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# Miller County

Board of Commissioners

304 W. Pine Street  
Colquitt, Ga 39837

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

**Present:** Chairman Kreg Freeman, Vice Chairman Ladon Calhoun, and Commissioner Niki Nixon. Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Doug Cofty, Andy Moore, Austin Lambert, Brad Bell, Mandy Roland.

Chairman Freeman calls the meeting to order. Regular session 02/14/2022 and called for a moment of silent prayer then the pledge of allegiance.

### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Chairman Freeman stated they needed to approved the agenda, asked if there was any additions or changes. Douglas Cofty stated that we needed to add something when we got to the Sheriff Department lawsuits. Mr. Cofty stated we need to a motion to allow ACCG lead counsel to be able to accept the acknowledgment of services. He stated this would allow the lawyer to accepted it instead of the commissioners being served individually. Chairman Freeman stated Okay and added the addition. He called for a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Calhoun made a motion to approved, Commissioner Nixon seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Freeman call for approval of the minutes for regular session 01/10/2022 and Special session 01/28/2022. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion to approve, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor, Motion carried.

### **FINANCIALS:**

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

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

### **APPEARANCES:**

#### **MANDY ROLAND – MAYHAW FESTIVAL**

Chairman Freeman called on Mandy Roland to give update on the Mayhaw Festival. Mandy Roland stated she wanted to formally get permission to have the Mayhaw Festival on the square again. She stated because there will be people using the lawn for stuff like that as picnics and other things. Ms. Roland stated she did not think they will be using the courthouse steps for entertainment. She stated she thought they would be

doing something different. She also stated she never got with an electrician to see about possibly fixing some of those outlets. She mentioned they were just going to use another generator again for the outlets and power. Ms. Roland then stated they are throwing in a new event she stated it is not new, but they are regenerating a previous bike ride. She stated they usually had it at the school starting from school and from the school. She stated a lot of the riders have decided that they would like to be downtown so they can focus on our businesses. They can shop. They can eat. So going to have like a little mini festival. More like a jamboree. That's what They're calling it. She stated we will have entertainment, there's a couple other things that we're going to be bringing in but we're also looking for working with the city to get the permits that we need in order to expand what we're kind of looking for. She stated I just really wanted the permission formally to use those. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked did you think it went really well last year? Ms. Roland stated Oh, it was phenomenal. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Yeah.

Ms. Roland stated the businesses did. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I went, it seemed like it went well. Ms. Roland stated a couple of businesses that came to me and showed me their annual what do you call it? Not their profits but their sales for the last three Mayhaws when it was down here at the park, and it quadrupled going back on the square. She stated that was a lot of foot traffic that not only shocked at the festival itself but went into the restaurants to dine and shop and stuff too. She then stated we're really trying to focus on our murals and the agritourism and stuff with the bike ride. So, it'll go through different communities, but downtown Colquitt and all our murals is one of the base subjects for that ride. She stated that's pretty much it with the Mayhaw Festival. She stated I do have a other couple things that I would just like to mention. She stated I want to brag for a moment on our road department. I've already called mister Andy and I have specifically said, the job that this guy is doing on our dirt roads, and I know it's not just my dirt road. I've seen it on other dirt roads too. But I really wanted to praise him, and I made sure that mister Andy knew who I was talking to personally. She stated they're doing a great job. She stated Doug had texted me earlier today. I do serve on the rep board that y'all had appointed me and I will start, I'm the secretary treasurer. So, I'll start sending over the minutes from our meeting too. She then thanked the board

Chairman Freeman stated we appreciate all that. He asked the board is everybody okay for the Mayhaw Festival back on the square. Vice Chairman stated Mm hmm. Commissioner Nixon stated Absolutely. Chairman Freeman stated let's just vote and call for motion to do that again this year. Commissioner Nixon stated I'll make a motion. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. Chairman Freeman stated I'm going to vote in favor of it also. Ms. Roland stated Thank you. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked are you going to get us up a list of stuff you might need beforehand. Ms. Roland stated I walk around. there was a good bit that was already done last year. She stated it's just those minor details, of things that, you know, can't happen overnight, the sidewalks and stuff like that but that's no big deal. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated okay. Ms. Roland stated we'll manage. Chairman Freeman stated we appreciate it.

