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Board of Commissioners



REGULAR SESSION MEETING

09/12/2022, 6:00 P.M., County Government Complex

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Kreg Freeman, Vice Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Nixon. Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Austin Lambert, Brad Bell, Andy Moore, and Jeff Cox, Perry Henry, Jerry Calhoun, Josh Suggs, Sheriff Jimmy Holt, Angela Hagan

Chairman Freeman calls the meeting to order. Regular session 09/12/2022 and called for a moment of silent prayer then the pledge of allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Chairman Freeman stated first thing we need to do is approve the agenda. Chairman Freeman asked if anyone had any additions. Chairman Freeman if not we need a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Calhoun made the motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded it. Chairman Freeman voted for it as well. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Freeman stated approval of the minutes from the regular session meeting on 8/8/2022. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Nixon. Chairman Freeman voted for it as well. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS:

Chairman Freeman stated next is the financials and accounts payable. Accounts payable, Any questions on that? If not need a motion to approve Vice Chairman Calhoun made the motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded it. Chairman Freeman voted for it as well. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated financial report. Any questions on that? If not need a motion to approve Commissioner Nixon made motion to approve, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. Chairman Freeman voted for it as well. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES:

Chairman Freeman stated on the appearances, we got Perry Henry. Is Perry here? Faye Whittaker stated he called me today and said he would be here. Chairman Freeman stated all right, we will just skip over him. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Keith Bowen is not here either.

Perry Henry – County Audit

Perry Henry joins the meeting, Chairman Freeman stated you are right on time. You want to come on to the table and talk to us. Perry Henry stated I am sorry I am running late, I ran into a little bit of rain. Chairman Freeman stated we are going to turn it over to you Perry to discuss the County audit. Mr. Henry stated yes, and it is a good report. It is the numbers. Some reports I give as far as the numbers are not as good as this one to be honest. It's a clean opinion on this report. Which means that we come in and we review your financial statements, your general ledger, trace transactions. We send out confirmations to other entities. And verify, match up those numbers and everything. Once we've done all that stuff, what that means is that we can express an opinion on your financial statements. We're giving a clean opinion on it that your statements are not materially misstated. It's what it amounts to. It's not a full-fledged guarantee of course because we don't track and look at every single invoice. We sample is what is a sampling technique that we use. But anyway, it's it was pretty clean this year. If you look at this page right here, that one right there, the one that says page two, statement of net position. This is like the balance sheet. And if you run business, the balance sheet of the county. All of your funds, every single one. You had a net increase of a little over 1 million dollars in your assets this year. Now, your in your cash increased, by \$964,000. Now, a substantial chunk of that, \$555, 000 of that is ARPA funds that you just haven't spent. Now, on the ARPA funds. That has been like a moving evolving grant since the day it happened. Covid grants were to. It's come down to if you receive under 10 million dollars, you can use that those funds for most types of expenses. Technically, they're still restricted but the areas that you can spend that money on is so broad that you can use it on just general operating salaries and things of that nature. Sheriff Department salaries, county salaries in in general for that matter. They've made it so broad that it nobody's going to have any trouble finding something to spend it on. Okay? Your liabilities they increased by \$66,000 in 2021. So that's a slight increase but it didn't huge there. and I say in 2021, your net position increased by a little over 1 million dollars and again, that is good.

You know, and I'll, as I'll mention later, a trend The truth is the county had for several years, so you all had been on a negative trend of going in the wrong direction. But for the last 2 years, going back really three, really, things have gone a little bit better direction. But having said that, a good bit of what has happened here in this last year has to do with the COVID funding. You know, because the reality is, they gave us all these, this huge amount of federal funding, and if you really had to spend it on these specific expenditures, the way it was initially come out, you'd have trouble spending some of it but then, they modified it like I say. Eventually, they just made it so that you could, there's a lot of things you can spend it on. On the next page, the statement of activities is like your profit and loss for the county as a whole. Your every fund, every, everything. The governmental fund expenditures were down by \$426, 000. I mean, this is a decrease of approximately 6 percent. It's a big number but really, it's just six% but the key thing is it down. You know, your revenues were up \$22,000 dollars to a little over \$7 million dollars, 7.6 million and that's an increase of 0.3%. So, your revenue is up just a little bit. Your expenses were decreased on particular statement. On the next statement, which is what you normally look at. It's your main operating fund of the of the county, the general fund. And this is the one that you all look at when you have these meetings. Okay? for the general fund revenues that increased in 2021 by \$299, 000 up

