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REGULAR SESSION MEETING

08/14/2023, 6:00 P.M., County Government Complex

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Worsley, Vice Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Cox
Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Douglas Cofty, Sheriff Jimmy Holt, Jerry Calhoun, Jennifer Jackson, Wes Baldwin

Chairman Worsley calls the meeting to order. Regular session 08/14/2023. A word of prayer and Pledge of Allegiance followed.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Chairman Worsley stated first thing we need to do is approve the agenda, we need to add Mr. William Smith to the appearances. Mr. Cofty stated he is already down there at the tax assessment contract. Chairman Worsley stated okay all right we need a motion to approved agenda. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Worsley stated approval of minutes. Does anyone see anything that doesn't look right? If not, we need a motion to approve. Commissioner Cox made the 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 the motion. Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Elections Update – County Attorney

Chairman Worsley stated old business Elections Update from the county attorney. County Attorney Wes Baldwin stated my understanding is you all want my legal opinion. It didn't change a whole lot after reading those 90 pages that they had anyways, but my

take is that I don't know why as a county you would open yourself up to a lawsuit like that when a state has the regulations on what they want you to do. In my opinion is if a certain party whether that's the Republican party or any other party if they want to get the lawsuit so bad at the state, they can bring one against the state for those reasons I don't know why we would open ourselves up to that liability and be their gateway in. As to the specifics between electronic voting and paper voting I think you can have just as many issues with paper, but I just don't think there's a purpose my advice from legal standpoint would be whatever the state is authorizing. Chairman Worsley stated I spoke with a person by the name of Josh Black of the Secretary of State, and he said that Athens Clark County had tried this back two or three years ago and state stepped in they fined each commissioner each one on the voting board the whole nine yard everybody had any kind of involvement in it they charged them 500 per ballot cast. Attorney Baldwin stated I didn't find that my research but that just furthers my position on that. Chairman Worsley stated so there isn't anything we can do.

Fueling Center Report

Chairman Worsley stated old business Fueling Center report pages 12 to 13. Mr. Cofty stated so as if you look at it just shows that we've increased the volume that we're providing to the city and the hospital. The school board did finally pick up their cards and has signed the agreement, so they have said that would start today okay so we're going to probably have to kind of monitor that a lot closely and possibly go ahead and start buying some more fuel. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated and that's on road diesel. Mr. Cofty stated yes well now there are some of their new buses that are gas as well.

UTV registration ordinance draft

Chairman Worsley stated UTV registration ordinance draft pages 14-16. Mr. Cofty stated that's the thing that Ladon brought to the board a couple of meetings ago. We had an issue with an ATV that got into a wreck out there on what road was it Harmony Church Rd. and we just need to go ahead and look at pushing that through, but Kemp's office did move it back from July to December, so theirs won't be legal until December 1st of 2023. so, I actually that or there's an ordinance in there that I just gave the attorney to look at us a draft I want you all to read it and see if there's anything you all want to add or change and then I'll get it to him. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we really don't have to worry about this until the first of the year December 1st. Mr. Cofty stated no but if they're riding them, we just need to make sure that everybody knows it doesn't go into effect in December. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so when are we going to start let, we're going to start letting them buy them December 1st. Mr. Cofty stated I guess that's when they're that's when the states all go into effect. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated okay December 1st, 2023. Mr. Cofty stated but we just need I just want you all to look at that draft and make sure that's everything that you all were talking about because I had also heard that farmers have a like an exemption if they're going from field to field that they don't have to is that correct. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they don't have to have a tag I think I think that's right but that's only on County Roads also. Mr. Cofty stated yes so, they cannot ride on state roads, correct so look that over when you all get a chance and then if there's anything you want to add to it we'll add to it and we'll give it to the attorney. Chairman Worsley stated we will move on to the new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Financing of Ford trucks

Chairman Worsley stated Ford truck financing First State Bank, Peoples South Bank pages 17 through 19. Mr. Cofty states I sent an RFP out to three different banks that we normally send to the only two that sent back was First State and Peoples and this time of Peoples was at 5.75% the First State was that 5.0% with no fees so I recommend we go with the First State. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah absolutely. Chairman Worsley stated do we have a motion to go ahead and finance with the First State Bank. Commissioner Cox made the motion, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tax Commissioner GSI Agreement

Chairman Worsley stated GSI Agreement, Tax Commissioner page 37. Mr. Cofty stated this is what we do for Jennifer three or four times a year it's the software agreement that we just need to sign and get back to them, so I just need the signature on that Chairman Worsley stated do we have a motion for me to sign the agreement. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Georgia Association of Conservation Districts agreement

Chairman Worsley stated contribution agreement with Georgia Association of Conservative service districts pages 28-36. Mr. Cofty stated that's Debbie Henry's the employee that works for her, and the county pays a percentage of that salary annually and it's just up for renewal, so we just need to get that signed. Chairman Worsley stated okay we have a motion to get that signed. Vice Chairman Calhoun made the motion, Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tax Assessors Budget and Contract

