor and mower thing we had already kind of supposedly had started on that but the truck thing was the next thing you know you know maybe we could at least apply for. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we just bought a lot of trucks didn't we, didn't you get something. Mr. Moore stated just one

you got one we bought that service truck but I lost a truck you know because they totaled it up and the rest of my trucks are. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so you lost one because it was in the wreck. Mr. Moore stated that's right and we replaced it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated that's good information to know. Commissioner Nixon stated and so this is what I would like to know this I mean I don't know about the rest of them but I would like for you to tell me what you have already right now. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated like if you got a truck going through the limb cutter you got one going to the motor grader if you got one going to the excavator what's hooked to the gooseneck Mr. Moore stated over the years they deteriorated away because there was a lot years Vice Chairman Calhoun stated but you said you was running an 86 model truck or something like that that's right that's crazy to me that we were letting you run an 86. Commissioner Nixon stated I had no idea we were doing that yeah. Mr. Moore stated you'd probably be really amazed at some of the things I'm probably going to tell you probably don't want to hear but it's come to the point where we've got by as many years as we could saving as much money as we could just like the motor grader thing for three years you know just ditching blade on this I swapped blades three times and we traded it I swapped that ditching blade out.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated but she doesn't know these different size motor graders. Mr. Moore stated when they change just like they changed the body style on a pickup truck when that changed eliminated me from swapping well I saved \$65,000, \$65,000, \$65,000 X three because I did it on all three motor graders now it's caught up with you know and that's a that's a lot you know and I can't help that but I also can't help we hadn't replaced a bunch of this stuff in 15 years too and this and to be honest the limb cutter and the three motor graders has been a challenge you know keeping them going and that's why we've run equipment for 15 years and not replaced it but now it's time if you don't start now and start coming up with something to start moving down the line you're going to have stuff that's going to quit on you and it's not going to be running anymore. Commissioner Nixon stated no and I agree with that what I would like to see though is what like I said what we have what this what we need and what we're needing in the future coming up a 5 year plan yes and then that way. Mr. Cofty stated do you want to set up a workshop, let him get all of his information up. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I think that would be beneficial for Jeff too.

Commissioner Nixon stated then we can prioritize what we need right and instead of coming each meeting saying we need something. Mr. Moore stated we can't just sit here and do nothing we need to come up with a plan. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we need to have a plan where you aren't running an 86 model pickup. Chairman Worsley stated it was heavily used when it was bought. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated oh yeah, I mean I have no doubt. Commissioner Cox stated getting back to them vehicles you were talking about you're saying that we could get three of them for roughly what \$44,000 on our end Mr. Moore stated well \$90,000 yeah I mean you're going to buy 3 trucks for \$50,000 right and I'm not saying buy them tomorrow because they're not going to come I'm just saying and I agree with what you said and I touch base with some of them because they