to \$5.7 million. That's an increase of 5.47%. Again, it's not a huge percentage increase and considering what inflation is. It's really what an increase at all. then your general fund expenditures for 2021 if you exclude your capital outlet expenditures for cars and vehicles and stuff like that, your expenditures were down 424,000 for this particular fund, 8.25 percent. So, that's a good thing. You cut back on some of your expenditures and so and I've always said, there's two ways to put your financial condition in a better spot. You can decrease it expenditures or you have to raise revenue. So, in this case, it's a little bit of both. The fund balance and the general fund is now a positive \$345, 000. It wasn't that long ago. It was a negative number. So, it's been, and it didn't change overnight. That's been, it's been a little while getting back into the positive. And at any rate, your other funds that you have to on the next statement that we have there is the SPLOST showed a combined deficit for this one particular year is what that means by that of 268,000 and that's normal. You build up some SPLOST funds and then you spend it on whatever project or whatever pieces of equipment. So, it there's big swings in this. You still had \$68,000 in fund balance, okay? The TSPLOST Fund showed a surplus of 119, 000 in 2021. You have a fund balance of \$645, 000. So, see you have some resources in that, when you, I'm sure they'll be paving projects and it'll go down really quick. So, there's big swing. Your LMIG capital projects fund. Again, that's road projects. In 2021 this fund showed a deficit of 339,000. I suppose, you know, did some projects. So, it went back down and again on these statements, you're going to have those wild swings up and down. On your budget statements. This is where you all adopt the budget at the beginning of the year. That's kind of your plan. for how you going to fund the county, your budgeted expenditures for their entire general fund were 338,000 more than actually over budget, okay?

You had several departments that were over budget. You know, you still come out to the good in the end. But there were several, the largest variants were the EMS. It had like a \$92,000 overage on that, okay? Now, your report on internal controls on the next phase. This is where we did this report is a little bit more meaningful than the other stuff. The other stuff is your financial statements, where are you at financially? This is how everything went as far as how your internal controls of the county. The first one, the one on lack of segregation of duties, you'll never get rid of it because it's a county. Most cities have a lot of trouble with that too but if you're going to have one person doing overlapping items, it's a common finding you're going to find in about every report that you're going to come to. The budget violations, you had some departments that were over, and some, quite a few that were under as a matter of fact. So, that's just at the end of the year, you're supposed to amend the budget. You know, so that cover these that are over, you know. There was an issue where there was some grant activity that and this happened with another government this exact year. They got the grant money in, and they opened a bank account, stuck it in it, but didn't get it booked in the general ledger, okay? If you get in a grant for any money, it has to, it's not okay just to put it in a bank account. It was expended all properly. That's not the problem. But it's got to get in the general ledger. It's got to be recorded on in your books. It just didn't get in there in a timely manner. Should be done as the transactions are occurring, it should be going in there and when you all look at financial statements, you all should be seeing that activity as it goes. The payroll accounts for the constitutional offices. Now, this is kind of over with. I think because the county took over all of the payroll again but there was a payroll account for each of the constitutional offices. Those accounts weren't being reconciled again in a timely manner and what would I consider a timely manner? You know, if you're looking at the end of July, by now, I would think that account would be reconciled or at least by the end of September, you know. The following month, every

bank account should be reconciled. Okay and if and if it's not, then, and you could you if sometimes if that didn't happen it wouldn't be the end of the world, but you know, sometime in a reasonable period of time, they should be reconciled. and the last thing that I put in here in my conclusion is the trend seems to last year I had this statement in there. The trend seems to have turned a little bit less of a negative direction for 2021 So, and last year in this, I said, well, it's too early to say it. That's a positive trend. Well, now, I think it's a positive trend. I follow trends and if something is going in the wrong direction and you don't stop it, you're going to find yourself in a lot of hurt. That's what if it's a business, a government, or whatever it is. It just going, it snowballs. But in this case, you know, at least for two, really 3 years it has been going in a little bit more positive direction. This 2021 don't read too much into it because you did have a big boost from the COVID money and the ARPA funds. But still, even if you back that out, you still would have had a little bit of a surplus. Just not what you are showing. Okay? You come out to the good say \$150,000 for the year. Whereas with the with the ARPA funds included in there, I mean, you come out close, you know, about 800,000, somewhere in that neighborhood. So, but it's still, it it's helped a lot, okay? And you know, that TSPLOST, you know, it's in there. That's helping your SPLOST funds.