Chairman Worsley stated Tax Assessors budget and contract Brother William. William Smith stated alright, Mr. Worsley is aware that we're going to be interviewing a candidate but eventually be our chief appraiser tomorrow morning We have been advertising for well over 12 months and we've not had one bite we have called. There's just not anybody out there the person we're hiring educationally to do the job but they have to go through a process of appraiser one, appraiser 2 and appraiser 3 and if we do something right now, we'll know by the end of the year whether they can make appraiser one but now they can make it takes it's a three-year process to become an appraiser three according to the state but this person has one year's experience working in a tax office so that means they'll have to be employed by us about two years before they can become an official appraiser three so that's why the state requires like I said we have not had anybody even interested we get called all around different counties we've talked to different agencies and well right now I don't even think Baker County doesn't have anyone Early County doesn't have anyone and you know there may be somewhere down the road we may have to do an inter government agreement for two or three of us counties go together get someone to be our chief of appraiser so the contract we were wanting to do with Cody let's say hypothetically this person can jump through all the hoops you know it can end but even though it's a year contract it can end of any time you know we can walk away from the contract at any time and then uh GMASS will continue to give us our support service can I add another thing on here we have completed the county re-eval which you all are aware of we were summoned by the

state Miss Jennifer got a letter to, that we had to raise the property values and the issue is people are selling property in Miller County for more than it's worth and that affects everybody's and you have to do a dollar cost average of them compared to sales ratios ours had dropped too low so people who live in the city limits we got a pretty good idea of what their properties were worth like where I live in Old Mill Acres when you have a subdivision you link all of the houses together so that's it for the few subdivisions. outside of the county the property not the homes but the property went up about 20 percent that's what we raised the property to, we could have raised it up to 30 percent but we're hoping that this will satisfy the state when they do our yearly review next year and I will tell you I'm not trying to milk you all but we had to have this done by July 1st of next year and one reason I pushed I haven't done this year I didn't think it would be fair to raise property values in an election year so that's why we went ahead and did it this year and Ms. Jennifer continuing we also have received from the state a letter that we had to and the counties around us are going up higher than us. I saw Friday on WALB Calhoun County a lot of our thing is we have some subdivisions want to come in but also people are coming in and buying land for hunting purposes and they don't care about the tax office so hopefully this will be our last year to have to do a contract where we pay Cody and the city pays Cody and I will tell you by the end of this year we will know whether the new person is going to work or not. Chairman Worsley stated also didn't the stated reinstate the homestead exemption this time.

Mr. Smith stated it was reinstated but let me tell you that notice you got is not going to be the real number and Ms. Jennifer you know we don't we don't know that if you remember they were so like over a billion dollars the governor's going to give back so if your property value if your tax bill was around two thousand dollars you're probably it's probably going to be 1850 and I can't get because we don't have the numbers to put the computer yet but everybody that is a property owner is going to get a rebate and it's going to be proportionate you know not everybody's getting the like I'm not getting 100 you get 100 it's according to your property value everybody is getting a rebate in the state of Georgia and it's going to be a one-time rebate only one time we just went to school and I know Jennifer went before we did but on your license plate deal I know you got to get some things inline but we have no idea really when it's going to take effect because the state is not ready it's not that the counties are not ready the state is not ready and another thing Ms. Jennifer is going to have issues with and the property assessor if you buy that 20 tag that does not accept you from personal property taxes you all understand what I'm talking about you'll still have to file the value of that it's just a tag for you and that's brother Doug said it's only County highways you can't drive that vehicle on a state highway. Chairman Worsley stated this contract between you all and the City, we don't take action. Mr. Cofty stated we have to sign it because you have to sign County contracts.

Mr. Smith stated like I say there's a potential we may not carry that contract through the next July if this fellow works out as he can take more and more responsibility you know Cody may be able to completely get out of the picture he will still yet be there to give us advice but hopefully we can get this thing resolved and like I said we have searched and searched and searched and you just cannot find people who are wanting to go into this particular and I will tell you that the schooling is tough and like when you all go to school you all get a certificate of attendance we have to take tests and before we did the assessment test it is similar to calculus if we had to do interpolation tables and all that stuff so and you're not allowed to use the calculator and then all three of us are certified Ms. Bowen is fully certified now she has up so she's up to date to where when

we conduct business if you are challenged in a courtroom, we are all certified that was state. Chairman Worsley stated okay we have a motion to sign this contract. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Commissioner Cox second. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Smith stated Mr. Worsley another thing, the GMASS people are going to come back and give us a final review of everything would you all and if you'd like to attend that meeting, we can let you all know, you're allowed to come, and I can explain to you how what is happening in Southwest Georgia with the property. Commissioner Nixon stated so we're having a lot I mean I know that I have I'm going to speak to myself I've had a lot a lot of people call and question everything so I just want to make sure that I'm clear when I'm trying to explain to everyone it's mandated by the state that we go up on property value we have not increased the mill rate but the property values have gone up that is why the tax bill was up correct. Mr. Smith stated what they do you take the property values part of our property is value them they go by what things have been sold in the last three years and let's say you have a house set here that's valued at a 100,000 in it sales for 125,000 then that sales ratio has to be eventually applied to all of our homes and I will tell you there are home there's two homes that have sold in the last month at Old Mill acres and there was a lot more money paid for them than some of our tax books so but see that won't help affect you all that want to that would just affect the 13 residents of Ole Mill Acres within the next three years just the 13 of us or our tax properties is going to have to go up but everyone.