were available to sit down and talk to and I was bringing that to them to get us to this point to where I want to put us together a plan for all you all to see but I kind of explained the plan it a little bit I'll tell you. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated when you do this plan, I think like you list an excavator list what model it is what you know like the year models and like so we know how old everything is like a dump truck I know we bought a new drunk truck but we bought a used dump truck too right. Mr. Moore stated right now I mean everything I got pretty much come here with me and I've been here almost 16 years done about pretty much everything that we are running when I come here, I bought a thing and we got some things that you know still in fairly good shape but then we've used some more I just want us all to get on the same page me too start getting a plan because everything it doesn't matter what you want if you want tractor and mower if you want anything right now you're looking at 6 to 7 months on pretty much anything that you want but we got to come up with right now I got some equipment that's running and it's good equipment but if the guy don't have a pickup truck to go out there to it and some of his time kind of comes about quickly because a truck can develop a problem overnight that is going to become a catastrophic problem that you wouldn't expect and that's sort of kind of how the truck deal got thrown up.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well you do that 86 wasn't going to run forever now. Mr. Moore stated actually Ladon that's the best truck I got. Mr. Cofty stated so you have several options I mean I don't know if you guys heard about the lease program that City is on, you may want to look at that and kind of rotate vehicles every so often because I know the Sheriff's Department's looking at it. You may also want to look at the city, they are actually about to sell their entire fleet because they went to it. We can look at that if you if you need a vehicle immediately Corey said he would hold it for us if you all wanted to look at it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated can we put together a workshop and meet and do that. Commissioner Nixon stated yeah. Mr. Cofty stated it's just there are several options that you can do I mean if you need vehicles now, they've got vehicles now. I know the sheriff is looking at the transport van they've got. They're ready to sell that too, so I mean they're willing to hold all their vehicles and give us first shot or we can wait 12 months or we can go to the lease program. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated can you put it something together in a week or two. Mr. Cofty stated yes. Chairman Worsley stated now if you purchased one from the city the grant won't. Mr. Cofty stated I don't think, so let me look at that, let me talk to her.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I know it says new and used equipment but I don't know about that. Mr. Cofty stated if it's going from government to government they may allow that and if that's the case you may can get a whole lot more than 3 for the price that you're talking. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, that sounds good idea. Mr. Moore stated yeah Doug and I talked about it the other day and he called Corey and we didn't know then if that was an option or, we got to look at some options but this grant being out there I mean you're not going to buy much used for no that is in real good shape for \$20,000 when you're buying new. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated but I think with the grant, if I'm not mistaken you can buy used stuff. Mr. Moore stated yeah, I think you are

right, but as Ms. Nikki said I would be more than glad for us all to sit down. Mr. Cofty stated I will schedule it. Mr. Moore stated I'd like to do a project in a district every quarter you know, that's something right now that was kind of brought up Ms. Christine, Griffin Sheffield Road, we have got to take that road on and I mean things have changed up and down that road right there that he's just about got everybody cut off yeah it'll take I got a quote in here take around \$9,500 worth of pipe and which I mean pipe is really expensive, that's not a lot of pipe but that project right there take about \$9,500 worth of pipe. We'll get Griffin Sheffield, you don't have to do a lot. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you talking about where it comes into Kelly Road down there. Mr. Moore stated that's one section on the Baker County in section there's actually three.

Commissioner Edwards stated yeah past pops on round by the church, I actually had someone call my phone they had to walk home in the dark because they couldn't get their car through so they literally parked their car and walk home, so he called me and I spoke to her and me and Andy got together and they made it where she can go and get her car the next morning but she literally walked in the dark so we need to get that road fixed. Mr. Moore stated there's so much water coming out that field right there there's actually some big pipes there but there's no way to keep them open you won't even know they're there because it just fills them in with sand. The only way I know to fix that we've worked on it in several different times over the years and can't get what's there to work the only way I know to do is come in there and be on the road up higher than the field and then put pipes in the road and the water have no choice but to go through the pipe it's going to take time down there on Griffin Sheffield at Kelly Crossing, you got from that big drainage ditch, that ditch needs to be re-routed it needs to make a turn and kind of ditch and carry it down to Kelly Crossing and then cross the Griffin Sheffield. Kelly Road, I got some big concrete pipes that I took up somewhere else and there's a little bit rough but Kelly Road the only thing I know to do is just try to put those in there and I'll try to fix them the best I can because the Beavers I can't do anything with them we got good pipes actually got good pipes in that whole area but we just got to get something that we can clean out right there Kelly, there's a lot of water goes across Kelly on that pond once it's dumped in there. I'm going to try to use those big concrete pipes to carry that water over I would like to see if we could start on that and you know naturally, we got to pay for some of this out of TSPLOST.

Chairman Worsley stated yeah stuff has been put off for years you know it needs to be done it's caught up with us. Mr. Moore stated and this is going to be kind of a lengthy thing with all the amount of dirt that we go out to haul in there and build you take from that ditch down to Kelly Cross on Griffin Sheffield right there that's probably getting close to a half a mile and we're going to bring that road up probably about three foot and get some good 36 inch pipes something that the back hoe can get into to shove that trash on through and then where she's talking about down there that road has got to come up 3 or 4 foot down there. We're going to take it a section at a time you know because we're going to close a section that a time but it is really that's it when it rains that's one of the roads I know I'm going to its you can't come in this way you can't come in