Those are really important now to governments because they've come kind of a little bit dependent on them and in at this time of inflation because what governments are going to be seeing in the next couple of years is inflation's going up eight thousand, your digest is not keeping up with that. And that could you just have to be careful with your expenditures as much as you can. because that's going to that's going to come back to bite governments because property taxes are a great stable source of income, but it doesn't fluctuate up at eight percent, not normally. So, that could impact you in over the next couple of years pretty significantly I would think. So, but other than that, it's a good report especially from the financial side, you're in better financial condition than you were the previous year, okay. So, that's the type of trend you want to keep going with the compliance issues, one, you can't do anything about. The others are very correctable and quite frankly, I would expect them to be gone after this report. I expect all of them that can be corrected to be gone. That's what I expect. So, you all have any questions or anything? So, you're making notes. If you have questions later, let me know, okay? You all, have copies of your reports there and I hope you all feel you can call me anytime, right? Right. Whatever issues. Chairman Freeman asked anybody else got any questions? if there's nothing else, we need to go over with you, Thank you

Chairman Freeman stated Keith Bowen. Is he here. Okay. We got Sheriff Jimmy Holt. He wanted to update us on some things.

Sheriff Jimmy Holt - Update

Sheriff Jimmy Holt stated Well, I'm Jimmy Holt. So, Nobody don't know who I am. I am here for as long as I have am to be, and but I feel like we've got a lot of good things, you know, already dole, have done a partnership today that we're going to have all new vests for all the officers with no expense to the county, and the 14 days I've been here, I have been in court, 10 of them, I think, and so we, they we been holding court, and then started state court last week that ended today. and Superior court going again Wednesday. So, I spent most of time at the courthouse, but I hadn't had too much time to look around and find out what's going on but I'm working at it. Chairman Freeman stated we appreciate you. You all got any questions about anything, is there anything other than you telling us you've been in court that we might need to know, or we might need to help you with? Sheriff Holt stated the courts, both superior and state court, state

court, hadn't had court I think before the hurricane. So, they are trying to clear out. So, we have cases all from 2016 to July, August, this year. So, they we did like 161 cases in state court today. That's going to start it on Friday. So, they trying to clean up the court calendars. It's been for several years, and I think it's moving very well, and you know. Chairman Freeman stated anytime you need to go, I mean, we've been interacting with one another. You need to know anything, or we help you out or anything like that. Just let us know. We appreciate you coming. All right. On the old business, we got Jill Calhoun, the Board of Elections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections Board – Jerry Calhoun. Chairman Freeman asked other than the names you got that we picked from last time. Anything you need to, we just need to approve these. Jerry Calhoun stated and me. Chairman Freeman stated we all agreed right there. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I thought we done it. Chairman Freeman stated we need to formally make a motion that you'd be superintendent of elections. We need a motion to do. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I make amotion to make Jerry Calhoun, Election Superintendent. Commissioner Nixon seconded. Chairman Freeman voted in favor as well. All vote in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated so we got that taken care of, the names that we went over, and we picked from. We got the approved these formally. Ricky Bradford, Joe Mock, Robert Lane, Miranda Perkins, and Dotty Varnado. We need a motion to appoint them to the Board of Elections. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion with Commissioner Nixon seconding with Chairman Freeman voting for it. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated so we get that taken care of. Is there anything else we need to do with that right there, we can talk about you made the comment wanting to talk about something else. If you stick around after the meeting, we can talk about some more stuff with your office over there. Anything else with that we need to do. If there's nothing else with that right, there. We're going to we got the next thing on our business.

Fueling Station Report:

The fueling station report. You all got it to go, and everything looked all right with that, and I think the fuel was coming down. That was the revenue, and it is showing positive. It had never been negative on it, so we are in good shape with all that.