### **BRAD BELL – RESURFACING OF PARK**

Chairman Freeman asked Brad if he wanted to talk to them about the resurfacing the tennis courts and all? Mr. Bell stated yes, sir, can I talk about the parking lot first. Chairman Freeman stated Yeah. Mr. Bell stated this is a contract, he stated \$17,720.00 is everything from the front gate here all the way down to the oval and everything. That includes fixing the potholes. Chairman Freeman asked Is this the picture. Mr. Bell stated yes that I just made that picture there for y'all just to kind of see. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked so, that's from up here. Mr. Bell stated yeah, right where we are all the way down, hit this parking lot here. He stated it's going to fix all the potholes, make it smooth, go down to the oval, get oval, and come back. Chairman Freeman stated so,

everything from the gate coming in. Mr. Bell stated right, now, that's the \$17,724.00, okay. He then stated now, the other one is the parking lot that is up there by city hall and me and Doug checked that, and we do own the parking lot. Doug Cofty stated, we own half, and the city owns half. Mr. Bell stated so that part of the lot needs it too. It's not as bad as shape as this but it needs it to. So, I talked to Cory at city hall, and he has agreed to pay half. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked is that the parking lot for the park and the Sheriff and police department and everything right there. Mr. Bell stated so that total for us is going to come up to be around \$20,000. Mr. Bell stated I honestly, I think it really needs it. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked he's going to pay half of this one, the \$6,000 one, okay. Mr. Bell stated again I think it really needs it. I think it'd make that park look better. He stated I don't know if any of you all have went down to the oval down there. That section right there where you go in the water treatment plant and everything. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it's terrible. Mr. Bell stated it's really bad, I think the park deserves it.

Chairman Freeman asked was you all going to talk about this at your Rec meeting. Ms. Roland stated we told Brad to get up the proposition to show, to bring here. Chairman Freeman stated Okay. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so everybody's agreeable. Mr. Bell stated yes. Mr. Bell stated he also check with Faye on the SPLOST. Ms. Whittaker stated TSPLOST. Mr. Bell stated I'm sorry. TSPLOST and we got enough in there to take care of it. Ms. Whittaker stated I talked to Perry, and he said parking lots would fall under that so because we don't have enough in regular we could use TSPLOST. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked you got anything else you are going to want down there this year. Mr. Bell stated yes there is a lot of things we need down there. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he is used to people saying what they want then they'll hit you with what they need kind of deal, you know, and all. Mr. Bell stated really, there, there is some stuff that we need with the lights need to be worked on in some the bathrooms. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated okay, there's nothing major what you're saying. Mr. Bell stated really honestly, the lights is going to be a major thing to see. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated right. Mr. Bell stated matter of fact, Three Notch is coming and going to look at my lights and see that I want to say something about there are bulbs that we might not be able use anymore. We may have the LED lights but then, I also heard the LED lights weren't as expensive if we already got poles up and everything tested out, that would, that would help out. Mr. Bell stated the parking lots will be number one, the lights be number two and then the bathrooms will be number three. Chairman Freeman stated getting back to this SPLOST. what was Faye saying a while ago. Ms. Whittaker stated we can use TSPLOST for paving the parking lot.

Chairman Freeman asked aren't we going to need all that for Bellview Road. Ms. Whittaker stated Yes, we just don't have enough in Rec SPLOST plus to get the tractor for the golf course and all the other the pavement. Chairman Freeman asked did you ever hear anything out of Winston by the tractor. Mr. Cofty stated yes, he'll be getting it this spring. He's got a quote, it is about the same price it went up a little bit, but he had said when he initially presented it, it was for early spring so that is what he's shooting for, He said within the next two weeks or so. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked do you want to look into it and see if we can find the money and then. Mr. Bell stated in SPLOST, we have \$65,000 dollars. Ms. Whittaker confirmed right at that. Mr. Bell stated okay, if Winston takes the lawnmower out, we're still at \$41,000.00. Mr. Bell stated we aren't going to get to do all these projects, but we still have plenty of money to do this and still have at least \$20,000 leftover. Chairman Freeman stated we have a thing pending with the school. They might would pay for half of redoing the tennis courts. Mr. Cofty stated I haven't heard anything back from the superintendent. Chairman Freeman asked Leroy Bush if he knew anything about that. Mr. Bush stated I don't think you are going to have

to votes to be honest with you, I don't you will have the votes. Chairman Freeman asked did these folks say anything about when they could do this paving. Mr. Bell stated He told me that he had to have 50° for a certain period of time to get the asphalt from Bainbridge or Dothan. He didn't know where he was going to get that from, so he said, I asked him. I said, could you have this done before the ball season. Mr. Bell stated he said, if I could keep it above 50° and above or certain period of time, yes.

Chairman Freeman asked when does ball season start. Mr. Bell stated it will be the first week in April. Chairman Freeman stated it would be above that. Vice Chairman stated yes it would be in March sometime. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked how long did he say it would take him to do it, I assume they can do it in a couple of days, I guess. I won't take it. Mr. Bell stated about a week. if you see that we got to remove the grass and stuff to grow it up in in in the thing.