Chairman Worsley stated we're going to roll the wheel the Mill rate back you know to offset what you see. Mr. Smith stated looking around I don't care if they're here or not but let me just tell you this is the second time, we've done this, and you all have rolled back the millage rate it's one interesting thing when people come fussing you all remind them that the school board has never rolled back millage and the school taxes are more than your own taxes if you look at that little. Mr. Cofty stated the school's going to lower theirs 1.6 mills this year. Mr. Smith stated but even if they roll it but you all were the ones to get the heat but if everybody would read that whole thing, but it is the state and I said Jennifer received a letter and the county office received a letter also that we were out of compliance and, but I know Jennifer always gets the letter. Ms. Jackson stated 40 percent and Miller County was running somewhere around 32-33 so they had to get up on County was going to be penalized. Mr. Smith stated well the penalty is you all cannot collect taxes and our job is like your all's, 90% of what we do we have no control over its stopped and it's not fair. Commissioner Nixon stated I just think from I just want to make sure that the citizens are educated about it because I don't think people know they don't understand it and so I want people to understand it yes you know that's just my and however we can whatever we can do to make them understand it I would like for us to do so. Chairman Worsley asked is that it? Ok on to Internet Security.

Security Policy

Austin Lambert, IT Director stated I want to take a minute talk, I appreciate you all taking the time to listen. I'm trying to step this up a little bit more on the realm of security I.T security we're kind of behind the curve um you know all these other counties all these other governments they have this really secure stuff and we're kind of using you know bottom of the barrel stuff that was you know the cheapest we could get. One thing is our emails you know that that server really wasn't designed for a government that we're using it's off-site it's you know remote hosted that's what most people do nowadays we pay another company to host it and they handle our emails so, I'm looking at possibly changing to a company that actually the IRS uses a bunch of big government agencies use it's got better security it's designed for us for a government it has spam filters

where you know there's less likely somebody's going to click something they should and then you know seen a lawsuit or something like that you know you know that's the main thing was emails that I'm focusing on right now and eventually get something put in our Network that I can monitor and control what happens inside this network because I cannot tell you the amount of times that I've logged into a computer to fix it and somebody's got Netflix and Hulu and all these other you know TV things pulled up you know I got to close 15 tabs worth of movies and TV before I can you know fix the computer and after a while you know I mean that's not a big deal but if they're doing that you know you know they can go anywhere they want to right now and that's what scares me I cannot control where they go, and I have to get. I can get a firewall it's a piece of equipment that I can basically block certain websites, I can close off certain sections to where you know they pretty much can only do work on our network and if they want to watch TV they got to bring a phone or a tablet or you know they're all on the internet I got a quote for one I think is going to be like the firewall is going to be like 500.00 plus installation and all but I'll have to get the final quote for that the one that's going to hurt is the emails it's about I actually had two quotes and they're about 5,000 or 6,000 a year for hosting 70 emails that's the minimum number we can get we don't have we have something around I think we can use 63 to 65 emails here at the county but yeah, it's about 5,000 or 6,000 for that we don't have to do it right now but I just wanted to talk to you guys about that and you know I mean that that is something that needs to happen you know we need to start you know kind of looking more and you know locked down like a government network should be because right now it's the wild west out here. Chairman Worsley stated but we any damage from before.

Mr. Lambert stated no damage or anything like that but we just you know it's like a guy told me you know it's not if you end up on the news it's when and I'm trying to push that when you know way down the road and at least say well we had this we had that when it does happen the more we can get the more we can secure it's going to look better on our end in the long run it also have a security policy basically what that is pretty much every business and every big business government has it GCIC I think actually requires it, I know the sheriff's department now only one they have one I wrote one for Miller County it's basically just a general outline okay if I get a virus on my computer what do I do who do I call who do I respond to and this just applies to County this isn't elected officials you know we can't we can't apply to them to constitutional officers but this is just for us in the county it's basically it's almost like your policy rule book you know it's going to be hopefully it's going to be attached to that where basically if something does happen let's say somebody gets a virus or something it does get through they can say okay let me open my book this is what I need to do this is who I need to call and we can get the ball rolling and also legally it looks better on our end because we can say well yeah it happened but here's our protocol here's how we fixed and add that of course you know that's free that's just you know a matter of accepted and push through there but basically it's just going to apply to all county personnel not elected I'll put it falls in there for elected officials and they're pretty much stating it's up to them you know however they respond you know we can't legally tell them how they should respond to an incident Constitutional officer but as far as time I would want to get that you know pushed through added to our employee handbook and we'll look we'll look a lot better just having that alone will make us a lot a lot better legally wise. Commissioner Cox stated and these prices are per year. Mr. Lambert stated yeah, I mean let me go give those two quotes really quick. So, this is a uh this is actually a net 30. I didn't realize that, and we may have to look into something else looking at these prices again they're kind of insane so the one that I'm not even going to go with is 14,000. for a net 30. that's