Tax Assessor Board appointment:

Chairman Freeman stated Jajuan Bowen, time ran out for her to get the class that she had to take. And she went and took the class, so she passed that. So, we got to officially appoint her to the board of tax assessors. So, we need a motion to appoint Jajuan Bowen. Vice Chairman Calhoun made a motion to approve Jajuan Bowen, Commissioner Nixon seconded, Chairman Freeman voted in favor. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Freeman stated next is Christmas decoration. Faye, do you want to refresh our memory on that? Faye Whittaker stated yes, we have a lot of decorations they used to put down in the park and we got them all out. They got them cleaned up. It's just going to take a little bit to get new lights and all that and put them in the trail so people can drive through. Chairman Freeman stated all you got to do is to just some maintenance on them or you got to buy some new ones. Ms. Whittaker stated buy some

new lights and stuff because they've been in storage for a while. All the frames are really good. We need new lights and everything to get hooked up. Chairman Freeman asked what are you going to pay then with, the out of general fund. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked do you got a budget for that? Chairman Freeman asked or is it coming out of the rec money or what? Ms. Whittaker stated the Rec Department is with it we haven't really gotten that involved. We just want to make sure it was okay to do it. It's not going to cost a whole lot. We just got to get through lights. Austin Lambert stated before we finalize it, I'll get you know the total cost. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I do not want you to come up and say it's \$20,000 or something like that and I have a heart attack. Chairman Freeman stated all right, we need a motion to do maintenance of the Christmas lights or decorations. Vice Chairman Calhoun made the motion with Commissioner Nixon seconding. Chairman Freeman voted in favor. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated just let us know the total before we actually spend the money, just let us know what the total is.

GDOT Bridge Construction:

Chairman Freeman stated the DOT has sent a message down here about redoing a bridge. That's page 15 and 18. I'm thinking it's on the Bellview Road. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked is that the one right past the Willies Cook Road or whatever. Chairman Freeman stated me, and Doug talked about it and I'm thinking it was the Bellview Road. Chairman Freeman asked Andy Moore What do we, is this just did he tell you what we needed to do with this? Mr. Moore stated I think it's just going to be a meeting in November somewhere about redoing the bridge on Bellview Road. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated So, they going to talk about closing it. I would assume. Mr. Moore stated the letter stated somewhere in November they told me the date but I don't remember this exact date but so we were supposed to sit down and meet about the state was actually going to redo it and my understanding it was at no cost to the county. Vice Chairman stated you can't have it closed down and 91 closed at the same time. Mr. Moore stated we were thinking that those two projects might coincide together but not and here we have the meeting. I don't know. That that's all the information I have. Besides the bridge is 59 years old. It was born a year before I was. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Fifty-two. Mr. Moore stated well, actually it'll be 60 coming up. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked It was built in 1952? Mr. Moore stated it was built in 1962. Chairman Freeman stated that was just for information for about the meet and date. I don't I don't see anything. Do you all see anything that we might overlook? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated no, it said they wanted to come talk at a time. Chairman Freeman stated the main thing was we've seen about traffic but anyway we got the date on all that, so we'll take care of it

Parks and Recreation Equipment:

Chairman Freeman stated next is Recreation equipment, Brad you got the bathrooms and renovating them. Mr. Bell stated yes, sir. I've got I got two bids. I have one no from radar and my other two of the bids, one is about \$150 cheaper than the other one. I took that bid and added a sink to it and it made it go over because one had three sinks, one had four. The guy in Donalsonville, he was lowest bidder on that. One of the guys that I've got to bid on that, I kept trying to get it to add that sink and he never would come out and add a sink so I'm not sure if he wants to do a job. The lowest bid I got was the guy from Donalsonville. That was \$6,741, that's replacing every toilet and every sink. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated just on the one at the top field or everywhere. Chairman Freeman asked how much is that? Mr. Bell stated \$6,741.00. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked do you think the ones down here need it? It looks like it's in rather good shape to