Chairman Freeman asked are they going to come in there and mill this off or anything or you don't know. Mr. Bell stated I don't know that. Cory Thomas was one put me on it because he did their church out there and I rode out there and looked at their church parking lot and everything. It looked really good. Mr. Bell stated there's not a lot of these people do this out here. He stated he called one guy from Mariana. He came up, checked it all out, and never turned the call. Chairman Freeman asked did you check with Mike Floyd and I'm down there. Mr. Bell stated he didn't. Mr. Bell asked do you want me to get a quote from him. Chairman Freeman stated you need to because that's just right down the road down there. Chairman Freeman asked the board if they wanted to put it on hold. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yes let's get one more price on it just make sure. Chairman Freeman stated you have the tennis courts on here too do you want to go into anything else on that. Mr. Bell states what I can tell you about the tennis courts was I called a guy recommended by Cairo of Rec Department and he done all their stuff and he's been he's been highly recommended and I and also was going through the three bids. I got another guy who's supposed to come down and look and give me an idea on it. Mr. Bell stated the third one, I think it's like I said, there's not a lot of people do this. This guy's from Acworth I believe and he's going to work his way down to when he gets down here, he's just not going to make a special trip for that. Anyway, this guy said he was getting a rough estimate of \$12,000 to resurface and repaint them the whole nine yards per court so that would be \$24,000.00. Chairman Freeman stated Okay. Mr. Bell stated he would come down and give us a finished estimate to make sure that it would be \$24,000.00. Mr. Bell stated there's an upgrade on that where they come in and put a mesh mat or something on it and paint it on. It's supposed to be a lot longer lasting its \$48,000.00. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated wow. Mr. Bell stated so from what I understand the Meeting that me and Doug had with the Superintendent, Cory, and all. We talked about, they talked about maybe put some tennis courts out at school in the next three to five years. So, what I'm asking is, we could use to do the \$24,000 for those two if you all wanted to and that gives us that to those four years, you know, because I'm going to tell you something, if you get six courts at school, a kid isn't going to come from high school down here and play. They will have plenty of room down there also. Mr. Bell stated being out there for the last two years, not a lot of people play tennis. Chairman Freeman asked you talking about other than the school. Ms. Roland stated I think it's more utilized for skateboarding than roller skating and that's not good for the court surface either. Mr. Bell stated but it's not a big thing because here's why you have tennis from January to March, then you have baseball season. Then you get out of school and its hot. Kids this day and time aren't going to get out where its hot. Mr. Bell stated so you got all summer you know, So, really there is not a tennis rec ball season that you can have. So, then you got a football coming up then and then you got, you know. Commissioner Nixon stated but the kids, I mean, until the school can build some, they're going to have to have somewhere to play and so, you're talking about, you didn't think we would get the votes on the

tennis courts to help out with the tennis courts. Is that what you're talking about. Mr. Bush stated he's looking into that, but I don't see that. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you all going to build some out there at the school. Commissioner Nixon stated but we've got to be able to get those kids by until, you know, the three to five years. I mean, what are they going to do in, you know, that amount of time. Ms. Roland stated I know that the cracks that are in the courts right now, they will throw the balls and you'll lose a point. I mean, it's really that simple. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked when was the last time they were redone, long time. Mr. Bell stated I guess pictures in there I found and these have never been redone. He stated that one was built I want to say maybe in 1994, I'm not 100% sure but around 1994. Chairman Freeman stated Alright, if you all want to put this on hold until we get another price on the paving and we will look into the resurfacing of the tennis courts too. Chairman Freeman asks the board if that is agreeable. The board agrees. Chairman Freeman stated Alright is there anything else you would go over.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **COMMISSIONERS OFFICE MOVE**

Chairman Freeman stated on the old business. Commissioners' office move is there anything. Mr. Cofty stated no, it is complete. Chairman Freeman stated okay. He asked if all the computer stuff is like it needs to be. Mr. Cofty stated it is and I also called Jill Brown and let her know everything and they she said they would go and start processing the paperwork. Chairman Freeman stated okay.

### **FUELING STATION**

Chairman Freeman asked about the fueling station. Mr. Cofty stated it is complete as well. We've got one department. I think Andy's got his cards, but we got some that we've got to get to him. Mr. Cofty stated we've got the Sheriff Department, we've got the EMS and pretty much all the county departments other than that. Mr. Cofty asked Andy Moore, I think you're using it, You and Shelly are using your cards right. Mr. Moore stated yes, they are using it some along. Mr. Cofty stated we have not had any issues we just have a little punch list that we've got to get to the company but other than that is it's running flawless right now. Chairman Freeman stated okay. What are you all receiving up there in the office. Is it where you can print it so we can take a look at it. Mr. Cofty stated it is, we can set it to check it daily. We can set it to check it hourly and every transaction that's put on that pump is actually sent Wi-Fi to us. We have it set up like a customer base. So, every department is its own customer, and it records every translation. We have fuel in gallons, we have the amount. Everything that's needed. Chairman Freeman stated okay, he asked next month for a report so they can get an overview of what's going on. Mr. Cofty stated okay. Chairman Freeman stated If you don't mind. Mr. Cofty stated okay.