it's just going to come a problem so that I got a quote on the pipes about \$9,500 worth of pipe if you all want to buy them one section at a time I'll do that you know we'll take a section we'll work on that session when we get that section done I'll do it anyway you all want to do it but we have got to start on that road and then we discussed it before Ladon has got Newberry Chambers Road got some pipes, we got Glass Road got some pipes and Jeff's going to have some problems probably later on I'd like to every 3 to 4 months take a project. I'm sorry the city's got you. Chairman Worsley state but what we need to look here is Andy is road superintendent, we need to give him the authority to do this to you know to make decisions. You know if there's some big projects let's say you know over \$10,000 or whatever then he comes before us you know. He needed to be given the authority to run it because it had been took away from him over a period of time and Andy knows more about this County, these roads and everything else and anybody else you know what I mean because if it don't get done it falls on his head you know when I'd like to see a motion made we turn this road department over to Andy for him to run it because he's done it for years and it wasn't about Andy Moore, he don't throw money away he gets out there and he'll pull his sleeves up and he goes at it because you don't see him work on some of that ragged equipment they got. He may work on it two or three days they run a half a day but he works on it.

Mr. Moore stated right now, what it is and we have got to come up with a plan for it to be better and our two biggest priorities as far as I'm concerned is these projects that we were talking about these places are getting to where they're going to be dangerous. The Limb cutting, that is that is on everybody's mouth that drives down a dirt road in this County everybody wants it done and it's not going to happen overnight but we I do not see where we can stay running one machine and I've run this machine, this second machine I run as long as I can but with the amount of tractors and things I have I try to run it during the winter time then I when mowing comes side the road I have to pull it so it goes back to one but we need to look at changing that some too because that priority is about more than just mowing side the highway. I mean and we've just neglected it over the years so either we can do it now we start cutting them back now or either we can wait and we won't have to buy mowers we'll just buy bulldozers and excavators and go take them back I mean we have the opportunity to now try to cut them back but if we keep just ignoring it it's going to become a problem that is not going to be easily correct and I think Ladon can verify a tree a in 17 years that I've been here a tree that was growing side the road has grown considerably and there's no way one limb cutter can cut 600 miles a road, it runs every day we do a good job of keeping it running I think Ms. Christine's probably seen it here lately because it's over in her neighborhood running. The guy that runs and he takes real good care of them you can pretty much eat out the floor his machine every day I hate to even get in it and move it for him. I don't know how it gets in it without no dust on his shoes but he somehow he does that but he does a real good job running but we just definitely need to sit down come up with a plan and look at replacing some of this stuff and I know we can't do it overnight I wouldn't come and ask you to I wouldn't come and ask you to jump out there on a pile of equipment overnight but when I talked to some of them about was it's a gradual thing working into it but we

got to start somewhere and the truck deal, it kind of got sprung on me about like I sprung it on you all because you when a truck leaves out and it comes back he can have a problem that it didn't have when it left and I'm repairing as many problems as I can some of us sat down and looked at our budget and our budget is not going to keep sustaining what we're doing we're running 41 pieces of equipment. We have \$40,000 a year to keep it running that's changed all in it put tires on it fixed any problem that gives us less that's less than a thousand dollars per machine and it cost \$900.00 every time I pull that motor grader through there about every third time we change all the hydraulic filters, air filters, oil filters but every third time we change the oil in it is 900.00 and on this tractor more here somehow .

## **USDA Grant Tractor/Mower #2**

Chairman Worsley stated I know you know we had already voted last year to proceed you know and apply for the second grant you know for it well somehow another you did get signed. Mr. Cofty stated it got completed but we didn't sign it, I don't know if it was because we didn't have the additional bids or we didn't have you guys didn't tell you where you wanted to take it out of it but all I did was I've already changed it I've already replaced Mr. Allen's with Mr. Kreg's name so we're ready to go on that I just need, I got to get a price before I can. Mr. Moore stated I can give you all a price on that if you all want to look at them I two or three quotes on that because I knew that that was going to be ready and as I said I wouldn't have sprung the truck thing on you but I do know that that's it's becoming very urgent and I don't I'd like to use the grant because then that money is paid for you know, I know we'll use a little TSPLOST money as we take it in but if you pay \$50,000, grant pays 50 000 that's better than going out and spending a hundred and something thousand dollars out of our money on vehicles, I'd like to stretch it out but if we don't get started on it with the long process that it's already going to take that's why I asked for that tonight and I was we were all planning to talk to you all about you know coming up with a we got to come up with a plan to help us move forward.