me now. Mr. Bell stated they put toilets in there, it's not good commercial. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated its household toilet. Mr. Bell stated right, they all mix matched things. As long as they've been down there both of them said the same thing. They wouldn't be saying that. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they're trying to bring money. Mr. Bell stated that's my biggest number of complaints is the bathrooms. Chairman Freeman stated right and what all? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated can we look at it? Can we get it and look at it? You got it itemized kind of out or something like that. We look at it. Chairman Freeman asked on the plumbing stuff, other than that. Mr. Bell stated there's one of the bids right there. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked you got like a timeline, you got to have it done by? Mr. Bell stated no, this is what project that I wanted to do. I had to take that off the phone, so he sent it to me on the phone and then the other guy brought it to me, and it's fixed all the urinals, toilets, the sinks. That would cut down on 50% of the complaints. Chairman Freeman stated you got \$184. Mr. Bell stated that's what added in there because one guy added for the same. He added for the sink. That's what I added down there. One had four sinks. One had three sinks. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked does anybody know the last time we did any work in the bathrooms? Long time. Chairman Freeman stated it's been a long going thing. I didn't tinkering around with them. It ain't been no major. Mr. Bell asked can we take that out of SPLOST, couldn't we? Chairman Freeman stated yes. Mr. Bell stated he hasn't spent any SPLOST in 2 years. Chairman Freeman stated other than what you going to need to make? handicapped stuff Mr. Bell stated most of those, there's a couple of those stalls in there that is already for the handicap, but those up top, they just got regular old general toilets that you use at your house. Chairman Freeman stated right. Mr. Bell stated and that's what I want, all handicap, the bigger, taller toilets. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated the tall, higher, whatever. They're not standard but. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked is this going to solve the plumbing problem. Mr. Bell stated I really feel like it will. Chairman Freeman asked you all want to do this now? When are they going to schedule this? Mr. Bell stated honestly, I did not ask them that but I'm sure that they'll start it pretty quick. Chairman Freeman stated while they're while they're looking over there, tell us about the signature card, the recreation checking account. Mr. Bell stated Okay, the checking account was in the former board members names. Chairman Freeman stated right. Mr. Bell stated I went on the check account, didn't want to be on the check account. But now check account's going to be audited by Faye every month, me and Doug's going to be on the signature card and then we just need to change it over to that. Chairman Freeman asked so, you just need a motion for us to make the change. Mr. Bell stated yes, I'm sorry. Mr. Bell stated and another thing that, Chairman Freeman stated go ahead with the other things. Mr. Bell stated we were looking at is buying us a Utility trailer. The one we have that the wheels are out like this, and I don't know how old that thing is. I would not drive it far at all. I mean, we've used it. So, we're looking for a trailer that we can haul the tractor if we need to. A lot of times, we'll go out and dump, cut grass, you know, or if we need to haul it anywhere. We'll haul it to prepare shop or whatever. We have to drive it. That trailer, the haul two lawn mowers, and that front end loader, that's really a must need there. Chairman Freeman asked do you got to bid on this. Mr. Bell stated that should be in there. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you did not hand that to us. Are there any trailers at the sheriff department? Mr. Bell stated I ask a lot of times, I don't get to. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Do you all have any trailers? Andy Moore stated no. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I've seen the sheriff department hauling stuff around. Mr. Moore stated they got their lawnmowers on one. We got one, neither one of them is in decent shape. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I felt like I thought the case was. Chairman Freeman asked do you know the trailers, other than the size of the trailer. If you have the weight capacity to do what you want to do. Mr. Bell stated I didn't ask that.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I will check it. I can help you with that. So, you just want a 7 by 16? That is what you want? Mr. Bell stated yes and also too in the county, anybody will be welcome to use it. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked are you talking about sheriff department. Mr. Bell stated sheriff department or road. department. Last time I had to use a trailer to take something to be fixed. I had to use the city's. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked you think 7000 pounds would be enough. 7000 pounds? Chairman Freeman stated yes. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked what's the heaviest thing. Chairman Freeman asked what size is that tractor? Mr. Bell stated I don't know what weight be on that tractor. Chairman Freeman asked what's the number of the tractor? Mr. Bell stated It's a 3038E. I do not think there has been a trailer down there for 15-20 years. Chairman Freeman asked what equipment you got to go in the back of a tractor? Mr. Bell stated we've got a mower and a drag, box blade, bottom plow, and aerator. Chairman Freeman stated I do not have a problem with getting your trailer. You just need to let him if he can take on that task, let him take on, check on that weight of the trailer. Mr. Bell stated it's a dual axel trailer too. Mr. Ronny state we made sure that the trailer axels can hold 3500 pounds. So, it's about seven thousand. That's the weight on the quote that I got. All of them are 7000 pounds. Trailer World has a dual axle, it's got the electric brake. Has a 7000 pound limit on it. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked where' s the other one from? Southern Harvest in Bainbridge. Mr. Ronny stated they have a 7000 or 7500 capacity on it. There should be one from Silver Line Trailers. It has a 6000 weight limit on it. Chairman Freeman stated another thing you need to find out what ply tires got on it too. Mr. Bell stated yes. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'm checking it out, I know a guy.

