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REGULAR SESSION MEETING
03/13/2023, 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, Sheriff Jimmy Holt, Keith Bowen, Winston Trively

Chairman Worsley calls the meeting to order. Regular session 03/13/2023. A word of prayer and Pledge of Allegiance followed.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Chairman Worsley stated first thing we need to do is approve the agenda with the 3 additions to the agenda do we have a motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards made motion with Commissioner Nixon seconding. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Worsley stated approval of minutes. Do you all see anything wrong with them?. If not, we need a motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards made motion, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

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

APPEARANCES

Keith Bowen – Election Integrity Update

Chairman Worsley greeted Mr. Bowen and asked him to tell the board what he had. Mr. Bowen stated thank you for letting me come speak tonight. We have some new folks on the board today, I'd like to talk to them and explain everything again. I'm not here speaking as a Republican or a Democrat or independent or anything like that. I am here is a concerned citizen to help restore confidence in our electoral system and right now the confidence in our election system is probably an all-time low because the stuff we've seen in Georgia and the stuff they're going through in Arizona now it's just all kind of mess. Back in the 70s when I went to school you know you was taught when something starts happening look for a common denominator and when you look for a common

denominator with voting problems is the Dominion voting system. I'm not saying that votes are flipped, votes are changed on the internet I'm not saying any of that stuff what I'm coming for you all again like I've mentioned before is the way that Georgia does and this is a sample that we printed off that's what the Dominion machine counts that little barcode right there it doesn't matter what is written down here it that don't count for a hill of beans, the computer counts the barcode and the Georgia law states that the person that casts the ballot has to be able to look and see what his vote is. Therefore, since we can't read the QR code and you can't download an app on your phone to scan it see what it says these votes are cast by the Dominion machines in Georgia are unconstitutional. To build up voter confidence what I'm still proposing now as I have before is at a time I can actually read you all the statute, on the 2014 Georgia Code title 21 chapter 2 article 8 voting by ballot, voting by paper ballot is possible whenever the use of voting recorders are impossible or impracticable and what I'm coming before y'all now saying is when people don't have confidence in their elections, people we got to do something to help restore confidence because if you don't have confidence in your elections you're going to quit voting and you go on just throw up your hands is up in Georgia. In the Miller County Republican party we went from 20 something people there about all the time, after two election cycles and all these voting regularities have come out we just have a handful now because people are saying it don't matter what I vote they don't put in there who they want and while it all boils down to is if you run a business and you get in one a couple of 100 bills and you make a deposit it isn't going to be correct but you're going to count up those but they do not count.

Mr. Bowen stated there's a way to tell if a fake hundred dollar bill. Get a little marker, mark it and hold up to the lights in the watermark all those things we've got to build up in there. In those Dominion ballots there's no way when you do a recount where you can tell if that vote is legitimate or not because it's counting the QR code again, if we voted on absentee ballots on day of Elections and use the absentee ballot counter like we do for all absentee ballots in Miller County those are. How many of you all ever voted absentee or not I voted absentee the last couple of times just because of this situation with the machine. You take that pen you circle in that dot like the old school test in high school you can look back you can see this person voted for this candidate this person voted for this candidate you can go back in any qualified person and look and see what the folks are in our Dominion machines now the way they count them you can do a recap till you wear the ink off the paper and you still don't have confidence and that's where I'm getting back to is restoring the confidence in our elections where people would say well that person won. I might not like it but that person won. When you don't have that you're going to get what we've got now where people are frustrated or angry they all throwing up conspiracy theories and all this when you just take a technology is awesome but I got a tractor like Ladon does it will drive itself, I just love all that stuff but when everybody just tear up you got something tore up, you don't have row markers on your planners and you just shut down and I'm coming to the commissioner's board and voting system is broke down in Georgia and if we keep doing what we've been doing we're going to keep getting what we got. It's lack of confidence in our elections lack of people thinking their

vote counts or less voter input qualified people not running because they don't believe that the outcome is free and fair and that's what I'm coming to I'm not coming as a Republican or I must come in as a citizen concerned citizen of Miller County. I want people to know when I vote for X it's going to count for x and we can go back and count them if it says they got ten thousand votes on Election Day we can get their paper routes and look at them and we can see ten thousand votes a month a week or a year and I have a list of stuff that went on in our last election in Fulton County, you had 17 724 more votes than in person balloting, you had it all that improper chain of custody on forms for 107 000 ballots statewide, the estimated chain of custom forms missing for 355 000 ballots so you have the drop boxes you had the voting machines you had all this stuff it has cost people to lose confidence in elections and I'm just imploring you all as Miller County I don't know how many counties in Georgia only have one precinct but we one of them, We got one precinct that isn't rocket science, we've got the things to count absentee ballots because they we vote them now, some of the people do that's let's go to that on Election Day and early voting use those absentee ballots and then we can count and see what's going on and we can have confidence in our elections here in Miller County. Chairman Worsley asked is any other counties looking at all this.