Chairman Worsley stated Andy, tell us about the quotes on the tracker and mower. Mr. Moore stated I'll let you all look at them I was kind of amazed at them myself. I'll just let you all look at them and make up your own mind, I was kind of amazed myself and these are apples for apples they're I gave Shelly a list of what for to be on them they're the same mowers, the same tractor, they're all equipped exactly the same and that's the 3 quotes. I didn't put my glasses on to see them which if you want me to say them out loud. Sun South in Donaldsonville was \$94,903 that's for the tractor and the mower. AG Pro was a \$110,554.01 in Bainbridge. Flint here in Colquitt was a \$115,900 and I do say again this quote and this quote and this quote are supposed to be exactly the same thing there's no difference in any one of them they're all the same machine. Chairman Worsley stated the only thing is the John Deere place here in Colquitt has the stuff in stock, but I can't justify that kind of. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated have you given them a chance to match the other quotes. Mr. Moore stated who is that. Chairman Worsley stated yeah Vice Chairman Calhoun state Colquitt a chance. Mr. Moore stated I haven't but. Chairman Worsley stated they said they cannot do a thing with it. Mr. Moore stated

they are the same that is the only difference. I would say Colquitt does have the tractors mowers if you wanted it tomorrow you could go get it. Bainbridge and Donaldsonville are about the same you know it's a process it may be the mower was pretty much 3 to 4 months out with both of them the tractor. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated let me see those. Mr. Moore continued it could be six months. But if you're going to go with the grant, the grant's going to be 6 to 7 months out too so I mean. Chairman Worsley stated you're looking at what. Mr. Moore stated I'm not just slam down now you know I can start mowing and try to work at that point. \$20,000 will buy me another pickup truck with the grant so I mean that's a lot of savings, it is the exact same thing I gave her a list which I went over talking to some of them that's exactly the same list that exact same thing added to the same exact tractor exact thing everybody was asked for the same thing

Chairman Worsley stated you're looking at months get your grant money and how you know, so you know you are going to have to wait anyhow to get the tractor and stuff so you know my suggestion would be to go ahead and go with a little bit and let them know that we're moving forward with it. Because twenty thousand dollars a lot of money, I like to trade local but we got to be responsible for the taxpayer money and spend it wisely. Mr. Moore stated the quotes I asked for standard you know which is always what it comes to standard I asked for 10 weights on the front of grill guard on the front so flashing light on top. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'm going to ask a question here because I do know a little bit about tractors, why do you want a 6105 why is why that number. Mr. Moore stated it is just big enough to pull the mower. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked so you want you want 87 horsepower tractor is that what you want. Mr. Moore stated well the mower kind of calls for right at that that's just a hair bigger than what the mower calls to run. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked you wouldn't want a 5000 series then. Mr. Moore stated well that what we got the last time. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked you didn't like the 5000 series. Mr. Moore stated it's a little bit small when you get down in the ditch that mower's a little heavy for it trying to especially when it rains yeah it's a little bit light trying to pull it out of that ditch. I mean if you was on the flat yes I mean that that tractor when you get into 5000 series it'll pull it out there in the past and just fine but it's just a little light when we go behind where these irrigation systems is watered corn for 3 months and you really don't tell it with the grass there and you kind of get a little tight that tractor's a little bit light trying to.