Chairman Freeman stated we got three things here. The first one was the Mr. Bell stated the mower we were looking to see if we could get another mower. The one we have is fixing to be six years old. And this year we had to put a repair shop about five times. So, it is starting to wear. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated all right, so I'm going to ask a question here. I see you got one that says Gravely on it, which is a great mower, but it ain't for Colquitt. Mr. Bell asked who sells it in Colquitt. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Nobody sells it in Colquitt, they sell John Deere's in Colquitt. Mr. Bell stated yes, now, I've got a John Deere one but it's the highest price one that that we that we found. Theirs is about \$5, 000 more than the gravely ones and the Spartan is what I like. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated do you see a number on it anywhere on the Colquitt bid. Mr. Ronny stated the one they us they wouldn't have one in until October then they came in today and they said they wouldn't have any until January. Chairman Freeman stated so, he ain't going to have anything in until January. Mr. Ronny stated we attempted to reach out and try to get a quote from him, but he said he would have them until October and then he changed it again today that he would have until January and February. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked would you rather have? Mr. Bell stated I'd rather have the Spartan. we looked at that one and it was a little bit more 61 inch cut. Chairman Freeman asked where is it from? Mr. Bell stated It's from Southern Harvest. Chairman Freeman asked why don't you see if you can get we get the trailer from them and the mower at the same time. See if they will knock some off it. Mr. Bell stated I will I think the difference in that price was about \$500. I'm not sure. and I tried to call him today and I don't know if it was so busy to answer the phone. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated all of them look pretty comfortable looks like, aren't they? 60-inch mowers. Mr. Bell stated that X mark is still cutting but we are starting to see a lot of wear. Chairman Freeman asked what you going to do with it? Mr. Bell stated we going to use both mowers. With what all we got to cut, 2 mowers would be great. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated grass is about slow down too, ain't it? Hopefully. Mr. Bell state it is. I think there's

a decent amount of money SPLOST. Chairman Freeman stated first thing we need to do if we're going to do it is approve him making the bathroom renovations. Is there a motion to do that. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion with Commissioner Nixon seconding. Chairman Freeman voted in favor also. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated next is the signature card. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked Him and Doug on the signature card? Chairman Freeman stated him and Doug on the signature card. We need a motion to approve that change. Commissioner Nixon made motion to make change, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded, Chairman Freeman voted in favor also, All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated next, the trailer and the mower. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked can you hold off like a day and let me look. Mr. Bell stated I didn't even think about that. I didn't know. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated It's fine. Chairman Freeman asked do you want to prove it pending we make sure we got the right weight limit on the trailer. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Yeah. Mr. Bell stated and honestly, I was going for the best price for it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated what if I get you a better price on a John Deere, would you be interested in that? Mr. Bell stated Absolutely. The John Deere place in Bainbridge had one but it was 54 inches. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked you want the 960, is that what you want? Mr. Bell stated yes. It was about around 11,000. His was 15,000 for 60 inches. Chairman Freeman asked what other than the John Deere name. What's the difference in the mowers? He ain't got no horsepower on the engine but I see 31 horsepower, what about the John Deere? You know what it is? Mr. Bell stated it is 28 horsepower. They all are 60 inches. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated the Spartans got a 37 horsepower. You got a Spartan now? Mr. Bell stated No, no, we have a X Mark.

Vice Chairman Calhoun asked the same guy selling the trailer selling the Gravely. Mr. Ronny stated no, the gravely is from Dothan Alabama. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked you'd like to have the Spartan. Mr. Bell stated I like Spartan. Chairman Freeman asked where did you see about the horsepower on the motor? Vice Chairman Calhoun asked on the Spartan. There's the Spartan. I haven't seen it on John Deere, He was telling us on the John Deere. I was thinking if the John Deere tears up it might be easy for you to run over there, not that I care. They ain't got one. Chairman Freeman asked the folks in Bainbridge got the Gravely and the Spartan? So, they get the trailer and both of and either one of the mowers. Mr. Bell stated yes, and I'll see if they'll knock some money off. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I will do some calling tomorrow to see what I can. I may cannot do nothing. Chairman Freeman asked do you want to wait. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked do you want t to go ahead and approve it? Chairman Freeman stated we can approve it pending, getting the right specs on the trailer and see if we can do the deal, knock some off. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yes, how you going to word that? If you word, it, and I 'll say so moved. Chairman Freeman asked do you know which mower would you prefer? Mr. Bell stated yes, I like the spartan. Chairman Freeman stated being the John Deere folks locally here can't get the mower till December. Is that what he said? Mr. Bell stated January or February and it was 5,000 dollars more than that one. Chairman Freeman stated we're going to go with the Spartan mower and a trailer. Ladon's going to check on the trailer. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you call him on the deal on the trailer and then I'll call my man about a trailer and just see. And if his trailer, his deal's better than cheaper of my trailer and put them back again. Chairman Freeman stated if we can't get it in the package deal from the other folks. Then we'll get it from the better price. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated, I'm sure. Chairman Freeman stated the Southern Harvest Equipment Company going to check on the price. See what we can do with that right there. And we're going to approve it pending that everything works out and there aren't any snags. We need a motion on that. That might be a bad way of

wording, but you all know what. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion with Commissioner Nixon seconding. Chairman Freeman voted in favor also. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman asked is there anything else we need to go? Did we miss anything? We got all that taken care of. Appreciate you coming. Mr. Bell stated Thank you. Chairman Freeman stated we are going to take it out of SPLOST money. Mr. Bell stated yes sir.

Angela Hagan – Tax Wavier:

Chairman Freeman stated all right, the next thing we got in the new business is the animal shelter. Requesting the taxes waived. We have Angela Hagan. Ms. Hagan stated I started building the animal shelter about a year ago and it's right on Highway 91, it is, I'm sorry. I don't live in Colquitt. Chairman Freeman stated Yes, Highway 91 over there close to Donalsonville. Ms. Hagan stated Exactly. Chairman Freeman stated where old veterinary clinic was? Doctor Mitchell's. Ms. Hagan stated it's going to serve this area and also the Seminole County area. It's been expensive. And it's all come out of pocket. And so, I was hoping that the taxes could be waived for 3 years. There's a three-year period that I'm going to hopefully get everything off the ground with a shelter. So, it's sustaining itself instead of all out of pocket. Chairman Freeman stated well, let me tell you what we produce, not us but the tax assessor's office saying your business is a, is a 501C3. Is that true? Ms. Hagan stated there's a 501C3 that's running the shelter. Chairman Freeman asked who owns the property, Ms. Hagan stated she owns the property, and I built the building and I'm funding the 501C3. Chairman Freeman stated being the fact that the property is not deeded to the 5013C. That poses a problem. With the tax assessor's office approving it without coming through us. And what we going to need is some kind of written statement that says that for us to approve it, they've kind of more or less may have already turned it down because it doesn't meet the guidelines. But for us to approve it we have to have some kind of written statement from your accountant or you or something that that 501C3 is not going to pay you rent. Ms. Hagan stated oh, that's no problem.

Chairman Freeman stated you can't profit personally from that we got to have some kind of some kind of documentation on that either from your accountant, also whoever's going to do whoever. Get it from their accountant. Ms. Hagan stated they can. Chairman Freeman stated right we're not going to approve it tonight. You get us some paperwork. Ms. Hagan stated okay. Chairman Freeman stated and we'll revisit this thing. and pending that everybody's agreeable with it. We all got we have to vote on it. Ms. Hagan stated Okay. Chairman Freeman stated but I mean, do you got any questions you want to ask her about this? Ms. Hagan stated its the deal of the century for you all. Chairman Freeman stated well, I'm all ok with the animal shelter and all that. I mean, that's great. I mean, and I think, I don't think anybody wants to not help you out, but we got to make sure we're doing it the right way. Ms. Hagan stated yes, I understand that. Chairman Freeman asked the board is that agreeable with everybody. Does anyone of you have any anything you all want to add to that or any questions or anything I might overlooked about that? Ms. Hagan stated okay, do you meet here once a month. Chairman Freeman stated the second Monday of next month. Ms. Hagan stated okay. Chairman Freeman continued unless it gets postponed and we haven't been postponing any, but anyhow. Is there a contact number on this paper for you? Ms. Hagan asked was it [REDACTED]? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yes [REDACTED]. Chairman Freeman stated you get us some paperwork and we'll contact you and make sure that we are going to either if you want to be here or whatever, then we'll get back in touch with you and let you know yes, or no. Ms. Hagan stated okay. Chairman Freeman asked is there anything else you need