### **ROAD ORDINANCE**

Chairman Freeman asked about the ordinance for the road. We talked about that right there. Mr. Cofty stated I'm waiting. I've been talking with ACCG, Bill Toomey, and there really is no county that has a specific dirt road ordinance. So, what he's trying to do is find the best one that will suit us. He has a few counties that has like road ordinances but not like just, I mean, we've had to adopt pretty much every bit of that. I was thinking about talking to Bill Mills, our attorney and just seeing if he could come up with something that that he would be able to write. If you guys adopt it would be an ordinance, but I was going to give a Bill Toomey a chance to finish up his stuff. So, that's still in progress. Chairman Freeman stated okay. He asked the board if they have you got any questions on that. Chairman Freeman stated to follow up on that, we may just have to come up with. If you don't hear nothing out of him the next week or so.

Come up with something like a rough draft and hand it off to Bill Mills. Mr. Cofty stated okay. Chairman Freeman stated I mean we pretty much we talked about what we needed to do. This is just so they can't just go out there and start digging, piling dirt up in the road and stuff like that. If he doesn't come over something see what he says.

### **GPS – COUNTY VEHICLES**

Chairman Freeman stated GPS on the county vehicles. Mr. Cofty stated we have met with some folks. Some of it was high price. The city actually has gone, and I think, Mr. Cofty asked Austin Lambert, IT Director how many vehicles they put on. Mr. Lambert stated like five or six and it's like \$19 a month per unit. Mr. Cofty stated we're trying to find actually cheaper ones. There's a bunch of companies out there but we do have a meeting schedule with that company that city is using just to see if it's working. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked what company were they using? Mr. Lambert stated he thought it was Momentum. Mr. Cofty stated if we all just go in together. You know, two entities would make it a better deal. He said, the more we buy, the cheaper it would be. Mr. Cofty stated we're just waiting to get that webinar set up. Covid is kind of, you know, stalled everything. But it is in progress still. Chairman Freeman stated well there's a thing I looked this up yesterday and it may be some dime store thing. I couldn't get into no real details. They wanted you to talk to some representative and I wouldn't get doing that. But anyway, the thing, according to how many times it sent you information if it was twice a week or once a day or whatever. It's according to how long the unit, the battery would last on the unit itself. It isn't even wired into the vehicle. It just connected to it and the battery itself pinged off satellite and it send it to some app that you could download and if you didn't do it once a day to tell you where that vehicle was at certain time of the day or whatever like that or that the battery would last it said from two to five years. So, if it was updating constantly, it won't last long. Mr. Cofty stated if you will get us that name we'll reach out. Chairman Freeman stated I will.

### **USDA GRANT – ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Cofty stated I've got all the paperwork completed. I just have to get some financials, but me and Faye were talking. Mister Allen had asked us to kind of go over and see what was in in Andy's SPLOST and with the three motor graders and the excavator and the Kubota, the monthly amount is about tapped out. Mr. Cofty stated if we do it, I'd suggest that we go with the highest tractor and go with one in a mower because what it is with the USDA grant, if we get to \$100,000.00, they'll give us \$50,000.00 on that hundred, if we get to a \$150,000.00, we're not going to get any but that \$50,000.00. So, if we can start out and get one tractor and one mower, we may can, if you read down here, we may can take it out of the TSPLOST because it is equipment used for the infrastructure for roads and stuff. Mr. Cofty stated I mean, I don't know how much he's got in his SPLOST, but we can't take it for payments. Ms. Whittaker stated he's got some built up but right now, he's got about as much coming out each month. Mr. Cofty stated it's like twelve coming out and twelve going in. Ms. Whittaker stated and that's without the dump truck in the truck that the payment hasn't come due on it yet. Mr. Cofty stated so, I can proceed if you want and then just maybe just find out to take a lump sum because the worst case is we just have to pay \$50,000 out for some and that's still a good deal for the tractor and a motor. Chairman Freeman asked the board, you all want to go on and continue with that. Chairman Freeman asked if we decided to do it, when will we be doing it. Mr. Cofty stated I mean, the paperwork, we can submit it, there's really no guidelines it's constantly open. It's just toward the end of the year the money kind of runs out. They just kind of wait until the first of the year. So, it's ready to go now we sign the paper. In fact, she said, just whenever we wanted to do it. So, I'll continue and then I think Faye's got to get a couple financials. We got to get a letter from the attorney and we're ready to file. Chairman Freeman asked Andy, mower wise, what do you got running down there? Mr. Moore stated the double bat wing that we got