Vice Chairman Calhoun asked what if you had what if you had a 5000 it didn't take it to those places made sure it stayed, I'm just I'm just asking questions. Mr. Moore stated I am trying to make what I'm trying to go to with the help we got is I want to make a pass down this side of the road turn around and a pass back and they're don't and be honest I'd like to keep them the same where I don't have to keep them want everything to go on mowers the same what they're going to run a rhino mower which that's what we bought first time I want another Rhino mower where when I put stuff on that truck wheel bearings whatever I don't have to keep two sets spare tires right I'm trying to run these things I'll just say. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I am just asking. Mr. Moore stated I thought about that myself and actually talked about it but the kindness doesn't you

know when we had the other smaller tractors, we stayed out there pulling them out of bogs all the time when we stepped up to a little bigger tractor you know they had a little weight to help them get out of that ditch we didn't go quite as big but I weighted the tractor down a little bit you know when I bought when I want to buy them I'm putting some extra weights on where they'll have a little bit of. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked do you got water in the tires and all that. Mr. Moore stated I got water in the tires and I put 10 weights on the front and tried to weight these tractors down just a little bit too because the other tractors really wasn't weighted down, they didn't have anything on them so I was trying to compensate and go a little bit small. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'm just asking. Mr. Moore stated yeah if we were out on the flat all the time but we go in some pretty rough spots out there in that ditch you know. Chairman Worsley stated what Doug has down here is we need to change the names from Kreg Freeman to Allen Worsley for that grant the one we had already voted on. Is there a motion for that. Vice Chairman Calhoun made the motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Worsley asked, so Andy what are you going to do is try to get a game plan together and all this sit down let's talk about it. Mr. Moore stated you know I fully agree with Ms. Nikki which I discussed that with you all the other night when you know we kind of just was talking about it that and that's one reason I kind of come in the truck deal wasn't really that much expected but I do have one that's fixing to let me down and I really don't have anything else to I don't have anything to take its place we've not replaced them you know over the years we just let them go and nothing's been put back in their place to there's about not anything if one goes down now there's not a replacement for it and these trucks are some that takes a lot to replace them because I got a bunch of stuff on them and Ladon and Allen will tell you when you go to pull an air compressors tool boxes when you make that change over on a truck you really don't want to make it every other day. I'd like for you all to set up time to where when you all want to just all see if we can get together and sit down. Mr. Cofty stated yeah I'll get a date. Chairman Worsley stated all right on this tractor here we see there's a big difference in the price do we want to go ahead and make a move and go ahead and start the in on this price because we've seen what's happening in the past it just kept going up you know this last one cost us one end it's about what \$30,000. Mr. Moore stated yeah from the time we started on it to the time we actually decided to do it we actually lost about \$30,000 between the two you know from us and that was all our fault of this waiting that was 1/3 of buying another one.

Ms. Whittaker stated we need to go ahead and finance it through somewhere now pay it on. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated can you do that. Ms. Whittaker stated you just have to pay finance charges. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'm talking about with the grant can you go ahead and buy it and finance it. Mr. Cofty stated yeah, the grant as long as you just have the invoice and the serial number, they're fine with that. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated okay. Mr. Cofty stated it's just if you wait if you try to lock it in now wait eight months down the road it's going to be. Chairman Worsley stated yeah it's going to be

gone over now yeah so that will be my recommendation to go ahead and lock down the you know 94,000- 95,000 and go ahead and get that moving. Commissioner Edwards asked where are we going to take that from TSPOLST. Chairman Worsley stated it would have to come out of TSPLOST. Commissioner is that for the trucks. Chairman Worsley stated but whenever we do the trucks you know. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I say we wait 2 weeks to do all this and we'll talk about it at this meeting in two weeks is what I'm saying, what do you think Jeff. Commissioner Cox stated sounds like Mr. Andy needs a way to get out to all these sites. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I am talk about the meeting. Commissioner Cox stated yes, I mean discuss it all at the meeting. Mr. Moore stated the tractor thing if you all want to do that I've started on the truck thing because it's eight months away from even having one but if you say another month another month another one like getting that price right there all I want to do is apply for them.