Mr. Bowen stated there's one in the state of Arkansas that's done this, this voted to use absentee ballots one day here there's some more in Georgia that are talking about it but there's none has actually voted to do it yet but that's what it's you know I know I'm sort of the town crier, I have been here before I've been here several times but until this gets fixed it will be a constant failure of the system no matter what we do there's going to be questions there's going to be things until the system has to change and I know studies in here it says it's going to cost a hundred million dollars more the link the these Dominion systems I think we've got them for 20 years, it costs more to run these computer systems than it would to do straight up paper ballots and they such thing as ballots on demand you can go there you can sign in you can press something that will print you out about it then you fill it in there's such things as that but I'm just saying let's use what we got now let's use the absentee ballots, lets used absentee ballot counters and if there is a recount guess what we get the county commissioners down and you all can look at the paper and you all can say this person is voted for this person and we can and we can build up confidence we have people observers looking and see you that's exactly what it is and that that's all what I'm asking folks and I appreciate your time and if there's any more questions we had Mr. Garland speak to you all by Zoom one time that they've got a lot of legal people up there that is willing to answer any of you all questions from a legal point. I'm a farmer I just got enough sense of type of shoes but they've got the ability to answer you all in legal form where I can just tell you all what's going on and what's happening now and what appears to be happening to our voting voters here in Miller County, they're losing confidence in our system.

Chairman Worsley stated I would like to have proof myself. Mr. Bowen stated that's all I'm asking for because I don't like a guessing about stuff that I can't prove and the things that bunch of folks are calling about votes flipping on them I can't prove that with that

QR code I can prove that that's unconstitutional it's 100 unconstitutional and what you as a Board of Commissioners can make a vote to change that to where we can do something that is constitutional that will fulfill the rule of law to where each voter can look and see what their vote is before they put it in that box to be counted. Thank you all. Chairman Worsley asked, does anyone have any questions.

OLD BUSINESS

Fueling Center Report

Chairman Worsley stated old business fueling Center report pages 24-25, any questions about it or do you all understand what's going on. Doug is everything still going pretty good down there. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir we are just waiting on the hospital, they did a tour of facility and they're getting they're writing their policies and then once they get their policies written they're going to sign on. We're buying about a semi-truck a month right now. I suspect it's probably going to increase. I'm actually going to revisit talking to the school system about the buses Vice Chairman Calhoun asked is this a month. Mr. Cofty stated yes. I going to talk to them about possibly coming on and if that's the case I'll probably get one about every 2 weeks. But we are getting good pricing. Total petroleum is now open to where they're going to start bidding with us so that's going to be another option. Chairman Worsley asked if there are any questions or comments.

Senior Center Building Construction

Chairman Worsley stated next on the agenda, old business is Senior Center building construction. How is everything going down there Doug? Mr. Cofty stated it's going well I wasn't able to tour the inside Mr. Jerry said he actually went in there today and it looks awesome. I'm going to get the key and if when I do get the key if anyone you want to go with us, I'll notify you. They did come in about \$15,000 under budget so what they're going to do now is if you see the picture here which is where they did one side of the concrete when you know you drive in it's kind of just ragged with rocks, they're now going to go ahead and do the whole entire drive so it'll be a complete brand new Circle Drive and a new parking lot so they have enough to finish that but they're pretty much done on the inside. I talked to the hospital today and I got get with Brad and his guys to moved that refrigerator and freezer and then we had to order a new 4 compartment food warmer because apparently then when they sat that one outside on the screen porch it kind of got Rusty and you know with rust you can't do that so we'll be able to bring it over here and we make them clean and use it using something but I do have that we're waiting on that to come in so after that we should be good to go. Commissioner Edwards asked what about the piano. Mr. Cofty stated we got to get that if that's what they wanted, I think it's in the in it in the Nursing home. Commissioner Edwards stated yes. Mr. Cofty stated so we can get that put back in there. Chairman Worsley stated everybody seem to be pretty good with the seniors around there, they seem to be okay. Mr. Cofty stated yes as far as I know, and I believe that may be, was that one of their pianos or where did that that was here so they want that one as well we can gladly take

that one as well they can have two of them that's kind of in our way but we'll get that done. Chairman Worsley asked okay any questions.

Hospital Board Appointment

Chairman Worsley stated next on the agenda Hospital Board of appointment. Mr. Cofty stated in your packet, it did not come in until late but it there and it didn't come in until late but they sent me a letter it is probably in the very back of your package. They selected a Ladon to be on the board and there's an official letter there. I think that was at their last meeting it was postponed supposed to be there the 28th, I think it ended up being the 6th which was when I was out of town. Chairman Worsley stated okay congratulations Mr. Calhoun. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated thank you.

USDA Vehicle Grant – Road Department

Chairman Worsley stated all right next on the agenda USDA vehicle grants page 31-42. Mr. Cofty stated these are Andy's trucks that they got three quotes on them. They also included on page 33 that's a list of all their equipment that they've got and most of the trucks have the years for the equipment, some of them don't so that just tells you and out beside Shelly's got it handwritten, those are actually the ages of those vehicles, so they even got like 37 years old 25-22 so that fleet does need to be updated. He's got quotes in there from the different dealers. I've got a breakdown on page 31 telling you the totals and minus the \$50,000 grant, what we would owe if we went to those vehicles. You see the Ford comes in at \$61,000, Dodge comes in at \$66,500 and Chevrolet \$74,900. Chairman Worsley asked Andy which other than the GM, they are a lot higher than the rest of them. Mr. Moore stated GM didn't have any regular work trucks that go under the we got an ID number where we can get a government discount and all that and they designate trucks for that and GM just doesn't have any that's just walking out picking the truck off the lot. GM just basically right now doesn't have any they don't have anything to offer so you go with the Dodge or you know go with the Ford either one that's about your two options. You can buy Chevrolet but you got to just walk out there and kind of pick something off the lot and every dealer we talked to was a dual wheel 3500 pickup truck was kind of just something very hard to get with a GM right now so. Chairman Worsley asked which one do you prefer

Mr. Moore stated it doesn't really matter to me either one you know, really it doesn't between the Ford and the Dodge to me it really doesn't matter and a Dodge is a pretty tough old truck you know. Some of the Fords had a few problems but we got one that we run into new and had a little trouble to start with but we got it straightened out truck runs fine so I really don't have a big preference there you know I'd probably go with money I mean we're in dire need of the money more than we are having a preference on a truck. Chairman Worsley stated well your Ford is 4,000.00 difference between it and a Dodge if I'm seeing that correct. Mr. Moore stated you know now these quotes are not going to be good you know they're over 30 days old I mean you know we're just grant

thing and you know us going through the Grant thing to get you know get everything filled out for the grant and then taking quotes you know it's a real hard thing to juggle around to have a valid quote to you get one thing approved but that's basically if what I would say would be a close estimate to what the price would be I don't think they'd be going up very much you know. Mr. Cofty stated that just helps me get the amount put in for the grant so you all would need to approve the grant too tonight. Mr. Moore stated yeah I think what Doug's saying is we want to ask to send off of the Grant and not actually buy them and then when we get the grant approved we can re-quote them and then we'll decide what we want to do and you don't have to do anything that's you know I mean but we'll have a grant approved. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated when will we know if the grant is approved? Mr. Cofty stated in a couple of months, well she told me of Mr. Allen that pretty much when you applied it is approved like the one the second we're working on we had an issue with the jail bond or the jail lease, now we're having to get that and come back, submit that, where before we did but when there's new people in office they require different ones but she told me Mr. Allen that they've been doing it for years and they have no intentions of stopping so it's pretty much a guarantee thing really what did they said Mr. Alan, they had pockets some money and ready to give it out. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, they were waiting to get the money from Washington I'm going to say that. Mr. Moore stated another thing you have to think about too is I know everybody's kind of heard it but kind of got to go maybe with who's going to get it to you the quickest because some of this some of this stuff is 9 months away. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we could go ahead and get them ordered and get it coming or get them or they could be finding them or whatever. Mr. Cofty stated yeah but in that rare instance you get turned you down and you've got trucks, I mean you just responsible for the whole bill but I mean he does need trucks. That's the thing, I did talk the Ford place. I talked to Jody personally and he said that they're about 6 to 9 months out in between there they could probably get them as early as 6 months or as late as 9 but nothing overnight or they would already have them. Mr. Moore stated the Dodge guy acts like Dodge has trucks you know and use our ID number and get a government discount on the trucks, they act like Dodge has trucks now. Mr. Cofty stated the only concerned me about that is the City of Colquitt still waiting on their trucks I mean they've got Dodges that they've got for a year and they haven't got them in so I don't know. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'm sure we could talk to the Ford place though and tell them we want to get them coming and if by some chance it doesn't sound like they can move trucks it's not going to be a problem. Mr. Moore stated I'm not a big fan of the Dodge myself which I'm a Chevrolet man myself anyway but.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you know if it was me, but I can go right there and get some parts. You would have to send somebody to Bainbridge now. Mr. Moore stated and it's local too I mean you know. The Dodge place in Bainbridge just sold to somebody else too I mean you know Vice Chairman Calhoun stated the Ford place owns it. Mr. Moore stated yeah well you don't know if they have the same mechanics or what but the Ford place is local you know we can buy it for somebody that's here in Colquitt. I would recommend going forward and applying for the grant and then if you all want to go

ahead and discuss buying these trucks we could go ahead and start putting on again get a motion where we can get it started, so do I have a motion to go ahead and apply for the grant to purchase your truck with. Commissioner Edwards made the motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor motion carried. Chairman Worsley stated okay now how about the trucks, do you all want to go ahead and. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well I think you can order the trucks without putting any money down though I agree. Mr. Moore stated that I don't know. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'm pretty positive that you can. Mr. Cofty stated if you want me to call Jody and have that done and just ask him yeah if they require any money, I can get back to you all if they just say no we're going to order it then then I'll go and take care of that. Chairman Worsley stated all right go on here and do that then. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah. Chairman Worsley stated all right I need a motion to move forward with ordering the trucks from the Ford place up here Spring Creek Ford. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Chairman Worsley stated Andy you want to go ahead and you all want to go ahead and discuss this stuff with Andy on the tractors and mowers stuff, ok on the agenda addition, we got an updated tractor and mower bids from USDA Grant and motor grader update. Mr. Moore stated I think you all got this one piece of paper with the updated quotes. Our motor graders are I mean they're on the lease they come to you know we have to swap them back in when the leaves come due. The Motor grader that we got now the warranty is going to run out on it April the 22nd. The motor graders not due back until a few days into May but we try to get the thing out of here before the warranty run up in a day or two for the warranty runs out because we don't want something to happen to it and it not be under warranty. They're going to run two motor graders probably from now to the end of the year because it doesn't matter what you buy and they're not going to have another one until basically about the end of the year. Chairman Worsley stated you said Cat done went into order one, we haven't spoken to them they just went and ordered it. and it's all it's already ordered. The John Deere we are dealing with a new company because Flint sold out, not my favorite to deal with them but I mean it's you all's decision there's \$44 difference in the payment they're \$5100 and I think Cat is 5144 a month that's what the papers are. Ms. Whittaker stated well we're talking about the payments it's going up from like 3500 right now to this 5000 whatever we're not going to be able to do this out of SPLOST even when the Kubota's paid for you still going to be some months it's or can we think about doing this lease payment out of TSPLOST or Chairman Worsley asked Andy do we've got to have a ditching blade on it. Mr. Moore stated I wouldn't give it up not when just running three motor graders because you all ain't got one broke down and you got them separated now you're not running you're not running too like we were before we was running two motor graders together two on one side two on the other side if I'm running a motor grader that's running in Ladon's District he can't fix anything you know the territory he's covering he can't fix anything you know he can't pull his ditches he can't fix anything I mean it's not going to drop the payment that much anyway if you drop the ditching blade off of it you know it's not going to change it a whole lot. Chairman Worsley asked so how do we like on the Kubota Ms. Faye.

Mr. Moore stated June or July. Ms. Whittaker stated I think it maybe it around June somewhere. Mr. Moore stated yeah, it's about 35 to 51 you know somewhere along in there but you know we didn't get I didn't get to swap my ditching blades this time and we are buying all new now. Mr. Cofty stated on the motor grader one is 2500 something there's one that's 3500 something, it maybe the 2500s on this that you're saying. Mr. Moore stated I think it's going to be well if I had my other book, I could look at it and I got it I got the prices in the other but I think it's going to be the 3 500. Either way it's going to be close. Chairman Worsley stated well you haven't got any other option but take it out of TSPLOST possible. Mr. Moore stated what about if you took some TSPLOST money and paid off something that helps that we got financed close to paid off and just have your motor graders into limb cutter coming out of SPLOST. Because you got a dump truck you got the service truck and those are a lot easier just to pay those off you know one one-time deal pay that off and get it off of being financed with. Mr. Cofty stated the dump truck and the service truck now is one time, we already paid that right once a year that's a payment once a year yeah right. Mr. Moore stated but it's still coming out coming out of SPLOST money at the end of the year you know I mean you got to have that money in there I don't know what else we have financed I know those too but I don't know the rest. Mr. Cofty stated the 3 motor graders and the limb cutter oh and I guess a front end loader maybe. Commissioner Cox asked are any of those about paid off. Mr. Moore stated the Kubota is the only front end loader we'd have because we have a big John Deere it's 20 years old if we ain't paid for it by now we need to catch up. Mr. Cofty stated you have 2018 motor grader that's 2600 I'm sure that's probably the one that's coming off the least not the 2020. 2020 is 3500 the 2018 is 2670. Mr. Moore stated it that might be that one yeah that's what I think that's five years yeah. Chairman Worsley stated Andy mentioned looking at it possibly buying the motor grader back but you get extended warranty on it but you don't want to cover your drive train but all those sensors and everything else can go bad on it, the air conditioner stuff I think that'll be a bad move to keep it. Mr. Moore stated Pat and I actually figured up if we did a three-year warranty and finance what we owed on it for three years payment's still going to be five thousand dollars and you're going to have an eight-year-old motor grader and it's going to have probably 13 14 000 hours on it by the time we get it paid for I mean that's I really don't I think I'd be and you'll have a lot of maintenance on it that you going to pay for too I was kind of hoping that would be an option but I really don't see where that's a good option myself. Chairman Worsley stated and you got to turn this one in when. Mr. Moore stated we going to have it gone from here by April the 22nd we'll have it on the truck and have it back up there to them. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked can you do us you did it one time they showed us what all was coming out of SPLOST. Mr. Cofty stated she's got a picture of it sounds almost paid for. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated are they going to tell what you paid and what you hadn't paid and all that or have you not paid it just showed what he's got have you paid any of those payments that you're going to show us they're paid. Ms. Whittaker stated everyone yeah except the one at the top and it says yearly on that. Chairman Worsley stated so do we need to go ahead and approve him go ahead and let's speak for this road grader that's coming because this one will be gone and actually, we just have to take the money out there a little bit extra money I guess are the TSPLOST

that's what you are talking about doing is taking out of TSPLOST just to make the payment is that correct. Ms. Whittaker stated yeah, the 5 000 or whatever. Chairman Worsley asked you're going to take your total amount of TSPLOST are you going to continue to take what a little bit there's a lot in there for this machine now and then take the main amount of TSPLOST. Ms. Whittaker stated it's going to be ACH I don't think you want to divide it up into two different checks every month for the same even if you're doing checks you don't want to pay half of it out of one I mean I wouldn't I think that would get a little messy but whatever because he may need this other 2500 on other stuff.

Commissioner Nixon asked so you would say take the whole 5000 out of TSPLOST. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you're talking about 6000 dollars a year right yeah but Mr. Cofty stated right but then his SPLOST will start gaining 60000. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'm saying you're going to take 60000 out of TSPLOST that you ain't been taken, yeah, I don't really know. Mr. Moore stated I'm just asking this question what about the limb cutter that excavator you know the payment on it if we paid it off would it put it where you just take your motor graders and put them in SPLOST and you know not basically buy anything else in finance it just if you came by and pay for it you don't have it. Mr. Cofty stated that's got to be 4,198 dollars. Ms. Whittaker stated that's the John Deere its 4198. Chairman Worsley stated yeah did we lease that or did we buy it straight. Mr. Moore stated it's on the lease but you know we can find out what it would take to buy it out and that machine's only when you get it it's only 160,000 it's not like these motor graders that are 400,000 and we've had it in a while so we can find out what the buyout is on here and if we paid it you know paid for it and then put just the motor graders in SPLOST and pay for it and then anything else we might we use to Grant Chairman Worsley asked well we got time to for next month to make this decision where you can get up the information. Mr. Moore stated yeah, I don't know I think the John Deere quote the man was going to allow me to run it about three months um when they ordered when they ordered the caterpillar that lot the pricing in on that motor grader so you will have a little time you know it's not going to run out 30 days so you. Mr. Cofty stated will you get that in writing because he has 30 days on here. Mr. Moore stated I specifically asked him now do you know quotations that's what he told me that because I asked about how long these quotes were going to be good to make sure that they'd be good when we come here and that's what Danny told me was that when they locked that price in that price was locked in but I can double check that tomorrow you know and make sure. Chairman Worsley stated well I suggest that we look at this again next month we need a little bit more information, is that ok with everyone. The board agreed. Chairman Worsley stated ok Andy talk to us about the tractor and mower. Mr. Moore stated Ladon was talking last meeting and looking at the quotes and we was trying to figure out some differences maybe in some of it. I went over them pretty well if you'll notice on the Flint quote there's some things on there that has a price kind of to it the tractor from Flint has a lot more options on it. It's got a buddy seat in it, it's got a premium cab on the tractor the biggest option that I saw that was a difference in the tractor from AG Pro and the one from Donalsonville was these tractor which the other ones like it too but these tractors

are equipped for a front end loader and the tractor from Colquitt it has the third remote option already on the tractor to where if you wanted to put a grapple or an attachment on the bucket all that is already there so it's got probably 3,000 to 4,000 dollars more stuff. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated probably 7,000 or 8,000 probably. Mr. Moore stated yeah, it's got a more options on other two tractors had because Ladon was sitting here trying to look two minutes of some of the differences this one has got a heavier draw bar its got that remote yeah it's got an extra remote it's got a lot more than \$2,000 worth of options on it the tractor's a lot better tracker. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they told me its spec'd out to what a government tractor is pulling mowers and ditches and doing it's got the heavier back end it's all that. Mr. Moore stated but I kind of sat down and went through the quotes and got the prices on some of you know some of that stuff and they might be the option I miss but I do know that those are more than the other tractors have and it's actually worth more way more than two things like Ladon and it's probably about seven eight thousand dollars difference in the tractors. Chairman Worsley stated my recommendation would be to go ahead and trade with Flint because they are getting a better tractor. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they had it on the yard too correct.

Mr. Moore stated yeah Colquitt has a tractor and the mower you won't have to wait that six seven months, nobody could give us a real timeline you know anytime you get in something like we talk about the trucks you don't know they may come in three months or it may be nine months but Colquitt actually has the tractor and the mower and it'll put the two tractors and the two mowers will be identical so if you buy a part from one it will be apart for the other you know we keep filters and mower blades and things like that they'll be identical you know they won't be any different send them they'll be identical. Ms. Whittaker stated now what we're doing with the other tractor and mower we got the fifty thousand we've got it in it and we're going to pay it and then we're going to pay the balance out of TSPLOST because we financed it through John Deere Financial with this one, we want to do the same thing. Chairman Worsley stated correct same thing. Ms. Whittaker continued pay it off with the two. Chairman Worsley stated there won't be no payments on it will be paid. for you short-term. Mr. Cofty stated we will have to make payments out of TSPLOST until next grant comes in. Chairman Worsley stated well my recommendation we go ahead and get this thing going because Andy is about to start cutting grass and stuff, so any more discussion and we need a motion to go ahead and proceed forward with Flint. Commissioner Edwards made a motion, Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Commissioner Nixon stated well Allen since we're still with Andy I got a message from a citizen on Houston Road today. Has anybody talked to him. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, I talked to him. Commissioner Nixon stated okay so I just wanted to make sure. Chairman Worsley stated when it starts raining you know we got a big rain quick, the Sheriff he is familiar with it. Mr. Moore stated water comes off the highway right there in one spot you know when that water rushes off of that Highway and then it kind of catches a little dip there and it just takes a little while for it to go away yeah sometimes if they drive to make nothing like a hole in the road we just have to go fix it and that might not be the spot but I'm familiar with that

really just not anywhere for that water didn't drain and it kind of comes off that Highway and runs down. Chairman Worsley stated I noticed on Claude Road today it was under water after that rain yesterday and it was gone in a day. Is it any better out there Sheriff? Sheriff Hold asked on Claude Road or Houston Road. On Houston Road it is about knee deep now down there at the East end there is a hole that is big as that room right there you know. Mr. Moore stated we will check it out. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked is that right there close to that pond right there. Sheriff Holt stated yes sir. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you can't miss it if you go out there. Mr. Moore asked huh. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you won't miss it if you go out there. Mr. Moore stated actually into that road one end comes off the highway is the bad end though I don't think. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated the Enterprise side is that bad I think, what's the other Road. Sheriff Hold stated Wallace Newberry Road. Mr. Moore stated just nowhere for it to go it tries to go down and go through the yard right there but if they don't keep the yard cleaned out I mean you know that that goes back to being on private property too you know and it tries to run down through the yard and go to the Newberry Chambers Road really and get to that drain over there but you know sometimes that's not cleaned out that water just kind of comes in there and it drops off out of the field right there in the corner. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked how about just take a look at it. Mr. Moore stated I will, well if nothing else we'll build it up you know it'll be it'll be higher than what it was and got to be careful right there and not push it in somebody's yard too I mean there's sometimes it's just kind of hairy working on something because if you shove it off in somebody's yard in their yard.

Chairman Worsley asked do you want ditches down there. Sheriff Holt stated ditches are fine with me but farmers don't want ditches I think the thing in there looking at that road you know it was ditches dug years ago and said the ditch was here well over the years you know as the road grader goes down, they make a bank and you get a bank about why does these two chairs between the road and where the ditch was on both sides. Chairman Worsley states the road becomes a ditch. Sheriff Holt stated right and I think if they could ever get it you know fixed and then just crown the road it's one lane road anyway about it I mean you can't hardly meet somebody on it any way but if they could crown the road and then the water will run off to the side so everybody drive down the middle Road anyway you know it's the farmers they don't care much for ditches out there you know because they're trying to turn around. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated if they got their duels on it isn't a big deal. Chairman Worsley asked so you are going to check it out. Mr. Moore stated yes, we will check it out tomorrow it's real narrow through there. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I am pretty familiar with it. Mr. Moore stated water comes out of the edge of that field right there and then like I say it tries to run I'm trying I was trying to think of the man and lady that lived in that house right there on the corner because I've dealt with that spot a lot but I cannot call her name. Chairman Worsley stated you talking about Ms. Georgia, yeah there you go and that water tries to go right to counter between the property line the two properties it tries to run down through that yard right there and they used to be a little ditch but it's kind of sealed and grassed in now doesn't drain like it used to. Chairman Worsley stated okay but you'll take

a look at it tomorrow. Mr. Moore continued and there used to be a pipe across the road right there kind of tried to take that water from one side of the road down that ditch but it's all kind of sealed it in together coming out that dirt coming out of that field we'll see about it and nothing else we'll hauling some dirt out here we go pump the water out up and fill it and cause some dirt out there and fill it in. Chairman Worsley stated all right we'll move on in you got it under control next on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Bush Hog for Golf Course

Chairman Worsley stated Mr. Winston. Mr. Cofty stated you skipped the Sheriff but he can you can go ahead. Chairman Worsley stated oh yes sir I did I checked it off sorry about that Sheriff. Mr. Trively stated I hope everybody's doing well this evening I'm here for SPLOST request for equipment for the golf course it's been a little while since I've been in front of you so I'd like to tell you a little bit about what's been going on out there and give you a little information. Over the last two years we've I've been hard working on two projects one was a greens renovation project where we grasped the greens out of the golf course that has shown to be a very successful project for the golf course it's reflected in our rounds it's reflected in the positive feelings that golfers our customers have about the golf course and pay traffic that we're seeing with people driving from well over an hour away to come and visit the facility the second project that we've worked on is our bunker renovation project the golf course itself has about 45 bunkers that have fallen into disrepair over years due to lack of funding essentially we embarked on a fundraising campaign we collected about 24,000 dollars through donations straight donations we've spent a little under 20,000 to this point we've accomplished renovating 19 of the 45 bunkers. I'm hopeful that we'll have a piece of equipment here next week that online from the city to allow us to prep another 8 or 9 bunkers to renovate and get our number up to 27 or 28 bunkers at that point in time we'll kind of hold we'll try to maintain those 28, 29 bunkers to the best of our ability given the staff that we have it's a monumental task to deal with those bunkers are the most expensive item checklist item that we have out there it's hard to believe pile of sand in a hole would be that way but it is from a revenue standpoint we are beating my budget that I had set last July 1st for this physical year to the point where we were able to fund approximately 21,000 dollars in capital equipment expenses out of our regular ongoing budget so that's a help to the county not to have to come up with those funds to purchase those needed items of equipment if anybody has any questions I'm always an open door out there anybody can visit me at any point in time I'm happy to have any conversation with anybody tell you exactly where we are and exactly what we're doing Commissioner Nixon stated it's a great job wonderful that it's made money to supplement that you're making money out there. Mr. Trively stated it's the first time we've been able to beat our revenue budget to the extent that we've been able to do this in the last few years for sure think in the early 2010 I think it was around 2012 2013 we had a very solid year where the weather was like this where we had really solid weather days on weekends and we didn't weren't attacked by

weather and we were able to build up some reserve and I think at that point in time the city and the county made use of those funds. Chairman Worsley stated okay what about your bush hog here the unfortunately just like Andy shared with you and just like everything else piece of equipment are now becoming essentially a financial threat to the facility we purchased a light piece of equipment like what I'm asking for today two years ago for almost

16,400 something in that neighborhood today I'm asking you to purchase it for 25,000 I got four quotes on this piece of equipment because I really thought when I got the first one, I was like I've got to be able to find a better one. Chairman Worsley stated was size bush hog is it. Mr. Trively stated this is a rough mower essentially, it's a tow behind it's we have two and the golf course requires two to take care of the amount of acreage that we have. Chairman Worsley stated what size tractor are you running. Mr. Trively stated we have two tractors that we pull these on one's a 6500 series that we purchased about three years ago and I think the other is a 5500 series that we've had for quite a while. Chairman Worsley stated so you got your quotes with you. Mr. Trively stated it should be in your packet. Mr. Cofty stated it is in your packet right behind that, on that on that cover sheet I've got the 3 top bids, the lowest as AG Pro and you got Flint and you got an Atlantic Southern's the next. Chairman Worsley asked what kind of money does recreation SPLOST got in it. Ms. Whittaker stated about 55,000. Chairman Worsley stated you are talking about taking half that out. Mr. Cofty stated I don't think we've got any projects coming up, I was telling Nikki the lights we talked to Georgia power and you know we were talking about doing that Georgia power is probably going to fix them and we just lease them from Georgia power so that'll save us money there Vice Chairman Calhoun stated, you go to know the big ticket items coming up anytime soon. Mr. Trively stated that's a good question I've priced a used rough mower excuse me not a rough mower a fairway mower that's quoted out right now about 40,000 at this point in time I'm not actively hunting that piece of equipment there's we have one spray rig that can spray the green surfaces that is our most vulnerable piece as it were it's a 2014 model or 2012 model I believe and essentially, we can't really run the golf course without that piece of equipment and use pieces of golf equipment have become so scarce and idle that it's really incumbent upon us to and I have put out a word for that a search for that and if one becomes available that meets our standard and meets our requirements then I'll probably need to pull the trigger on that to move forward we just can't be in the situation where we're equipment short in that one spot we can be a little equipment short in a couple of spots for a short period of time but this capex equipment is our biggest threat going forward being able to function and do the things that we need to do out there with equipment is longer term right now becoming a threat Chairman Worsley stated well which piece of equipment is the most important to you the bush hog or the Sprayer. Mr. Trively stated we can't run the golf course without either I'm quite honest. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, I'm just looking at the money. Mr. Trively stated I understand I'm quite honest I can't so right now I'm asking for you to approve this first bush hog purchase because it's the one that's needed and is in front of us. Chairman Worsley stated any discussion. You all want to do it or I am just looking at the money. Commissioner Nixon asked how quickly does the rec SPLOST replenish I mean can we

replenish that. Ms. Whittaker stated if you look on your financials at the SPLOST report it'll show you what Rec gets each month, it's the Excel sheet. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked what page is that. Ms. Whittaker stated look on this very covers page it is. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated 40 and 41 does that sound right, all right so Recreations right here this 2500 a month. Chairman Worsley asked does Brad got anything he's pushing for. Mr. Cofty stated we were just thinking the lights. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked how much is that going to cost you think, I mean. Mr. Cofty stated it was like 50 000 for two fields, then we got the tennis lights like I say Georgia Power ,I was in the vehicle and when we talked to them they are going to come and meet with us . Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so we might be able to lease the lights. Mr. Cofty stated yes we lease the lights, they own them but we lease them and pay them monthly. We could maybe finance the piece of equipment. Ms. Whittaker stated whichever you all want to do. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I would be okay with that. Commissioner Nixon stated I would be okay with that too because I think he needs it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated ain't no doubt he needs it and sound like he's making money so yeah I hate to I hate to cut the man off if he's making money I'm okay with that. Chairman Worsley asked you say it will replenish that amount in about a month if we buy it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated no it brings in about 2500 a month. Commissioner Nixon stated but if we financed it like Faye was talking about and when it builds back up, we can pay it out. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked how long is that machine going to last you 5 or 6 years. Mr. Trively stated I would expect this particular piece to last us at least 8 years. Chairman Worsley stated what do you all want to do, go ahead and approve him getting one. Which one are you getting where are you getting it from or which dealership are you getting it from. Mr. Trively stated this will be the lowest business from AG Pro that's what we in Bainbridge so. Mr. Cofty stated it would be John Deere finance we already got an account with them. Ms. Whittaker stated and we can just have it automatically come out every month. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I like it, Commissioner Nixon stated I do too. Chairman Worsley stated all right y'all want to do then, we need a motion to move forward on it. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

USDA Grant – Sheriff's Office vehicles

Sheriff Holt stated well I think Andy has relinquished 10 minutes of his time to me so, Mr. Moore stated I might get fired back u. Sheriff Holt stated no I'm like everybody else we need vehicles and the USDA grant that we have applied for I don't want new vehicles the vehicles we got, we are running the vehicles right now with a 110,000 and 130,000, 245,000, 210,000 miles on them and we got two or three that it's been a bad year with deer , we've investigated two or three deer wrecks every night and then some of our vehicles hit deer we got two right now that's one from a deer and one from a tractor and we need fixing but we're. Chairman Worsley asked we run over a tractor. Sheriff Holt stated no, a tractor ran over us but we haven't had time to park them or nothing else for them to ride in so the city was selling some of their vehicles there, the one that Chief Tully drove I think it's it was a 2020 had about 38000 miles on it, the one that Cody drove 2019 had about 37 000 miles on it oh. We would do fine but those used vehicles

the other thing we were looking at was that van the 2019 van over there has got 37 000 miles on it. We need like tomorrow we got uh Superior Court revocations we got the haul 14 up to the courthouse, it takes about three or four vehicles and deputies to come load them up take them up there two at the time and with the van we could take one man we could take them all to the courthouse, another good use for the van would be in that in the last 10 days we've had to transport four people they are not criminals and not inmates, their problems with Dementia or drug abuse or alcohol abuse to treatment facilities.

Sheriff Holt stated we've had to take one to Atlanta, one to Milledgeville and one to two other places there and we need a reliable vehicle that we can take them you put a big man in the back of a truck with a cage in it but the only way you can get in there is laying down the cage takes up most of the seat back there you keep comfortably put your feet down. The van would do good for taking people you know on and like I said these all of them I mean we would use it for transporting to prisons and everything too but we do a lot of transports that they're not criminals they just everyday citizens have had some problems and a lot of us are getting old and dementia and it could be any of us that's in there, Ms. Faye may have it worked out if we go with this route that we could get these three vehicles and then I think we would be fine for the rest of the year I know I said that a few months ago but I didn't know that this vehicle we got a deer was going hit it and did about 6,000 damage, we still have to drive it right now with two doors caved in windows won't go down and the lights has busted out on it and then we got another one that needs fixing and insurance have paid on some of these, I mean we got the insurance money to fix them we just don't have time to park them and so they can be fixed you know so this will give us one extra vehicle we're up to we're kind of have to I think well we were up to full staff we had one resign today other departments our offering some are offering ten thousand dollar sign on bonuses and 25 an hour you know we can't afford that uh so we're doing we're doing good to keep the people we got we had to have five full-time deputies to patrol now and because then along comes we have a probation officer, we have school resource, we have the jailers, we have Courthouse security I mean we have other people besides people just patrol and so I'm just asking I know money it's tight with everybody but if we could we could make this happen I think we'd be good for the rest of the year. The grant or the lease program it probably down the road and we can look at the city and maybe two or three years and say you know that it is a good program or not. They have I think they finally had three trucks that were delivered but the cars the patrol cars they've had I think it's been over 12 months now since they ordered them but they still don't have them and I talked to the chief a few minutes ago and he said that if they get any anytime soon they may get three they don't know when they get the rest of them so we can't wait a year to do this and it may be it may be a money-making program you know I mean but I think that's something that maybe we could look at use the city as example you know a year or two down the road and see if that's the if this that's the way to go. Chairman Worsley asked are these vehicles with the city are they available now. Sheriff Holt stated yes, they're available.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated and they already kind of got stickers and all on them too don't they. Sheriff Holt stated no all that stuff they took off, they did leave the wiring on there you know they use red lights we will use blue lights so on them and the van they had done it had the transport cage in it they took the transport cage out of it in hopes of selling the van you know on the lease program but they would give us the transport van which would be several thousand dollars but that you know who had to buy that the truck that Cody had it had all and we had done agreed to purchase this slide out vault it goes the whole length of the truck this truck has got a cover on the back it's got a slide out vault in there we're going to use that for our crime scene stuff you got a bunch of little stuff flags and stuff that don't need to get wet uh it would be covered so that would be going buy and put in another vehicle from them but it's already in this vehicle with the cover on it so that's another probably a couple of thousand dollars right there that you know that we wouldn't have. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so we need to go ahead and buy these now. Sheriff Holt stated yes sir. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so do we need to. Chairman Worsley asked well what kind of money does he got. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated do we need to do a note on this. Ms. Whittaker stated I mean we can't just but them out right. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah, we need to get a note. Ms. Whittaker stated we get a note and then when we get the money from USDA renew the note get the payments down and then make monthly payments out of SPLOST.

Commissioner Cox asked what kind of money from USDA. Mr. Cofty stated it'll be the 50 000. It usually goes 50,000. If you're at 100,000 or more you get 50 000. So, after that Grant you will, if you want to do it you need to make a motion to do it, apply for that Grant as well but once you do that it's going to leave him about 61,000 total. Ms. Whittaker stated we would have to do a note for the whole thing you turn around and put the 50 000. Chairman Worsley stated so once you get the 50,000 on it. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked do we need a motion to apply for the grant and a motion to by the vehicles and finances. Chairman Worsley stated do we have a motion to apply for the grant. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Commissioner Edwards second. All in favor motion carried. Commissioner Cox made motion to purchase vehicles and financing. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Sheriff Holt thanked the board. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated catch some bad guys.

ACCG Contact List

Chairman Worsley stated okay next on the agenda update the ACCG contact list and signature page 51-52. Mr. Cofty stated all that is, we are renewing our Risk Management Insurance and noticed they just had an old Clerk's name on there and had me still listed as the Safety Coordinator. I just had to change names, I just need you to sign this. Chairman Worsley stated okay I just need a motion be allowed to sign. Commissioner Edwards made motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Letter of Certification - HAMC

Chairman Worsley stated Letter of Certification HAMC. Mr. Cofty stated so what this is Jill Brown sent this through email, she says periodically that they have to update this it's just a letter of certification that they're certified as a hospital for a county hospital it tells they were an incorporated or created March the 2nd of 1955. The last one that was updated was from 2018 so they just want to have your signature. Chairman Worsley stated we need a motion for me to sign that for the hospital, Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Worsley stated anything else? We need a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Edwards made motion. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourn.

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Allen Worsley, Chairman – District 3

Niki Nixon, Commissioner – District 4

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