is still in decent shape. I mean, you know, we kind of continue to make it run. The other one is 13 or 14 years old. You know, it's on his last leg. That one is on. Chairman Freeman stated right off top of my head I don't remember, the mower that we are wanting to do with the grant. Is it a double or single? Mr. Moore stated it's a double. He stated it seems to work better than the single one because you get off the highway a little bit. That other one you have to run basically with your wheel up on the highway. This one you get off a little and it flexes a little. It it's held up a lot better than the other ones did. And I was hoping to make two runs. You know put both batwings together. Most roads we can make a run down one side or run back down the other, you basically every now and then might catch what you had left every other time or something but if you was in a tight you can make two runs. You know, run both of them down one side, come back up the other, you are through with the road. Where when you run that little bat wing with the other one, it leaves a pretty good bit from there to the fence you have to turn around, come back and get. Mr. Moore stated the one we got, I don't remember where we bought it but it's held up real good. It's in real fairly decent shape, that one is. Main thing is the old tractors is the worst part and that one mower, but the one tractor, and one mower would be a great help. Chairman Freeman asked the board you all want to go forward with a thing. Chairman Freeman stated you aren't committed to do it, if we don't sign the papers, you aren't. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked we're just moving forward with the loan paperwork. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked if we need to make a motion for that. Chairman Freeman stated yes, I would. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion to move forward to loan application. Commissioner Nixon stated I'll second it. Chairman Freeman stated he was going to vote in favor as well. If something comes up, and we can't. Mr. Cofty stated he would an eye on that the amount. Alright.

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT WORK PLAN.**

Chairman Freeman asked Mr. Moore if was there anything added to the work plan? Mr. Moore stated we run the weekend. You know, we try to watch that. You know, we run. It was one of them weeks when it was wet. You know, we trying to work with, you know, what you all want. I mean. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it must be working because you had one lady over here that said you all was doing a good job. I don't hear that much. Don't take that wrong way but I don't hear that much now. Mr. Moore stated believe me I don't either. The guys are working on a lot of spots out there. You know, we got a lot of wet spots. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked how many miles of dirt road you got in Miller County? Mr. Moore stated we got 300. Scraping roads, limb cutting, that's 600 miles. That's more than most counties have. Mr. Cofty stated they added their work detail. I just put that right behind that so you can see where they're where they're at, what kind of work they've been doing. Chairman Freeman stated well, if you work it out where you can rotate them around so there is someone working on Friday like that right there if they want to do that, and on a volunteer basis. Mr. Moore stated I didn't have no problem. You know what I mean? Really? I didn't have no problem. I mean, it's been raining. It's going to rain this weekend so. Chairman Freeman stated well, as long as they aren't running up a bunch of overtime or something like that right there. If they want to knock off. If it's wet Monday and they want to start Tuesday. Chairman Freeman asked Mr. Moore to see about making a transition into that. Mr. Moore stated I think we work out what you all want. You know and keep in budget, and you know, we'll keep eye on it and if there's a problem, we'll work out something different. Chairman Freeman stated Alright, I got a letter here the other day. The fellow that was an engineer, I reckon the one you all might have been dealing with. His name was Vann Mason. Do you know him? Mr. Moore stated I don't. Chairman Freeman stated anyway, he's retired and the new the new fellow for us is going to be Scott Chambers. So anyway, I'm going to leave the letter here in the office. It's got a phone number and stuff down here. But anyway, he sent the letter saying he was taking over that fellow's spot for the DOT. So, he's the engineer. Mr. Moore stated we might deal with somebody under him and

then, all our paperwork goes to him sometime. That's how it works. Chairman Freeman stated okay. Mr. Moore stated we'll actually be talking to one guy, but we turn something in from you all, it goes to somebody a little higher up so that maybe somebody swapping positions. Mr. Cofty stated If I can add this, Andy and them actually ran an ad in the paper for the Bellview paving and I do have the bids listed on our website. I've been reaching out to different companies just letting them know. Hey, if you're interested, go here to this address and I think we're going to close it out the 25<sup>th</sup> of February and just see what we get. Chairman Freeman asked the board if anybody has any more questions about any roads stuff.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** on February 17<sup>th</sup> with Regional Development Commission Chairman Freeman stated they will sit down on the at 3 o'clock on 17<sup>th</sup> and go through this plan. Which we done it several times in the past years. But anyway, Chairman Freeman asked what day is the 17<sup>th</sup> on? Mr. Cofty stated it was Thursday and I've got it the list down here. It's the chairman, the county manager , the city manager, and the mayor. If you guys are interested and want to come and just let us know because you know if there's three you all. We have to advertise it. So, just let us know head of time if you want to attend.