untouchable. The other one I have is 9,000 and that's you know you know that's up there but it's I was assured that's pretty much top of the line that's what a lot of people use a lot of governments a lot of big businesses use a lot of security features in it you know I can always get more from there's other people out there these are your two big contenders I'm sure they're you know there's other things we could probably go with because I know that that 9,000.00 on a net 30 kind of hurts it hurt me when he sent it to me but yeah that's pretty much that though you guys know about that because that's been really bothering me here lately look at all these other people we're kind of you know we're kind of behind the curve on security. Commissioner Cox stated so other than the 9,000 what was the other one. Mr. Lambert stated 14,000 that comes with Microsoft I think it comes with like some office stuff or stuff like that but you know the main the other ones under email but it's like a government Google mail is not you're not going to have a gmail.com I mean it's going to be a government and it comes with some little Google stuff as well but the main draw point is that is the security I mean I'm not asking you guys to make a decision on that tonight. I'm just bringing it forward to you and like I said I can always get some more prices, but these are our two these were the two best ones. Chairman Worsley stated a lot of times, you get what you pay for. Any questions.

Departments

County Road List

Chairman Worsley stated county road list. Mr. Cofty stated basically all this is Ms. Cristene had asked and Ladon had asked or actually Jeff which road are considered an official road in which we scrape so I got what Andy and Shelly, and they actually sent us that list that way if you all will have that list, and somebody calls you all to be able to look and say hey yes this is an official road. Mr. Moore stated that's our list that comes from the state that's what they give you grant money, those are your legal county roads yes just because the road has a name does not mean. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated that's this right here. Mr. Cofty stated that's the one with the blue. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated these right here that says divided by motor grader. Mr. Moore stated yeah it should be, but they should have been a list just a straight list. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it is. Mr. Moore stated that's how we got it busted up right now by motor grader. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated ok so 101 is doing those roads and 102 is doing those roads. Mr. Moore stated yeah pretty much now you know I mean that's on a good normal day right you know we pulled off to do something we may have to run you know just run two or but on normal circumstances that's right that's pretty much how we try to run right there. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so we got 265 miles of dirt road more than that. Mr. Moore stated that's pretty close right there actually we have a little bit more than that, but the states swapped over, and they do not measure things by road anymore they measure it by the computer, and it really hurt Miller County because we lost about 25 or 30 miles in there by them changing the way that they operate.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we scrap the dirt roads in the city limits also. Mr. Moore stated ah yes, we do you know we don't scrape them pretty much every time we go around but we do hit them. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated do we do that for free. Mr. Moore stated yes, that's kind of how the board always wanted it done but we help each other I mean it's not it's honest we work with them, and they work with us I mean. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I bet Nikki didn't know that so that's why I was asking. Mr. Moore stated well I would be pushed to say if they had 5- or 6-miles road, I mean it's not killing us to do it. In your district since we are talking about scraping in your District Newberry Chambers and Union Church, we're going to start hitting them by sections and

we're going to ditch them just as long as we can hold out that he doesn't get too Sandy on us. I mean it's you get a rain you got a little too much moisture two or three days you don't just kind of like farming it'll get too dry or hard or whatever but those roads right there have just got extremely flat I put a side arm mower down there you know a few weeks ago we got the weeds cut down we got to cut back fairly good we are ditching behind the limb cutter every time he gets a road cut we are ditching those rows but those they need some work done on them and the sidearm cutter has got them kind of reasonably where we could work on them those rotors need some attention and we're going to try to catch them a section that in time we might have to catch a section and blade catch a section but we're going to try to hit those two roads which they working on other roads too as we go and ditches some places on them but those two roads are very long roads at Newberry Chambers I guess is about the longest dirt road in the county it takes us about two hours or more to blade yeah if they blade it into 2 hours but we're going to start working on it where if folks go to calling you'll know that we're starting to work on them they've been knocking some grass off and it looks a little rough right now they've been pushing it off and what we're going to do is kind of rough that grass up and then when they come back they'll catch that grab you know it'll die some and then spread it because they've been folks calling me like hey what'd you all do you know but we kind of roughing that grass up a little and then we're going to let it die out somewhere it won't be as hard to work with in the road so it may take us a little while to do it but we're going to be working on them two roads because they are just stay under water. We just cut Lane in Allen's and we didn't get right to it but we finally got back in there and ditched it I hadn't seen it, but I feel like the boys did a good job. The excavator I got a couple days break with it so I'm helping in the park for a little bit we got a locate we're waiting on a locate on Griffin Sheffield we're going to get some pipes and Griffin Sheffield and then we can just not happening today but we got to look at both of you all's Glass Road and Newberry Chambers those pipes are going to have to be replaced there's no ifs no ends but about it I mean they just either we got to just we got to replace they got to be replaced I mean isn't no taking them out filling up with dirt we can't leave them like they are they just gone. Ladon, I think has seen that personally and I know Allen has seen Glass Rd those two projects got to be done and they going to be expensive. Pipes are not going to be cheap to do it.