to go over with us with this? Ms. Hagan stated no, so all you need is just a letter that I'm not going to be receiving rent from the 501C3. Chairman Freeman stated that could raise some questions, there has been some stuff that the tax assessor's offices had to review in the past over there about different pieces of property that was tax exempt. And somebody, I mean, somehow another that was questionable. Ms. Hagan stated you know, actually, they do pay rent if you count 1 dollar, a year, or a 1 dollar a month. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we are talking about big money. Ms. Hagan stated yes, okay. Chairman Freeman stated so, we'll start with that right there and if anything, else, we may need something else. I ain't sure. Ms. Hagan stated it's no problem. I'm used to going through hoops. Chairman Freeman stated okay but we will try to help you if we can. We appreciate you coming. Ms. Hagan stated okay, thank you. Ms. Hagan asked is it okay if I go. I'm extremely impressed with you all's meeting by the way. Very Professional. Chairman Freeman stated Thank you. The board stated Thank you.

Potential Sale of Jointly Owned Property

Chairman Freeman stated the next time we got on a new business is a potential sale of the jointly owned property that is in the industrial park down with Nutrien. They are going to make some improvements down there and add on some structures, some tanks, some I think another fertilizer warehouse to the tune if I'm understanding this couple of million dollars, I don't know the exact figure. But anyway, Chairman Freeman asked Ms. Whittaker, did you get back, did you hear anything back from them on? Ms. Whittaker stated Cory said he's going to present it to his board tomorrow. He wants you all to go ahead and prove it on your side and then he's going to talk to development, and it will have to go through their board also, but he wanted to go ahead and get it approved here tonight. Chairman Freeman stated I been doing some research. I don't know what the property's sold for in the past. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I can't tell from the map. Do you know where it is? Mr. Moore stated it's behind the fertilizer plant. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked going back towards that dirt road back there. Mr. Moore stated it's swamp land. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked is it is it this right? Is it is it this on Phillipsburg and the dirt road before you get that church? Mr. Moore stated yes. Chairman Freeman stated it's somewhere in here. I don't know exactly where the county would have parked. It made me think go all the way up. It's about four or five acres. WC owns part of this right here. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated but they were talking about he owns this one side I think, don't he? Chairman Freeman stated yes, it may be some of this right here. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well, that's what I figured they might want some of that behind on the railroad. Chairman Freeman stated the railroad tracks coming running through here, but they were going to extend these tracks or add another spur over here to come all the way down. They meet tomorrow and Rex isn't going to be there but anyway it's been sitting over there doing nothing. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'm fine.

Chairman Freeman stated but they interested in buying the thing. They made an offer of \$4,000 an acre which I think is with time and inflation or whatever you want to call it, property values going up. It's more than what some of them have paid for some of that in the past. I don't know what WC paid. I'd have to but anyway, is that agreeable? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it is to me. Chairman Freeman stated I mean, they going to add on down there and potentially, if they add on down there, potential to create some jobs too, not a whole lot of jobs but two or three anyway. I need a motion for us to sale, to approve the sale of this property in the industrial park to Nutrien and of course it got to be agreeable by two other parties as city and the development authority, but Nutrien made an offer of \$4,000 acre. Now, that ain't written down nowhere but that's what the

talk was. And that came from somebody that works with them that is in the now. So, we need a motion to approve our part of it anyway. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I make a motion we sell it to them if they want it. Commissioner Nixon seconded the motion. Chairman Freeman voted in favor. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated Is there anything else we need to go over with the meeting before we adjourn. Anything with the department here, Andy? if nothing else. We need a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I make the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nixon seconded the motion. Chairman Freeman voted in favor. All in favor motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.