## **APPROVAL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DRIVEWAY**

Chairman Freeman stated the next thing is approval for driveway and for the fire station in the county, Chairman Freeman asked did we vote on that the last time. Mr. Cofty stated no, what you did was the telephone vote when I reached out to you guys on telephone or text, all five of you approved it but Ms. Christine wanted it brought to the meeting so we can do a formal approval. Andy has done the work. I went out there. Look at that. It looks really good. So, it's been complete. Chairman Freeman stated we need a motion to approve what we agreed on, so it will be on the record on the telephone. Vice Chairman Calhoun made the motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded it. Chairman Freeman stated I'm going to vote in favor of it all so.

## **SHERIFF DEPARTMENT LAWSUITS**

Chairman Freeman stated the next thing is the sheriff department lawsuits. You got that. It's page 29 through page 67. You got Roseborough, Price and it's actually another one that came in here. Mr. Cofty stated it is, that's the one that we where we keep receiving the same letter, but we haven't got anything other than that letter. That's the one that I've presented to you guys where all of us spelling like the sheriff, everything is misspelled and it's just something's not right, but our attorney hasn't heard anything else from them. But they keep sending that same letter over and over to us. ACCG is aware of it. Chairman Freeman asked so they haven't formally file nothing except with the lawyer. Mr. Cofty stated No. Chairman Freeman asked is there anything we need to discuss about this? Mr. Cofty stated this this is where we need to make the motion for Raleigh Rollins, the ACCG Council to be able to accept the acknowledgement of services so they don't have to serve everybody just to serve the county as a whole that he represented. Chairman Freeman stated we need a motion to let ACCG appoint. Chairman Freeman asked is it going to be him or is it just going to be counsel? Mr. Cofty stated it was going to be Raleigh Rollins. Chairman Freeman stated appoint Raleigh Rollins through ACCG to represent us in this lawsuit. Vice Chairman Calhoun made the motion with Commissioner Nixon seconding. Chairman Freeman stated I'm in favor of it all so. Chairman Freeman asked is anything else we need to talk about right. Mr. Cofty stated No sir.



## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Freeman stated the Health Department appointment and asked what's that lady's name? Mr. Cofty stated Courtney Clanton. Chairman Freeman stated she's unable to attend and be on the health board. The COVID stuff is the first one thing, or another got her wrapped up. Chairman Freeman asked what do we need to do here? He asked, have you reached out to anybody? Mr. Cofty stated yes. it's hard because all the nurses are saying the same thing. Hey, you know I got COVID we are dealing with that. Mr. Cofty stated it has to be a nurse or nurse practitioner or PA, but it is just hard finding them. I'll reach out to a couple more and see. I may reach out to Robin, and she may appoint somebody. Chairman Freeman stated if you want to talk to her, I have the hospital meeting, next week. I can talk to them too. Mr. Cofty stated okay. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated try to motivate somebody. Mr. Cofty stated yeah, I'm on there as the county representative so we do still have representation. It's just we've been that position short for a while. Chairman Freeman stated go ahead and call her if you don't mind and if she says I'll be hunting somebody. I'll check on it at the next hospital meeting and see if there's somebody available.

## **SCRAPING OF CITY DIRT ROADS**

Chairman Freeman stated the scraping the dirt road in the city. That's, the city's request, are they're going to let us know when they want it scraped or do, they want it scraped on a regular schedule. Mr. Cofty stated they didn't say that. Once you all talk about it, they would get with Andy. Mr. Cofty asked Andy, you said you scraped. Mr. Moore stated yes, we scraped them along. We did miss a time or two because Horess kind of, did that he looked after it and I didn't think about it, you know, and Horess got hurt. We've caught back up. We worked on one of them today. I mean, we are kind of getting back to where when they come and go, and they are catching them. We'll keep them straight. Mr. Cofty stated he said there's four of them. The fifth one I guess is Holly it is being paved. Mr. Moore stated yes, we worked on Holly today. It's been a mess. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked where is it at? Mr. Moore stated right past the road department that little road goes kind of right down on the other side of WC. They got the barrels in the columns here. We got in better shape today. It has dried out enough to work on it. We worked on we got that. Horess just kind of looked after that when he was coming and going, and he caught those roads but he got sick and left and I just dropped the ball on thinking about it but we done scraped them a time or two since Chairman Freeman asked did you all do all the work down there on that road? Mr. Moore asked Holly Drive? Chairman Freeman stated yeah. Mr. Moore stated no, Oxford was doing that work. Chairman Freeman asked you all just trying to maintaining it. Mr. Moore stated well, we just trying to help them get it where they can drive back on it. They just done so much work to it and it's wet anyway and the people that live are just can't come and go. So, we've been we just been helping them a little. We're not doing work. Chairman Freeman stated you got that handled, that's fine.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR DUMPSITE**