Commissioner Cox stated have you had a chance to go to Brian Rd. Mr. Moore stated we had already done it I think at the end of last week I asked about it this morning and I think he caught at the end of the week Jeff ditching right there at Ms. Carolyn Worsley. Commissioner Cox stated I went out there Friday and it had not been done. Mr. Moore stated it had not been done on Friday, well, I'll find out because I asked him about that this morning now the guys a new motor grader operator, he might have hit the wrong spot, but I'll find out about it. Commissioner Cox stated that could be possible, but it is bad in front of her house. Mr. Moore stated yeah we usually try to keep that ditch but you know we've been clipping shoulders and moving around fixing some things for school buses so I've had the motivator guys kind of stirred up not been the regular guy kind of going through there but I'll definitely check on that to be honest, it needs a pipe right there they cleaned up that fence row you know across the road from her house and all that water dumps and there's really nowhere for it to go. Commissioner Cox stated it looks like the pipe needs to go right in front of her house. Mr. Moore stated, yeah and that's where the water comes across the road yeah it really needs a pipe put in it right there if you want to know the truth. That's another story, but if you all want to look at let's buy on a few pieces of small pipe we'll start catching a few of those small areas. Commissioner Cox stated I mean if it's a continuous problem and we need a pipe. Mr.

Moore stated we usually try to keep it ditched and keep it deep and it's very, it isn't very rare, but it usually doesn't get up cause a lot of problems but when the ditches get full, and they've had about this and that ditch in right there. Commissioner Cox stated, I believe if we dig on both sides there and put a pipe in on that north side. Mr. Moore stated we dig on both sides and we go around in the back we go around the corner too, but I'll check that, but I asked I brought that up this morning when we all sit down and got where we were all going after when they went back to blading and I brought that up that they need to go and catch that. Chairman Worsley stated do you all want to go ahead and authorize Andy to get some more pipe, Andy is not going to throw the money away. He knows what he needs. Mr. Moore stated 24x30 is just a common pipe I mean you could need one at any given time you could have one collapse and I got a couple that I got but they're dead you know I designated them to that Griffin Sheffield when we bought them and I might have one extra pipe on the yard but most time we've been just buying pipe kind of as we come up on a project and something we need to be thinking about in Jeff's district is when this project on 91 finished you know we're going to start looking downhill from that. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated getting the Engineers to come look at it is going to be a problem. Mr. Moore stated that DOTs told me a lot of things over the years Ladon, it may be a sore subject with Jeff. Commissioner Cox stated its fine with me do we need to vote on the pipe. Commissioner Cox made motion to buy pipe, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Worsley stated ok Andy go ahead and order the pipe you need. Mr. Moore stated what kind of money are you talking about, let's do about 5,000, that will do five or six pipes. I think the last time Shelly they done got up to.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated about 800 to 1000 a piece from now ever what whatever. Commissioner Cox stated how many projects have you got that needs. Mr. Moore stated well I got we're going to have to just buy the pipe to do these projects for Laden and Allen's district and those are a lot bigger pipes, but it wouldn't hurt. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated what are you talking about buying by 24" pipe, is that what you're talking about buying. Mr. Moore stated yeah just 24 X 30s is you got a standard go across the road dirt road pipe. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked metal pipe. Mr. Moore stated yeah they may be an exception sometime where we have to cut a little piece and add on to it but you know we get bands and we'll take one piece of pipe and kind of cut it up if we need to you know we got a 35 foot or whatever we make it work but a standard pipe that we buy to go across the road is 30 foot. Chairman Worsley stated when you get through with them, come back and we will look at some more. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I know the more you buy the cheaper it is. Mr. Moore stated they aren't going to spoil, you all want to throw one of them projects in there we'll get it well I mean like I said I mean. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated have you got any pipe on hand. Mr. Moore stated I got what I'm going to put on Griffin Sheffield. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated what I am saying is if you have any spares. Mr. Moore stated no I might have well if I needed to, I'd run out and get one of them and replace it but when I go out there and do Griffin Sheffield we're going to be. Commissioner Cox stated no, I would leave what you got for Griffin Sheffield there for that problem. Mr. Moore stated yeah but I'm saying if I had an emergency tonight. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated get some prices up and let us and he'll text us and do we'll do our thing and. Mr. Moore stated that'll be great. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated five or six is fine, but we might you know if there's a big discount on. Commissioner Cox stated might get more. Mr. Moore stated yeah we get a government discount and it don't matter we buy 10 truckloads or one truck load is that's the government discounts you don't get they sell it to us by the foot so I mean it don't matter if we buy a full semi load if I buy one pipe it's going to be the same thing you

know it's going to be 24 is a certain price 36s on up you know. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they put a delivery fee on that thing too. Mr. Moore stated no they haven't been, I mean on us they work pretty well with us. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated let's get some prices. Mr. Moore stated I'll try to work on one of them projects and we'll see what we can work out a semi-load you know with that see what it comes up to that's all right with you all. Commissioner Cox stated you'll always use it like Ladon said. Mr. Moore stated yeah like the project we were doing talking about Ms. Carolyn Worsley, a lot of time when you know I got the guys strung out or something a lot of times I'll go do that by myself. I'll let Shelly start hauling the dirt and she'll just be stacking the dirt up in the road and I'll take the excavator and I'll do the digging you know I'll do all that get the pipe in and usually she'll have me enough dirt all that a single pipe like that I catch a few minutes by myself and go do that with her help so if we got the pipe there is a lot of places. McClendon road we got to blow out right there at Todd and McClendon that that needs taken up and swapping there's a couple places that yes, we do need it and it would be great. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated what about that eight inch pipe or whatever that is right there on is that McClendon road yeah head down there at hog pen, which I put in a bigger pipe there. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated oh is it bigger.

Mr. Moore stated I put in a full-blown sewage pipe right there, I went back put in and built that road up some right there at the hog pen but. Commissioner Cox stated get a price on it like you say on a good bit of that pipe. Mr. Moore stated there's a good many spots that we need to start fixing some of the blowouts that we got Let me ask you all this, I've done it onetime before and then they didn't want to do it again I stepped up in gauges of steel and the pipe is a little more expensive but this stuff is stepped up out there too you got these big spreaders that run on it you got big peanut pickers, cotton pickers, semis running up and down and then we're getting a lot of popped pipes from heavy loads and one thing is a big load is and it's over in Ladon's mostly is these things that the cow people use them tubs where they put a roll of hay in it and then feed and all in it that thing right there is just astronomically heavy and when they run across them pipes if it gets wet and they're going to feed cows in the wet and that dirt getting soft around that pipe when it pops it that pipe id corrugated together in the seam and it'll just pop that seam and it's a worthless piece of pipe. So, do you all want to look at that price just step up in a gauge. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we can look at it but as long as there's enough dirt on it you aren't. Mr. Moore stated that's a problem you got to have a little over two foot you know to make it be half right and keeping two foot of dirt over some of these pipes which now I have but like this one on Griffin Sheffield we're going to set the pipe on the dirt road and we're going to build a road up four or five foot and you got to do it for a long stretch and that's kind of how I've been doing them and I've been trying to build the road up like we did on McClendon there but it still washes out it's pretty bad right there but we hadn't had no problems with it but it's taking it takes a lot of time to go in there and a lot of dirt hauling but you know there's no need to do it if you're not going to do it right, Commissioner Cox stated I'd get a price on it, I'm like Ladon, if you back fill it right it'll take it. Mr. Moore stated yeah if it depends on what kind of dirt you're using to I mean that if you can get some good our problem is our clay is not that well it's not good sandy clay if we haul clay in there and put it in there we try to blend that top you know to keep folks driving on it but if it gets washed down you can't drive on that clay it will be so slick now if it ever hardens up you won't never have problem with the pipe because that's the way they can't dig it back up but it's hard to keep that sand on that top layer of it when we get these big rains it goes to washing it down to the hard and then you got just straight sleek dirt because all our dirt's got gummy in it it's red clay with gummy in it makes a good road bed if you can ever blend

the top of you know but we do the best we can with it. We will look at it if it's just extremely amount more you know we just go away we've been going we haven't had any problems lately but we've been taking a lot more time and building the roads up a lot higher than just putting in a piece of pipe to just takes a little more time a little more dirt and when we do it you naturally going to hear we robbing dirt from somewhere and you all are the ones going to hear it because they going to call you all and say hey they over here robbing my dirt road but yeah it's going to happen. We robbed one of Ladon's the other day. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated most of the time it seems like it's one of my roads. Commissioner Cox stated what is the deal with clipping, are we still clipping, we can get the dirt from there. Mr. Moore stated yeah, it's going to have a lot of grass in it we're going to have to we're going to have to clip that pull it in the road and get it up and that's the best way to do it but right now just can't turn a loose of all the people. I mean if you're running four dump trucks and two machines that's six people and I only got nine so I mean there's no way I can do to work out in the county and do that and all the roads need clipping I agree it will work a little better with me and the group but I got it we could hold off until it a frost falls I won't be mowing side the road that'll turn a loose a few people and the grass won't be so bad in the dirt that we put but I agree I've wanted to do it for years, but some people didn't want them the shoulders clip but. Commissioner Cox stated it is a safety hazard we don't need water standing in the roads. Mr. Moore stated yeah it needs to be done but right now just I can't blade roads I can't limb cut I can't move side the road and I can't do that all at the same time.

Commissioner Cox asked Mr. Cofty have you reach out for some help. Mr. Cofty stated we talked today, and he said he's got one opening so we're going to try to find someone. Mr. Moore stated I got one I only got one opening but still nine ten people they can't do all the bases I mean I've only been running one mowing tractor beside the highway and that's not near enough to stay up with mowing beside the highway. Chairman Worsley stated each one of them guys down there nine employees are responsible about 30 square miles. Mr. Moore stated we are almost covering a thousand miles or road because you work on both sides of the road if you limb cut and you got to cut both sides if you blade and roads you got two sides I mean we right we we're not quite at a thousand but we're not very far from it. When the guys know when they mow around the county, they have mode 1200 miles if you sit down and figure out the trips If it takes three trips on this side of the road and three trips on this side road that mile that road's 10 mile long that's 60 miles if you sat down and figure out the mileage when they have mowed starting at the shop and all the way around the county and get back to the shop they have moved right at 1200 miles every trip that they move and that's a lot of mowing and the limb Cutter is the same way he's running Ladon said that thing said we had 265 miles when it was done by measuring roads we had about 276 miles and if you double that that's what you're covering on dirt roads and then you got 272 miles I think of asphalt so I mean that's and you double that or triplet or whatever you're doing on it I mean that's a lot of miles of road for nine men to cover you all I mean most counties our size is running anywhere from 15 to 20 men. These boys are going to bat for you they roll out there every morning half them are working on their motor grader before they get clocked in are they getting their truck gas do it before they even clock in these boys are there I mean they rolling they put out cold patch all day in the heat today, didn't back up not one time I mean these guys are they there they're just not enough of us. Chairman Worsley stated Andy you all watch that heat out there now. Mr. Moore stated yeah I mean we carried water kegs and of all days our ice maker was that lightning we got Thursday afternoon and kind of messed with it some but I got it back to running and then we got somebody to look at it too to make sure it was going to be running and I

stressed out to them this morning to make sure if they didn't have a way to carry water let me know and we'd have a way for them to have water, but I mean it's just hot but we got work to do. Chairman Worsley stated appreciate everything you all do down there, is there anything else you I guess we need to talk about the truck because the truck still isn't long enough for me to put the bed I got so I don't I mean I don't understand it but anyway I can't use the bed that I got at the shop for the dual wheel truck that we get in front of the Ford place because. Commissioner Cox stated is this the one that we had previously discussed I guess for Mr. Moore stated yeah it still isn't long enough I mean it just isn't long enough I don't know what they don't understand about it I mean the best thing to do is just put a service body on the truck and you'll have more room because a sign posted 10 foot long and with a service body if you want to put air compressor you mount it on the side you know you go we're going to have to put a diesel tank in the back of it because it's going to go to you know be out there at night or you can be out there servicing up the excavator or I mean we are going to have to put stuff in it but if you go to stacking everything in the back of the truck or on a flatbed it's just going to stack up and you can't even put a signpost on it hardly so I said the best thing to do is get a service body you'll have a place to put all these chainsaws keep your oil and stuff out of the rain.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated when you say service body you are talk one with toolboxes on it. Mr. Moore stated yeah just a service body just a straight service body and then it's got a platform up top if you want an air compression you can load it up on top. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated are you going to put air compressor on it. Mr. Moore stated I got one Ladon now yeah you know I mean I'd really like for it to have an air compressor with a generator on it because we work on them pipes you know a lot of times you need you need you drills you need your grinders and stuff like that because a lot of pipes we repair when you bust a pipe we go to them and try to repair them a lot you know it gets us on down over some of them I've got my for years with a patch on it but I'd like to have one, I got two, the mowing guys has got one with a generator you know this air compressor generator they sharpen their blades the service truck has an air compressor with a generator for the same reason sometimes we need lights out there when we get in a bind at night and then we got it where we got drop cords, drills, grinders whatever in it because we have sometimes you have to work on the still side of the road. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated have you thought about buying power inverters and putting them the trucks. Mr. Moore stated John Deere sells an air compressor. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it is way cheaper, way cheaper. Mr. Moore stated well yeah, I guess now you all. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated, and it don't run no gas. Mr. Moore stated I don't know what the truck might have one inside that'll run one but. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it won't run but you can buy one that Harbor Freight for a couple hundred bucks that will, but I mean that's what that's what we've all went to on the farm.