Commissioner Nixon stated so tonight you want us to make a motion to apply for the grant, is that right. Mr. Moore stated I really, I want you to think about it I mean yes if you just want to do it that's fine but I'm just saying you know if you all want to sit down and really let's look at it the future things and what they're going to cost and where the money is going to come from and things like that. Commissioner Edwards asked how long is this is going to stay on the table though. Mr. Moore stated I don't have a problem with waiting myself I'm just saying you know I got some problems that's coming up that I don't know that I fix they may turn into catastrophic problems and I'm not going to have something to replace it with and we got to start at some point in time we got to start looking at what is our priority to make a change and that is one thing right there it is becoming a priority just out of need. Then the limb cutting thing is just you know that's a long-term problem that we got to start working on to fix but if you all want to pick a time and us sit down and really go over what we think is a 12-month plan a 2-year plan or whatever you all want to do I'm open for any of. Chairman Worsley stated Doug how long do you think it would take, check with the city on their vehicles or stuff like that and get us an idea. Mr. Cofty stated they got the, I guess you would call it the higher end trucks are already ready, they're waiting on the Dodge trucks for the public works and then those will become available so Corey said it could be any time now I'll check with them in the morning and see. Chairman Worsley stated do you have any idea about what they want for them. Mr. Cofty stated I don't, we can get him here and talk to him and see.

Chairman Worsley stated if the grant will even cover a used vehicle or whatever. Mr. Moore stated I'm just trying to look at a cheap you know for the county and spend the money wisely and this grant money is one way to spend it wise because if you buy one get one free you can't get much better than that. Commissioner Cox stated that sounds like a plan. Mr. Moore stated I really didn't just come asking you to really do something tonight it just kind of wanted you to start looking at you know that that's something that's going. Chairman Worsley stated you all want to hold off until we get all this information together and meet with Andy then we move forward. The board was in agreement. Mr. Cofty stated do you all want to do it the week of the 27th through the 3rd and if so, just pick a date because I'm free that day any of them. Vice Chairman

Calhoun stated what day was that that we had to take a picture. Mr. Cofty stated that's the 24<sup>th</sup>. I mean if you all want to do it that day that'd probably be a good, we all be together what'd you say, I mean do you all want to do it the 24th you all already going to be here. I've got to advertise. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated that would be a good time to do it wouldn't it. Commissioner Edwards stated yes, we'll do the 24th we're already here. Chairman Worsley stated we will move on to the next one, we need to go into executive session. Mr. Moore stated before we go the Griffin Sheffield thing is something I'd like to do started on if you all want to do the section at a time I do need to buy probably half of that pipe. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah, I'd go ahead and do that worst section you know.

Commissioner Edwards stated yeah go ahead and do that worst section the one you and I talked about. Mr. Moore stated I mean I'm going to have to close it and I don't want to kill everybody I don't want to kill the farming on it I do want to leave try to leave everybody away in but that's going to be three sections and then I'm going to have to close Kelly to do it so. Chairman Worsley stated we need a motion to let Andy proceed forward and buy the pipe he needs to do it. Do we have a motion. Commissioner Edwards made motion. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I don't think we need a motion for him to do his job. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Mr. Moore stated I do not have any money for pipe. Ms. Whittaker stated so where are we taking it out of. Chairman Worsley stated you will have to take it out of TSPLOST that's the only place to get it. Mr. Moore stated there's no money in SPLOST because we're paying payments on it, I mean it'll have to come out of TSPLOST. Chairman Worsley stated we have a motion by Ms. Cristine. Ms. Nikki seconded in and all in favor. All in favor. Motion carried. All right then we need to go into executive session, we need a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Nixon made motion. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Chairman Worsley stated we're going into executive session.

### **Return from Executive Session**

Chairman Worsley stated now the purpose of going to closed session was discuss surplus of some property and putting it up for sale. We need a motion to move forward to put up the I guess you call it the AG barn or that would be the correct name the property your property up for sale you know for bid with the right to reject and then all bids if it does not meet. Mr. Calhoun did you say you want to put a starting point on it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah, I would think so, what you think. Chairman Worsley stated 1.5 million. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated let's start it, make a motion. Chairman Worsley stated all right we need a motion to put that property surplus for sale that's starting to bid of 1.5 million dollars with the right to refuse any and all bids you know the commissioner had right to refuse. Do we have a motion for that. Commissioner Cox made motion. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Worsley stated we need a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nixon made motion. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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