Chairman Freeman stated the intergovernmental agreement with the city for the trash roll off the dumpsters. Little issue this past weekend. The folks didn't come dump the things. What did the man, I mean when he left, he's there Tuesdays and Thursdays isn't he? Mr. Moore stated we went back Kreg. We tried to make it go but at 2:00PM Saturday we packed the dumpsters. Mr. Cofty stated it was open, He was open. Chairman Freeman stated I know but if they were getting that full, why didn't he let somebody know or did he? Mr. Moore stated yeah, he did but they just didn't come dump it. They didn't dump them all Monday and we went and packed them. We made every effort to try to make all day Saturday, but it was just full. We had to clean it up

today. I mean it was just falling off on the ground and I told him, you know. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated long story short, the company didn't come and dump them like they were supposed to. Mr. Cofty stated, well, the contract ran out yesterday and when the lady and I talked, she never, she just said, that's fine. She said when the contract ends, we'll come out here Monday and get them. She didn't say we weren't going to continue to dump like we were supposed to. So, technically they didn't even fulfill their last week of the contract. But, so anyway, today, I think we've got them all moved. The city's putting theirs place. Mr. Moore stated in the morning, we ready. Mr. Cofty stated we're fine. I talked to Cory, and he basically said that stuff wouldn't have happened if I needed to call him at any hour to call him and then and he would make sure it gets taken care of. Mr. Moore stated we tried to make it, but I mean, it just got where there was trash just falling off on the ground and I mean, we closed about two o'clock Saturday. Mr. Cofty stated I'm on I'm going to email that company and let them know. Chairman Freeman stated the agreement, is it ready to sign? Mr. Cofty stated Yes, that's it ready to sign. Chairman Freeman stated I need a motion to give me permission to sign this agreement with the city for them to take over the trash business. Vice Chairman Calhoun made the motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. Chairman Freeman stated I'm going to vote in favor of it also. Any more discussion about anything with the trash or anything?

### **REGIONAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Freeman stated the Regional Commission, the appointment, Jamie Smith, joint city, and county. So, she's appointed by the city and the county isn't she. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir. Chairman Freeman stated her term is expired or going to expire. And I reckon she's willing to serve again on this. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir. Chairman Freeman asked the board you all want to reappoint her? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yes if she'll do it. Chairman Freeman stated I need a motion. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'll make a motion Jamie does it. Commissioner Nixon stated I'll second it. Chairman Freeman stated I'll vote in favor of it as well.

### **ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING AGREEMENT**

Chairman Freeman stated the Arts Council funding agreement. Krista came and talked to us about that right there. And she was wanting to go ahead and start on that remodeling project up there that we told her she'd find the matching funds that we helped fund that. Chairman Freeman asked did she come up with or does she have a contract. Mr. Cofty stated she said she has one she would bring me. They're fixing to start construction. They agreed on all the price and the company. A Kevin Lovering, he's going to do the work. She said she would get whatever you guys requested. She said she's willing to sign the agreement too. She wanted to you to get you to look at it first and if that's the wording that you wanted. Then you sign it and She said she would sign it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated let's see paperwork. Chairman Freeman asked you want us to read it and make sure it's like it needs to be. Mr. Cofty stated that's right. Unless you want to add something else to it. Chairman Freeman asked do we need to do that tonight. Mr. Cofty stated that's up to you. Chairman Freeman asked how long is there? Mr. Cofty stated she says she's needing the money. I mean, they're fixing to start. Chairman Freeman asked the board do you all want to go ahead and do. Chairman Freeman stated I need a motion to sign the agreement with the Arts Council for the funding. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Contingent on the paperwork, right? Vice Chairman Calhoun made the motion with Commissioner Nixon seconding it second. Chairman Freeman stated alright. I'll vote in favor of it also.

### **GRIMSLEY BRIDGE ROAD DAMAGE**

Chairman Freeman stated the next thing is the Grimsley Bridge Road damage. Mr. Cofty stated Mr. Allen called me he hurt his hip, so he wasn't going to be able to make