Mr. Moore stated but anyway it needs a power source and yes the air compressor would be nice on it because I mean we're going to use it everywhere you know to be going to the excavator whatever a lot of times you got to blow it out or you have a flat tire on tractor or whatever but we'll work that out later let's get a bed on and I do have an old air compressor but. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, we need to go ahead and cross that bridge now with the bed. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you all got some prices on the bed. Mr. Moore stated I got one price and that's all I've had time to fool with and this is from Albany transport and that's you every bed we got except for the one I was going to put on this truck is coming from them there's some extra numbers down there it

depends on they may have to add something when they put it on the truck but the top price is basically the price for the bed. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I would call Smithfield over there is that what's the name of that name in Sylvester. Mr. Moore stated you got Parkville in Sylvester that is who built the bed I wanted to put on this truck. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'd get a price on them. Mr. Moore stated if you all want to know the truth, I haven't had time to fool with it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated let Doug call them he likes to talk. Mr. Moore stated Doug has been working at the park, it's going to be around that price. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah, I mean I'd just get another price so. Mr. Moore stated I will I mean it's not something we got to do today like we haven't gotten the truck yet. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated what about them longhorns are they about the same. Mr. Moore stated yeah they're about the same, if we go with it the only thing I don't like about them is like my truck is and I like it for me walking up to it working on it as far as what I do I like my ball in the back full of gooseneck trailer the only thing I don't like is when you put that ball in there I couldn't put a very big fuel tank my air compressors stacked up on top of my fuel tank because it only has about this much room before it gets to that ball now it'd be nice if the truck could pull the gooseneck trailer but I'm looking for room right now you know being able to actually get some service out of the truck the reason I wanted to service body is because naturally that truck will have two chainsaws in it all the time I mean there's going to be some things in it that will be in it all the time and they'll be out of the weather they won't be sliding off of a flatbed they'll be and it'll be where if you need to you can lock it up. So, I mean it's not an issue, but I just wanted to kind of make y'all aware that one is not long enough and why I don't I mean I don't understand it, but it is.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated that other bed is what 20 years old or something like that. Mr. Moore stated yeah Ladon you didn't have to throw out and I'm getting old. Yeah, it's about 16 or 17 years old I got it when I come here. Chairman Worsley stated anything else you got Andy. Mr. Moore stated one more little fact I'm going to throw out there to you I don't know exactly how long I've been here it's been 16 17 years but um if y'all don't know what you are about halfway on your paving when I come here they was paving nine tenths of a mile a year and in 17 years we've rolled out with a lot of begging for money a lot of blood sweat and tears but right now we are pretty close to about halfway resurfacing all highways in the Miller County and I really don't think that's too bad and I don't have one regret and that's Griggs Lucille and I did surface treatment on it because it was coming slam apart and I could paved all I needed to pave for the money I had and I run surface treatment on it and then I regret it today but other than that that's the only regret I got with it but right now we are right at halfway done paving our roads and I really don't think that's too bad for 16, 17 years that we have got enough grant money that we've only paid 30 percent of the money and like I said when I come here which Allen can tell you we was putting a patch on the road and we wasn't paying nothing we were just going finding a bad spot and paving nine tenths of a mile on a patch and we started when I came I got on the phone and went and rattling everybody's cages got throwed out of a few meetings every now and then but we've got enough grant money that the county has only paid for 30 percent and we halfway. Chairman Worsley stated well we will move on Paul, I see you out there, do you have anything to say. Paul Fryer stated well I'm really just listening chairman I comment that I did have a conversation with Rhonda Gordon with Golden Triangle she's working on getting that money from the U.S labor of the training for the motor grader operators was going to be a simulator they're going to put it on a trailer and take it around to different counties hopefully that will be in I mean she's going through the process of paperwork to get it actually in hand. I need to work with Doug on the 911 consoles, is there any update on

that. Mr. Cofty stated yes, I just got approved last week FEMA actually approved it but GEMA said hold on until they notify us, so it has been approved higher up we just got to go back down and now we just got to wait for GEMA to tell us how to get the money. Mr. Fryer stated okay and one more thing I did have a conversation with Suzanne Angel at the regional condition about police radio situation and that's been a little bumpy you know do better on that and there's 3.9 million dollars that the congressman got up for Regional Commission to work on Police radios she's working on she's hired a consultant to that knows about all these different police radios to try to work on some plans to work county to county in some cases where maybe two counties would share a tower rather than everybody to have a you know their own towers and be more efficient if they could share towers and have some kind of intergovernmental agreement that allow that maybe split costs or something like that so she's working on some ways to shave some points and get some more bang for the buck, try to get that money. Mr. Cofty stated we have a meeting, she called it for all of the representatives of each county I think it's the end of the month. Mr. Fryer stated okay, that's all I got. Chairman Worsley stated we appreciate it Mr. Paul, does anyone have anything else. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion to adjourn, Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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