it. But he had me go out and if you look at the pictures out on Grimsley Bridge Road. It looks like a farmer's dragging the road and it looks like, I guess, several different pictures and he just wanted to bring that up that we do need that county ordinance and that very last one looks like it's more of a, I mean, that that tells the story of it all. The rest of it looks like it could be where they they're just used as a road to drive in. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Looks like they took a dirt pan to drain water or redirect the water or something. Mr. Cofty stated so he wanted me to present that. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated looks like it was running down the side of the field and they did it where it would run into the road and run down the channel of the road. That's what it looks like to me. Chairman Freeman asked was there an existing ditch there or did he say? Mr. Cofty stated well, I can't really tell. I went out and looked at it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I think I know where that is, you know where that is, Andy? There's a culvert pipe right. They're trying to get into that cover pipe. Isn't that what he's trying to do? Mr. Moore stated yeah, I do know where it is. Chairman Freeman asked is there an existing ditch.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I can't remember. Andy may can't remember. Mr. Moore stated there is a natural flow of the water on one side of the road it, that water is going to be made to go, try to go there. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they are trying to get it to a culvert that Andy put in about a year or two ago. Mr. Moore stated the road goes to a bottom right there in the, in the road water. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah so, the water, he put it in where the water won't stand right there, and the water would get on into the field. Whoever did this is trying to get it out their field to run down to that culvert to go under the road. Mr. Moore stated if it is deep enough water will go anywhere you want. Mr. Moore stated you are right. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I think that's right. Mr. Moore stated their water is fixing to become our problem and we going to have to try to carry it further. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated there's a house right there and it it's getting by that. They're trying to keep it going by that house right there, they are trying to keep it out of the yard of that house maybe. I don't know. Mr. Moore stated it's just another problem. We will deal with it. I mean that right there is happening all over the county. Chairman Freeman stated well, if it's going to keep it out of somebody's house, I don't have no problem with it but if it's going. Mr. Moore stated well, I mean, after a while, you dumping a lot of water in the road now.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well when it rains there is a bunch of water right there. It comes running down that road. Mr. Moore stated clipping the bank line and draining fields into the road is something that you're going to eventually have to look. The road's not a not drainage. You know, I mean, you can make water get out of your field by cutting. Chairman Freeman stated yeah, but the NRC has said you aren't supposed to dig no ditch and if there was an existing ditch, one of them, what they call a WPA ditch from long time ago, from back in the 30s or whatever. If there was an existing ditch this is not that. Mr. Moore stated it's just I can clear up the bank and dump five acres of water into the road. I mean, that's basically it is. I can sit here and name 25 places in the last year, it's been cut and it's just pouring water into the road. They just spotted right up here on that. They dug the ditch in this draining five acres of water. They dug a ditch with the excavator all the way down the fence row and it just dumps the water. They drain it five acres of the field into the road. Chairman Freeman stated I don't know what the rules is now, but you couldn't, you could keep a ditch cleaned out. You couldn't dig it no wider and you couldn't dig, you could dig it some wider, but you couldn't dig it no deeper. Mr. Moore stated these are not new ditches, these are just added. West Sheffield out there we got a spot. Farmer went up there and the water runs to the corner. That big corner was holding water. He went to the fence row and just took it backhoe and he didn't dig from to them brick right there and it dumps five acres of water in the road right there. When it comes out, it just eats the road out there in a big old

circle and then you put Volkswagen in it when you get a big rain right in the middle of the road I mean and there's nowhere for me to send that kind of water. I mean, I can't stop it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated this goes back to the road ordinance. So, we just need to look at that. Well, everybody, you know 20 years ago, everybody didn't have excavators like they do. Mr. Moore stated everybody cleaning up trees I mean, we got them doing it on highways I mean, the dirt roads were bad enough. We got some highways where it's being done. And you go to that kind of word highway, it rains a big flash flood at five inches of rain. Eventually, somebody's going to get killed running through and on a dirt road too. That one old hole we were talking about on West Sheffield, I went fixed it the other night and if a small car had been coming to their 35, 40 mile an hour. It would've just nosedived in that hole. And it's nothing but that one little, they didn't cut but this much, a bucket width and didn't cut it but 25 feet, but it just dump a big amount of water right in the road and there's nowhere for it to go. I mean, it's just flooding the road. Chairman Freeman stated we got the pictures and it's been noted where it's at and all. So, we going to if we get the ordinance in place, we'll deal with it. Any more question on that? we got the pictures and everything.

### **DUMPSITE SECURITY CAMERAS**

Chairman Freeman stated next thing is the security camera at the landfill and the dump. Mr. Cofty stated So that goes back to what Andy said. I mean, there was people saying that people were dumping trash in front of the gates, stuff like that. So, we have the cameras in place. We just don't have them installed yet. So, we're going to put cameras on the front gates, cameras on the bins. We'll have enough cameras around and we'll be able to see, you know, who's doing what. Chairman Freeman asked so you just don't have it up and running yet. Mr. Cofty stated it will be installed this week. Chairman Freeman stated alright. Is anything else we need to talk about? That's all the new business. Mr. Cofty stated that's it, I just handed you all the documents to review. Chairman Freeman stated alright, anything with the department heads or anything that we need to go over. Chairman Freeman stated if there's nothing else, we need a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nixon made motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded motion. Chairman Freeman stated alright, I'm going to vote in favor of it also. We are adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned.