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REGULAR SESSION MEETING
12/12/2022, 6:00 P.M., County Government Complex

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Kreg Freeman, Vice Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Worsley, Commissioner Nixon. Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Austin Lambert, Douglas Cofty, Andy Moore, Jeff Cox, Earl and Martha Cox, Jimmy Holt, Josh Suggs, Jennifer Jackson, Claude Newsome.

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

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated stand back up. We got this plaque right here. We'd like to thank you for all you have done and your service to the county. Chairman Freeman stated you don't have to do that. I appreciate it. Thank you.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Chairman Freeman stated first thing we need to do is approve the agenda and we got two additions. Mr. Jerry is not here tonight. We're going to talk about the ordinances and how the board needs to go about whether they are going to approve a new ordinance or change something in one. And Josh Suggs for approval at the sheriff to qualifying fees. So, we need to add those two things to the agendas. Any other additions. If not need a motion to approve. Commissioner Worsley made the motion, Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor, Motions carried.

Chairman Freeman stated next Approval of the minutes. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they good to me. Chairman Freeman stated there's one thing I would, you know, I watched there's one thing that needs to be noted that the petition that was presented to the board during the meeting it's not here. It needs it attaching to the minutes. Alan, you presented it. Do you have it. Doug called you about it. Commissioner Worsley stated No, I give it back to the person I got it from. Chairman Freeman stated Earl, you got the petition. Mr. Cox stated yes, I do. Chairman Freeman asked Can we have it back? Mr. Cox stated No, sir. You were not interested in it at the meeting the other night. Chairman Freeman stated it was laid. It was presented to the board and when the meeting was over, we would go and attach it to the minutes. And I talked to the county attorney, and he said it became county document when it was presented to the board. Mr. Cox stated I

am not giving them to you. Chairman Freeman stated well, I want that noted in a minutes. Alright. With that being said is there anything that needs adding. If not, we need a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Worsley made the motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded, All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Chairman Freeman stated next is the Financials and accounts payable. Any questions on any of that. need a motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards made the motion, Commissioner Worsley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated the financial report. Any questions on that? Need a motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards made a motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor, Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

Linda Westberry – USDA Grant

Chairman Freeman stated on the appearances, we got USDA grant that we had applied for. We got Linda Westbury, the County Attorney said, we didn't have to read the resolution. We just need to go over this with her briefly. I think we have signed everything. Is that correct? Alright. You all got any questions on this. Ms. Westberry stated yes, this is a lengthy thing. You don't want me to read it. We would all be asleep. It is for the grant. It's for a on here. It's called heavy-duty equipment. It's for a tractor and mower and our grand amount is \$50,000 with the county contributing \$45,800. Do you have any questions? Chairman Freeman stated alright, is there anything. Have we already approved all this. Mr. Cofty stated yes. The only thing we have to finish is going to be at the first of the year we'll have to do the letter of. Ms. West berry stated right. when we close, in this packet at the very back, you'll see it's like sixteen pages. It's called the letter of conditions. There's a grant agreement at the very back and that's what we will close it with when all the property is purchased, we will come back and we'll complete this form. And then we'll just list what was done, how much the grant was that you'll sign off on it and the money will be reimbursed. Chairman Freeman stated okay. Any questions on any of that. You all are familiar with whatever thing we done we did here. Mr. Cofty stated me and her talked she said if we need to go ahead and get the equipment. Ms. Westberry stated Yes. Mr. Cofty stated we can go ahead and get it. because it's pretty much. Ms. Westberry stated yes, you're done. That's all together. It will be obligated tomorrow. The money is set aside so you can go ahead and order the equipment. Get it on and so I can get pictures and receipts and we can get it closed hopefully in January. Chairman Freeman stated Okay. Mr. Cofty stated I'll do that tomorrow. Chairman Freeman stated did you review all the documents? Make sure everything was set. Ms. Westberry stated I did. I went over with that Mr. Cofty. Chairman Freeman stated alright. Any anybody got any questions? We appreciate it. Ms. Westberry stated okay, so I just need you to form a vote and vote on it for me and so I can record it online. Chairman Freeman stated alright we need a motion to officially approve accepting this grant money. For the of the amount of \$50,000 dollars to buy the two-piece equipment is a mower and a tractor. Commissioner Nixon made the motion.

Commissioner Worsley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Ms. Westberry stated thank you. Chairman Freeman stated alright. Thank you.

Senior Building Sale - HAMC

Chairman Freeman stated the old business is the senior building purchase from the hospital authority. There's an offer been made by the hospital of \$700,000 for the building. The house, it was on 501 Cuthbert Street. That house right there was thrown in on the deal. So that's if that house was sold as is in the property could be as much as \$200,000. So, you're looking at about 900,000. That money's going to be put for that amount would be set aside in escrow. \$100,000 of it used to remodel the house according to the plans that Jerry McNease drew up and they're in your pocket. Is everybody reviewed that? Commissioner Worsley stated will we actually see about how much is in the house when all said and down. Chairman Freeman stated Jerry McNease, and he's got fair experience with stuff like that. And he was thinking the remodeling could be done for \$100,000. Commissioner Edwards stated my question will some be set aside to operate the building Chairman Freeman stated you can't do that. The county attorney said that's county property I mean, we're looking at this is an addition to it. This is something else that's got to be done too in the lease agreement so the county isn't involved in it. They've got control over that house. And what it would be is you got to create you can't just rent it. You can't rent it or lease it like it is. It's got to be you got to create an entity that is register with Secretary of State for it to be legal for the county to do that. If you don't, you'd have to rent it at like a citizen fee or whatever like you'd rent a house to an individual. You'd have to rent it for that. You couldn't do at least for like a dollar a year for twenty-year lease. That's what he's telling us. So, and we're looking into what it what's involved in creating an entity for that and how you go about doing it. If we could do it or they got to do it, that isn't really clear right to this point. But that's got to be done to do it. But you're looking at insurance, you're looking at maintenance, you're looking at light bill, water bill, the maintenance of the grounds. Am I leaving anything out?

Commissioner Edwards stated and all that was taken care of at the senior building. Chairman Freeman stated it was. Mr. Cofty stated insurance was through ACCG. Chairman Freeman stated so all that's going to be at the county expense. And money set aside for the operation. This this is the question that's come up. Being the fact that they don't have to they're not operating under any state guidelines and it would be theirs to lease. It's done like it's talked about being done. They don't have any records they got to keep because they don't have a director anymore. They've got nobody that they got answer to, they don't have to answer the state guidelines. So, being, with that said, Mr. Claude is there some reason y'all would need to keep records down there? Mr. Newsome stated I hadn't talked to SOWEGA but there are some records that has to be generated. Right now, they're being generated through the Albany office. We going to need someone to sort of direct activities down there. If we can get a volunteer. I got too old to take on that kind of a job. But we going to need someone like we had before to sort of

keep the activity going. And there going to be some records generated but I don't know exactly what kind. I'll wait to see what was going to be done on the building if we were going to get the building before, I talked to the lady and all. Chairman Freeman stated the only the only part that still set out there that ain't finalized more or less. If y'all agree to do it, is this create and I found this out today. You got to create that entity. It's got to be a named entity to for the county to be able to lease it to y'all at like for a dollar or basically no cost. So, we got we got to work through that. But is there. Mr. Cofty stated Mr. Kreg can I interrupt. Chairman Freeman stated go ahead. Mr. Cofty stated so, I talked with the county attorney and basically, what it is you have entity register with the Secretary of State's Office because the Georgia Constitution, the gratuity laws prevent us from renting a building to an individual at a dollar for 20 years. What we would have to do is if they didn't do the entity, we would have to rent it to them whatever fair market is. It's probably about \$1000 a month. So, to be able to get it at a dollar, they have to be registered with the Secretary of State's as an organization. So, Mr. Kreg has said that, you know, we as the county will probably help them do that. to legally rent it to them, they have to have a register with the Secretary of State and entity. It has to be a public organization. Commissioner Worsley asked is that something the county can do. Mr. Cofty stated Yeah. I'm pretty sure we can. Chairman Freeman stated we don't know what all's involved in that. I don't think it's like creating a corporation or nothing like that right there where he's a massive expense. I just don't know. Mr. Newsome stated I was fixing to ask do we have to go through the Secretary of State to be registered. Mr. Cofty stated it does yes sir. Chairman Freeman stated it would have to be some name if that if y'all chose it for that to be the name Senior Center Miller County or whatever. Mr. Newsome stated it would be the same as this one was. Chairman Freeman stated yes sir. Alright. Was there anything in the plans? And we got several copies here. Anything in the plans that that we talked about the other day. Y'all was y'all pretty much we left the other day. We talked about everything. And y'all were okay with it then. Has anything changed since then? Mr. Newsome stated well, I wrote down what I could think of. We talked about it. I made that list. I think you know about the insurance, stuff like that, and refrigerator, freezer, and ice maker everything to be moved. from down there. And we had exercise equipment over there. And table and chairs, I don't know. They said in the story I reckon but we had exercise equipment down there and games, bingo games, stuff down there. I don't know where they're still there. Chairman Freeman stated all of that craft stuff Brad's got it storage over here. I don't know what the conditions whether the refrigerator and the freezer are running but I think everybody's agreeable because the ice machine was moved down here because this one broke down. And everybody had agreed to take care of the ice machine. I don't know because we ain't been in there whether these other appliances are in working condition but if they are, I mean, we'll, there's no problem moving them, I don't think. Is that agreeable with everybody? Mr. Newsome stated one of them wasn't but about three years old. Chairman Freeman stated Okay but I mean, anything happened to a refrigerator. It may if it quit down there on, I mean, it may be sitting there and it just ain't working.

Commissioner Worsley asked what if it's not and we going to help them replace it. Chairman Freeman stated I'm out with that. And I'm in anybody got an objection to that? Commissioner Worsley stated anything that comes up missing. I think we should replace it. Commissioner Nixon stated she was ok with that. Commissioner Edwards also agreed. Commissioner Worsley stated I think we should get off to a good start. Commissioner Nixon stated yes absolutely. Commissioner Worsley stated did I understand that we were not going to be able to give them anything funding? Chairman Freeman stated not at this point. I don't think so. And the and the money from the sale of this right here. And we talked to the auditor, talk to the county attorney. The money from this sale needs to go into a separate account and it be used to balance the budget. or whatever we need to do in the future. Is it agreeable to do that? The board agreed. Commissioner Worsley stated was there any way that we can help? Give him a little bit of money. Chairman Freeman stated I'm not objecting to that. The I don't think you going to be able to fund a director position now because that was one of the things that Council for Aging and they cut that out. My understanding is and that's talking to somebody today. They're not starting this where some of these other places have opened in a limited capacity. There's not any funding from that, that's been regenerated. It's just like it us when it got shut down and it's not coming back. That's what they're telling me. Commissioner Worsley stated could we take like t\$20,000 to \$25,000 from the sale of the Senior Center and put it in account for them to help them to build up money. Commissioner Edwards stated because we do need a place for our seniors. I mean, it's just the bottom line. It's the bottom line. If we as a county, we can't have no place for our senior to go we are poor county. Chairman Freeman stated we are giving them a place. But we we're going right back, what you're going to do if you do that, you need to let them get up and running. And see where they at, whatever thing before you commit \$25,000 or something like that to that effect. To them right now. At this point, we need to finalize this deal and then and then move on from there. I think now. Commissioner Worsley stated we're putting \$60,000 into the golf course right there. And I just don't see why we can't do something to help the seniors. Chairman Freeman stated Allen, you're getting them back up in business right here. Baker County shut that thing down and reassign the building down as a county building down there. They some of these other places ain't going to do nothing for them. I think you need to get this right here started and get it moving forward and then and then see where you at with that first. I mean you probably have to buy some I know you fitting out to buy an ice machine and I don't know. I'm thinking that thing's about \$5000 and then you may have to buy, I would say there's a microwave and then maybe some more appliances got to be bought. Commissioner Nixon asked Doug, do you know what the operation total for of the month would be would equal? Mr. Cofty stated I've got a rough, if we end up paying all of the stuff that they're asking, the landscaping, utilities, buildings, and insurance were about \$20,000 a year and I don't even know what the ACCG policy is because it's blanket but we would have to look. Landscaping, I called today and I mean, we're going to do it. I am going to get with the sheriff on it and put the work crew on it but it has a value. It's about \$90 a cut. It's what the going rate is and the utilities we didn't pay utilities before because Josh's mom was the director and the state, or the council on aging actually paid them. So, now, we're

going to take that expense that we hadn't before. Chairman Freeman stated that was water. Mr. Cofty stated that was water, electricity yes. Chairman Freeman stated Garbage? Mr. Cofty stated I'm not sure of garbage but yeas it'd be all that. That was an expense. I was handled by the, I guess, the state's grant. But if I, if I can say that the as far as giving them the money, I'm I imagine there's probably way you could probably do it but you remember last time, we got to be careful because any money we give is considered a donation and then, if we go to towards an employee, that employee will not be an employee of the county or the city. That's why they have to get their own entity because then you have to have the workman's comp, the unemployment insurance, and all that. It would fall under the county. So, I mean, there's a lot of hoops that needs to be jumped through. Chairman Freeman stated you talking that donation, it goes right back with the county attorney said about making a donation towards the animal shelter down there. He said, you couldn't make a donation. You had a contract for services. So, that's a whole different thing. I mean, Commissioner Worsley stated well, one thing talking to Mr. Claude. One of the things that they're interested in. They want all this stuff in writing. Chairman Freeman stated I got no problem with it being in writing. Commissioner Worsley stated they don't want to take the chance that might snatch another building. Chairman Freeman stated we about all that right there and once this entity is created, there'll be a lease agreement, 20-year lease or whatever, they can operate independent from the county, city, whatever. It would be theirs to operate. but I mean that he didn't have time to draw up. I mean we got to get this this entity created first, we are them. Commissioner Nixon stated is there anything we can do to help them create the entity? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it's pretty easy to set up an L.L.C. Chairman Freeman stated I mean, the county attorney, we talked about that today.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we just need to figure out who the officers are going to be when they create the LLC like who's the president, the vice president. Mr. Cofty stated they said you was the Chairman didn't' they Mr. Claude. Mr. Newsome stated that's what they said the other day. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so, y'all would need the secretary treasurer, you know, you need your officers and then just create whatever y'all want to call it. Miller County Seniors or whatever y'all want to call it and then you know. I mean, it could be a simple name. I mean, it's just a, it's just a LLC, you know, it's a, you know, like a business and then, have your officers and I think that's about all you got to have. And then you got to pay a fee at the register with the secretary of state which is on in. It ain't much, is it? Chairman Freeman stated It's like 75.00 but I mean that's what it is for a corporation. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I mean, I'm sure one of these attorneys would do it free. I mean, it's not going to cost anything. If you got an accountant, they could do it. If you got no CPA, they could do it for you. Chairman Freeman stated So, was there any? Mr. Newsome stated so, we need a president, vice president. They said I was going to be the chairman of it. I need to treasurer. Chairman Freeman stated and a secretary. Mr. Newsome stated that could be the same thing and same thing. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so, you need you really need three people or as many as you can get involved, I would say but. Mr. Newsome stated well, the other day, was about 7 or 8 of them was down there and I don't see any of them here. Mr. Cofty stated well they

elected the chairman the other day. No need for them to come. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated You're the boss now, you do what you want. They don't come to the meeting and make them whatever you want to. Mr. Newsome stated so, we need a chairman, we need a secretary and a vice chairman and then we need director. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah you ain't got to have that to create the LLC done. Chairman Freeman stated this is something needs to be added in that. And we talked to the county attorney about this too. In the event that there ain't no activity down there. Say for 120 days or whatever just say and I ain't talking about another COVID outbreak or something like that. Just say it. There was no participation. You need to revert back to the county. That it cannot subleased out. You see what I'm saying? That that needs to be in the lease agreement too. That that way somebody couldn't come in there and say, hey, we're going to rent this for profit or whatever and the county is leased it to y'all and at no cost. So, that that needs adding into the lease agreement. Is that agreeable? Vice Chairman Calhoun, Commissioner Nixon and Commissioner Edwards agreed. Commissioner Worsley stated well how long is it going to be before they able to get in the place up and running? Chairman Freeman stated talk to Robin today down. She's going to be getting the construction crew over here. They can start next week if we do this deal tonight. Commissioner Worsley stated well I don't want it being 120 days and then. Chairman Freeman stated well, I mean, I don't know how long it'll take to get the construction completed but far as it be in 120 days out starting on it. It's going to start next week. I talked to her this morning it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it could take 4 months anyway probably if everything goes well. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so, where are we at? Is there anything we hadn't been over on this? Did it, did y'all ain't got wrote down here. Commissioner Worsley stated you talking about the lease don't we need to wait till they start to occupy the building before that goes into effect? Chairman Freeman stated well, we need to have a like a letter of intent that needs to be signed. This is what we're going to do. And before you start actually start remodeling down there. I mean, what we agree in here you more or less. Mister Claude being the chairman, do we get this entity set up? That letter of in that this is what everybody's agreed on. And that's in writing. It's being recorded here now.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated and the officers can change every year. So, I mean, we just doing that just for now. So, I mean, like y'all can have an election every year and change officers if y'all so choose, Chairman Freeman stated you probably, you going to have to do that. If one on the side, they going to step down, you're going to have to keep officers in place. Mr. Newsome stated we keep officers in place because down there, we had a committee down here. We've done this. Talking about stuff. Commissioner Worsley stated Mr. Claude, what's your feelings on this thing? What we're talking about now? Mr. Newsome stated well I want to do whatever we got to do get this thing legal and set up to where it belongs to the senior citizens of the county. I mean, I'm getting old. I ain't been here anymore years or somebody but folks coming on behind me and say, coming on behind me and Mr. Bill. They need to be able, you know, carry on. Commissioner Worsley stated well, we going to get there. All we got to do is keep living. We going to get there ourselves. All we got to do is just keep living. Chairman Freeman stated alright, y'all

looked over what he's got wrote down here about the appliances. Is that agreeable? If these things ain't working or can't be located to some point. Commissioner Worsley stated yeah, we need to replace anything that they had down there whenever, you know, when it was shut down, we need to be responsible for getting moved. If it's not there, we need to replace it. If it's not working, we need to replace it. But obviously, working whenever all this come about. Mr. Newsome state I know it was anything you know the refrigerator and freezer both is only about five years old. The Freezer was newer than that. Commissioner Worsley stated I think that they expect us to give him a guarantee that we ain't going to hoodoo him. Chairman Freeman stated no, I mean, that's fine. I mean, I ain't I ain't got no problem with that right there, they just got he's got a list of this stuff and I want to make sure everybody was alright with it. So, with that, is there anything else we need to talk about, that we haven't we went over? I mean, if it, if it's some little token thing, it ain't going to, I don't think nobody would disagree with that but anything major. Mr. Newsome stated so what I need to do, I need a treasure and a secretary and one other person. Chairman Freeman stated Chairman, vice chairman, treasurer secretary. and we going to we going to get back with the county attorney on this this other part about to create an entity, is there anything else that you can think of Commissioner Worsley stated I am fine with as long as their satisfied. I'm fine. Chairman Freeman stated I mean, I've read over this right here while we're sitting here and I don't see any problem with anything. But we want to finalize this tonight. Mr. Newsome stated so, when y'all going to need this information? Chairman Freeman stated in the next few days, fine. This ain't nothing that we can't, we can't finish up. We can do what we need to do tonight without those names. I think we good. we're going to call on a vote for the for the offer that the hospitals made on the building first, and then we going to move on to the house and the lease and all that. Is there a is there a motion to accept the offer from the hospital about the senior center? Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion. Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated correct me if I've something slips my mind. We are going to remodel the house with the intent of leasing it to the seniors when we get this entity created and we're going to remodel it according to the plans. We're going to replace or move the appliances. The ice machine, we're going to get you one of those. Is there anything that I am overlooking? Commissioner Edwards stated of course, we're going to have a contract drawn up. Chairman Freeman stated with all contracts, the lease agreement, yes. Commissioner Worsley stated anything that is not the way it was when they walked out, we need to replace it. Chairman Freeman stated that's fine. I'm okay with that. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you need that in a motion too? Chairman Freeman stated we need a motion to move to do this, to remodel the house, and create a lease agreement and the entity for the seniors and they going to get us the names of the officers. Vice Chairman Calhoun made the motion. Chairman Freeman stated we got a motion on the table. Commissioner Worsley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated is there anything, anything about this right here that we overlooked in this deal that may have slipped my mind. I think I got it all wrote down. I think we covered everything. If it's something that we need, we need to go back and revisit. It comes up with the county attorney or whatever like that. We'll be in contact with you. Is that okay? Okay. Alright.

We appreciate it. Is there anything else we need to talk about this? Alright, we're going to go on to the next item. We appreciate y'all coming up here.

Fueling Center Report

Chairman Freeman stated alright, the fueling center report, do you have any questions on that? Any question on the fueling station?

Animal Rescue Alliance

Chairman Freeman stated alright, the next thing was got the animal shelter. We talked about this the other day. The county attorney, the tax office, they couldn't grant the abatement and that's kind of what that board's for. Is it something y'all want to do to help these people out to contract for services, the amount. The amount of taxes we bring in on that building \$2675.57. Commissioner Worsley asked how much? Chairman Freeman stated \$2675.57. You can't give that or you don't need to give that tax abandonment to the woman. It's what they recommend and I don't recommend going over their head with that. But if there was something to contract for services in between the two parties, they work it out to help that woman out is what she spent on the remodeling. That's between them. And they had sent a contract over here for I can't remember what the amounts was right off top of my head. But y'all had it in your packet. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you talking about per dog or. Chairman Freeman stated yeah, per dog stuff like that right there and that was coming from the sheriff's department. Do y'all want to see if they would contract the services for the county for this amount total and they worked out whatever deal they got between themselves if they can between the two parties, they can do that's their business. Commissioner Worsley made motion to do it. Commissioner Edwards asked it's like a donation. Chairman Freeman stated it is no donation it's just as a contractor service and it wouldn't be over and I'm going to call, I'm going to talk to the two women, it wouldn't be over this amount right here. It doesn't matter how many dogs. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so pretty much with the taxes, their taxes are going to switch out for their service. So, instead of us paying \$50 and 25 for the presence of their staff, we going to contract out with them and them not pay taxes and we not going to but they can't charge us more than that for. Commissioner Worsley stated no matter if you got 1 or 100 dogs. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated or 100 dogs. Chairman Freeman stated the lady said that she'd like for a two-year because you are going to have to do this year by year. The contracts are going to run out at the end of the year. So, it'll be a yearly thing. But if y'all want to do that I think we can do that. Commissioner Nixon asked how much is it. Chairman Freeman stated \$2675.57. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated on how many dogs that is? that sounds like a lot to me but I don't know. Chairman Freeman stated well, it was what \$200 a dog? Commissioner Worsley stated 100.00 a dog. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah. I can't remember in it so much if it was after hours or something. I can't remember exactly. It is wrote right there. Commissioner Worsley stated she just needs to understand that the sum right there for no matter how many dogs that he takes up there. Chairman Freeman stated we'll try to talk to them and if they want to accept this

deal, if you don't, then, Vice Chairman Calhoun stated maybe we can work out some. Chairman Freeman stated then Doug, can contact y'all and tell y'all what the deal is and we will have to move on from that. But if is that agreeable? We make a motion. I need a motion to do this. Commissioner Worsley made motion. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Holiday Schedule

Chairman Freeman stated alright, the new business is a holiday schedule. Y'all look over that. Any questions on that? Commissioner Edwards stated yes, I do. You know, they voted in Juneteenth, January 15th, 2021, which is a national holiday too. Banks are closed, everything closed, and I think that we should honor that as well. Put that on our calendar as well. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked when is that. Commissioner Edwards stated Juneteenth. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated what's the date? June the 19th. Commissioner Edwards stated June 19th. Chairman Freeman stated well, you going to create another paid holiday. Ain't nobody going to be working. Commissioner Edwards stated It's a holiday. It's a legal holiday. The banks are closed. Everything is closed. Chairman Freeman asked Is the county office closed? Mr. Cofty stated what? Chairman Freeman stated what she talking about? For Juneteenth. Mr. Cofty stated no. Chairman Freeman asked Is that been adopted by the state? I know. Commissioner Edwards stated yes, it is. June the 15th, 2021, they adopted it. Chairman Freeman stated well you got? I don't know. I mean I'm familiar with what you're talking about but I some of these holidays are federal holidays and they ain't. What do you all want to do. Commissioner Worsley stated are there any other counties and stuff, Christine that recognize it. Commissioner Edwards stated I do not know. I just know that that's it's a legal federal holiday. Ms. Jackson stated the banks have adopted it, Decatur County has adopted it. I don't know if Seminole has and Early County.

Mr. Cofty stated the only thing I'd like to add is it is going to cost almost \$10, 000 for that one day. So, you may want to take from another spot and move it around to keep from having to add extra. I know that's a bad decision. Some of the employees didn't like me for that but I mean, it's, you know, either add 10,000.00 more dollars or just move it around. Ms. Jackson asked why would you move it around. Mr. Cofty stated because it would cost \$10,000.00 Ms. Jackson stated \$10,000. Mr. Cofty stated \$10, 000 is a lot when you're trying to save money as a county. Ms. Jackson stated oh, you're trying to save? I just thought you said its okay for them. Whatever they need there. We'll do it. 25000? Mr. Cofty stated Yes, I don't make that decision. That's them five people up there. Ms. Jackson stated right. right. Mr. Cofty stated I just have to steer them in the direction. Chairman Freeman stated I'd rather hold up on that right there that we get some more information just to prove these right here and that we may have to revisit that I mean, I ain't no information been handed down on that right there and like do. Ms. Jackson stated has anybody sought it out for any information. Chairman Freeman stated well, it's the first time it's even been brought up. Commissioner Edwards stated mmhmm, I just brought it up but I get the information on it. Chairman Freeman stated let's get some information on it. Stuff like that right there and y'all want to prove these

that is listed. And then we just revisit that. Is that agreeable? Commissioner Edwards and Worsley stated yes. Ms. Jackson stated you going to revisit? Commissioner Edwards stated to revisit it. Ms. Jackson asked Kreg are you going to be here to revisit it. Chairman Freeman stated we have until now to the end of January. Ms. Jackson stated so when are you talking about revisiting it, this month. Commissioner Edwards stated no, it's probably not next month. Chairman Freeman stated if there's a special meeting called. We can revisit it. Yes. or they can revisit it after January. They decide to add Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we got until June the nineteenth to do it don't, we. Mr. Cofty stated she has to turn them into the state sometime first of the year. Ms. Jackson stated right.to do it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so we got until January. Chairman Freeman stated we go ahead and approve these. Get up your information. Commissioner Nixon and Calhoun stated yeah, this is wrong. This isn't the calendar. You gave us last year's calendar. Mr. Cofty stated Yeah, well, that is what it currently is. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well we can't approve it if it ain't right. Mr. Cofty stated it's the same dates as last year. I mean, I didn't create one for this year. That'd be. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it's going to be on different days though, ain't it? Yeah. It'll be on different days. Yeah. I mean, it's. Well, what if one of them falls on a Saturday or Sunday? Mr. Cofty stated then we take that Friday or Monday.

Commissioner Edwards stated so yeah, we need to have that in writing. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he's not seeing where I'm going with you. Alright. Yeah. Chairman Freeman stated alright. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'm okay with proving this and then next meeting or something. Chairman Freeman stated you are either going to take me Friday to Monday. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah. Chairman Freeman stated so, you're getting ten holidays here. Commissioner Edwards stated so, are you going to get Jennifer the correct before, she needs to know the correct if it is Friday or Monday? We can't just say it's going to be a Friday or Monday. If you approve them, I'll make sure she gets the correct ones, yes. Commissioner Edwards stated but Jennifer, he'll have you the correct one before January, the correct date. Commissioner Worsley stated I'll make the motion that we go ahead and approve these and then also in that motion, if we come back after the more information, about Juneteenth. Commissioner Edwards stated Yes. I agree. Chairman Freeman stated alright. You're making a motion? Commissioner Worsley stated yes. Chairman Freeman stated is there a second. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Christmas Dinner

Chairman Freeman stated next thing it's a Christmas dinner y'all got the date down here. December 21. It's 12 PM. It'll be here. Mr. Cofty stated Yes, sir.

Ordinances

Chairman Freeman stated alright while we got it here, before slips my mind up here, we got, we need to talk about the ordinances. Was they something that he passed on to you, Doug, about the ordinance other than that we need to go through him. Mr. Cofty stated

he just said that a lot of people start asking about the ordinances. I have been looking through the books and there's no ordinance that I can find. He has a PDF that's got every ordinance that that the county passed. There's been questions of how the county is zoned and as of right now, everything is zoned agriculture. you basically, as long as you abide by the setbacks, I think it's 40 feet from the property line, you can do there if you want. So, he's wanting to talk to you guys about doing like, there's, there's ordinances he was talking about the racetrack or cellphone tower ordinance all the different powers that you probably need to put in ordinances now that we're growing and things are starting to come in. Chairman Freeman stated yeah. Mr. Cofty stated he said he's got a big PDF but he couldn't be here tonight. Chairman Freeman stated yeah Brenda was she was in the hospital and he had to go see by her. Mr. Cofty stated so, he did include what the department has done financially over the last year. That's in in your packet. Chairman Freeman stated we were talking about renewing his contract. Mr. Cofty stated It's down in new business. Chairman Freeman stated I see it. Well get that in just a minute. But any ordinance like that what you're saying needs to be it needs to be passed by him or let him review it first before its adopted on. Mr. Cofty stated yes sir.

Sheriff Qualifying Fees

Chairman Freeman stated Josh, you want to You want to talk to us about anything about this approving the qualifying fees and we just need to approve it. Judge Suggs stated it's set by statute, it's 3% of the basement fee. I gave that figure to Doug. I can bring it back up if you don't have it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we got it. Chairman Freeman stated we got it. Judge Suggs stated I'll be having a call for a special election. Chairman Freeman stated it was \$55,000 was of salary, 55,953.37 is the salary in the qualifying fee set according to that it's 3% of the salary is \$1678.57. We need a motion to approve the new qualifying fee. Commissioner Worsley made motion, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jail Lock System and Courthouse Security

Chairman Freeman stated the door locks and courthouse security. Sheriff, you want to update us on some of that stuff? Sheriff Holt stated my understanding, a lot of the jail from the time it was built, some of the locks never worked. We got a company to come in here a few weeks ago to try to remedy the problem with them and in the middle of the night, that night, all the locks just popped open. Everybody could've walked out. So, we've got reputable company. That's all they do is jail door locks. They've got a one-time service contract. They will come and inspect and do some repairs to every lock there. I think they have to, the money is in the budget. I just wanted to you know be aware that the \$7696 was the what the bid was that they gave to do this. you know, they'd go in and inspect and do some repairs. There may be some parts that is broken, they can't do but it would get everything back working like it's supposed to. Commissioner Worsley stated was there just one company contacted or you got to have a certain liability of a company.

Sheriff Holt stated we got a company that was here. Actually, a company that was here putting up cameras for the city. You know they work worked on them. And then luckily a jailer was awake and observant enough that night to notice that all the doors all of a sudden popped open. And everybody could've walked out had it not you know and so they kind of, that's all they do is secured in jail locks. That's only a bid we've been able to get from anybody else. Chairman Freeman stated could they have walked out of the building. Sheriff Holt stated they could have. Nobody left. Commissioner Edwards asked would you advertise for that, I mean, normally, we, for something like that, we need, we put in three bids. Sheriff Holt stated well, we haven't been able to find anybody else. You know, the bid on it, that's the problem right now with everything. You know, nobody, nobody wants to, we call several companies that do that have done that kind of work and they wouldn't get back to you.

Chairman Freeman stated alright. this \$7696 is that is that to get everything operational over there. Sheriff Holt stated not necessarily operational. That's to go in and inspect and get and go through and maintain every lock that's there. Now, they could, they be some other expenses, you know, but I mean, we don't necessarily have to do it if it's something, you know, outrageous but the procedure right now is when somebody brings somebody in, the way it's supposed to be done, they call the jail, the gates open out here, they drive inside, what's inside the gates closed, then, the sally port which had been used in years because there's an ice machine sitting in the middle of sally port. You couldn't get a car in the Sally Port there but that's been taken out and fixed. So, now, the car drives into sally port they call the jail. They lower the sally port door. So, the officer and the and the one that bring it in is locked inside the sally port. Then, from the control room up there, they can supposed to be able to mash a button and unlock another door and they go into a hallway and then, when they get out of there, there's another but they supposed to be able to do but right now, they have to go and do it manually. And we want to get all that working so it can all be done without the jailer of it in the control room you know we there most time with one jailer now. This is not good but if he has to leave the control room to go down and to let somebody in, then nobody's up there.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated and the locks pop open. Nobody's there to. Sheriff Holt stated yeah, and the locks pops open and everybody's gone. We can try to get other people, you know, we can advertise it but I we've called, we've called several other companies that have done that work in the past and they are not really. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated these people are ready to come on. Sheriff Holt stated yeah, he said they could come, you know, right on and do it. Chairman Freeman stated If we agree to do this right here, is this signing on for them to maintain, is this a contract, like a maintenance contract. Sheriff Holt stated no, sir. It's a one-time deal. It's a one-time, one-time service call. Look, look at every lot there and I think it lists a number of locks to look at. 25 sliding detention doors which is individual doors that go to each sale and 13 swinging detention doors and then they familiar with the with the control system that runs it. The company that actually this control board and all was bought from was in Alabama and I called them numerous times and they said, yeah, they still done it but they didn't know they'd

ever have anybody down this way that would ever and come look at it. I mean, it's a small facility they used to do and you know, several hundred cell prisons and stuff like that. So, it's hard to get nobody come down to do know what we have. Commissioner Edwards asked did they mentioned to you about like warranty or how long, you know, if they didn't go didn't work right. So, they'll come back and how long would the warranty be and all that? Chairman Freeman stated it don't say nothing about that in here. Commissioner Edwards stated which is what we need if it's a one-time contract. We need to know that they going to if it's not working properly, we need to know that they going to come back and repair it. Sheriff Holt stated well, they would come back but you know, I mean, you know. Commissioner Edwards stated without charging us again, what I'm trying to say. Chairman Freeman asked how far is Decatur, Alabama. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated that's in North Alabama, Chairman Freeman stated, I think. it is. I am alright with going ahead with it, you know, you are talking a liability and safety thing right here. Sheriff Holt stated well if you let the inmates running around town at night it is a safety issue. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah, I'm okay with it. That's my concern. Commissioner Worsley stated you say you already have the money in the budget correct. Sheriff Holt stated yes sir the money is in the budget for it. Commissioner Edwards asked but can we also talk to them and see if. We go along with it but could they add a warranty or say that if. Chairman Freeman stated He can check on that. See if it, I mean it's some part. I mean if it's something that they left undone or whatever. He can check on that for you. For us. I'm alright with going along with this right here. I mean, there's a motion to, Commissioner Worsley stated yeah, I'll make it. Commissioner Nixon stated I'll second. All in favor. Motion carried. Commissioner Edwards stated I say, I, as long as you get that information. Chairman Freeman stated Sheriff is there anything else you need to go over with us?

Sheriff Holt stated well, the next thing was the courthouse security plan I can probably wrap up in a couple of hours if you want to. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated give the short version. Sheriff Holt stated well, there's a law established that required judges and sheriffs to develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the security of the courthouse and any courthouse annex. This all became back actually in 2005, there was a judge and court reported killed in Atlanta. The legislature in 2006 passed a resolution that this had to be done. Most counties have lag behind doing it. The first of this month, Superior Court Judge, Chief judge, Craig Ernest, wanted our courthouse security plans that had to be submitted by December 31st. So, thanks to Josh, Judge Josh Suggs, he's worked hard on getting a plan up. He's done a lot of typing on it but the submission of the plan to the chief judge where the courthouse or courthouse annex is located for review. That's a provision by the sheriff to the Commissioners of the estimated cost of any security plan and scheduled implementation 30 days prior to any plan. And this like I said this was something that's a lot of smaller counties than this have already done it. I went to a courthouse in Crawford County the other day and they supposed to be post-certified officer at the front door screening. Everybody goes in no matter where they go to the tax commissioner's office or probate judge's office or to vote, they supposed to be screened before they go in the courthouse. These two constitutional officers here right

now, you know, that's every day that's sitting there, you know, anything can walk in on them, you know. I mean, this is we got the this is just the plan we to submit to Judge Ernest by the end of this month is just that we are working on a plan but each courthouse is different and they don't have to be a lot of other stuff going to it to say, you know, what's got to be done to the building itself. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked so, we may not have all of them access doors on all, have one entrance. Sheriff Holt stated there'll be one entrance for the public to come in and the plan that we will submit. And there'll be one door you come in, you go through screening machine, it's not going to be probably well-like thing. You know, people going in to pay, pay the taxes. Are they already mad? Because they go there and pay the taxes or go in there and vote or whatever but It's the law, you know, and these things have to be done and so what we're just asking right now is that y'all approve the plan that we're submitting right now don't include any of what doors and everything and what all's got to be done. The first thing we wanted to do I think would be, right now, there's hardly a day. I mean, we started court at 9 o'clock this morning. We supposed to be through at 130 for another court start. We went through. So, every day, there's court going on up there. Now, there's hardly a day that's not either superior court, state court, probate court, magistrate, DFACS court, child support court, some kind of court going on every day. Somebody's in the courthouse every day. I think the quickest thing we could do right now would be to have a sworn officer in the court which is required by the law anytime that the clerk of court's office is open. There's supposed to be a sworn post-certified officer in the courthouse. I think that would be the quickest thing to do right now. There again, that's a position to have to be funded, you know.

Chairman Freeman stated you are talking about an extra position by your department. Sheriff Holt stated yes sir, I am 3 short right now, so I mean, you know, so it would have to be it would have to be another limited position which I mean, you know, with salaries and insurance and taxes and all that. I just I know it's a lot. Commissioner Worsley stated you got any kind of ballpark figure on that. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated its going to be what a deputy makes. Sheriff Holt stated Ms. Faye can probably tell you what it cost to fund one person. Ms. Whittaker stated you got to consider the insurance and if they take the insurance and all of them gets. Chairman Freeman stated it's in the 47,000 range ain't it? Ms. Whittaker stated oh yeah. Chairman Freeman stated that being the first thing you did? What would be the next? Sheriff Holt stated well, when y'all build the second floor of the courthouse and you know, Control the access doors I think right now. You get everybody coming in the front door will be a be a big part of it. You know everybody comes in the side doors, you know, those two west side doors back there. I was going to tell you I went little Crawford County Courthouse up there. The only thing the Crawford County is a courthouse. The town of Knoxville is the county seat. I went in up there and there was a deputy there and it was a big, nice courthouse jail and altogether. But one deputy sitting at the front door. No cellphones, no guns, no knives. Anything you know. And I said I'm just going to the to the probate judge's office. No cellphone. You know. I mean we're we we're restricting cellphones in the courtroom but not in the courthouse. And you know it's not going to be popular thing, you know, to do. I

think that's the first step in in having security at the courthouse. Commissioner Worsley asked will we have metal detectors set up. Sheriff Holt stated oh yeah metal detector. Like, it'd be more or less like it is, now, go in the courtroom, you lay everything out of your pocket, you go through the metal detector and go into the courtroom. It'd be the same thing. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked so that that metal detector be at the front door when you walk through the front door, you just come through. Sheriff Holt stated right, everybody would come through the front door. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated So, it'd be like going to the State Assembly up there or somewhere like that. Commissioner Worsley stated well if you are going to Atlanta, you better not have no knife in your pocket. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated sounds like we don't have a choice, like we got to do it.

Chairman Freeman stated when did you want to start this? Sheriff Holt stated well, it says that by law that within 30 days of the Commissioners approving it, Okay. implementation be 30 days prior to the adoption of any security plan by the county commission. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked so, you just need us to approve it and then you can go forward. Sheriff Holt stated yes. Chairman Freeman stated so, what are the security man and what else now? The just going through the front door, the security person and what? Sheriff Holt stated yes, so right now, I just say my first move would be the quickest thing to do would be to have somebody, everybody goes in the courthouse, you know, would be screened and we had to go through security. Chairman Freeman stated alright, so, what I what I'm getting at is what would we be looking at is expense wise, the salary and what else right off. Sheriff Holt stated Ms. Faye what you say it cost to have. Ms. Whittaker stated you talking just other than the person what we call it. Right. Sheriff Holt stated I mean he wouldn't need a vehicle or anything. You know what I mean? I mean if we could have somebody just be there you know when the courthouse opens every day and stays like today, we got out of there. I mean court got where we're not through at five o'clock. Judge Suggs stated Sorry. Sheriff Holt stated so yeah. We're not through at 5 o'clock. So, most of the offices, they go ahead and close, you know, and then we secure the courthouse when we leave, you know?

Chairman Freeman stated but what I was getting at was like dollar wise, what we, what are we looking at the cost? That salary. Sheriff Holt stated salary and benefits, you know, for like I say, insurance and all. I mean, this what far as equipment, we have everything we I think we need. Commissioner Worsley stated We've already got the motor detector, correct? Sheriff Holt stated yes, metal detectors there, yes. Chairman Freeman stated I'm alright with that right there. If it's just the salary to start off with. We need a motion to approve this security plan. Commissioner Worsley stated I make it. Commissioner Nixon stated I'll second. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman asked what do you need to do as fair as, you just going to advertise for the job as far. Sheriff Holt stated yes and it has to be post-certified officer. It can't be a jailer. It can't be a security officer. They have to be a post-certified officer which makes it a lot harder because we need every post certified officer we got on the road because we already two or three short there. But to get, finding somebody is Nobody wants to go to work. I'm hoping after

January 1st, if people decide they want to go to work. Right now, nobody wants to. Amen. Okay. Alright, we appreciate it.

Fuel Center Gates

Chairman Freeman stated alright, the next thing we got is the fueling center. Got a picture in here where a semi got in the ditch down there, backing out, trying to back across the road over to the warehouse over at Nutrient. And he's using it trying to directly call himself using that driveway there to get started backing in there but I was down there several weeks ago and I was down at Nutrient the whole time. Get some stuff loaded up. And there's a fellow come walking as I pulled when I left. He didn't walk by Nutrient. And I he either walked from across the street over to the fueling station and he walked from the from the road over there. He not no business over there. Because he was leaving from there walking across the road and he wouldn't. 20 steps away from the pumps. And I called Doug and told him so I mean he didn't bother anything but he had no business over there. But we're looking at trying to put some gates up over there and it would be three sides. And it would be an electric gate. And I guess they'd have to swipe the card to get in there. So, I mean, it wouldn't be a bad idea. I mean, it probably could never get no gas out there. I ain't going to swear to that but the thing about it is it could go over there and mess up some stuff, cost a bunch of money. or somebody turning that like that right there and run into something.

Commissioner Worsley asked what kind of cost are we looking at? Doug, you got any idea what it cost to do that or you just want to check on it? Brad Lott came by here, he hasn't gave me a cost on it. I had told him, it's not going to be like the full like we did at the helicopter pad. You had four sides. This is already got two sides and I just got Andy's back and butts up. I guess I should side too, right? Mr. Moore stated yeah, well, just goes around the pond and then downside us. So, it's got two sides. Mr. Cofty stated so, it only would be two sides and either 2 electric gates or a manual gate as he comes in with motor graders on one side. They can't make that swing. So, probably two electric gates and a manual gate. So, once again, I mean, we don't have to approve tonight. I just want to let you know what's going on. So, when he brings to it to me next month, I will put it on there. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated would that be somewhere we open the gates in the morning and close them at night. Mr. Cofty stated it would be like the old helicopter pad the gate goes side to side. So, they would come up there and swap their card and it would automatically open up. They would go in and shut behind. They would keep it secure at all times. Mr. Moore stated as Kreg said that semi thing is that is what worries me is because they're hauling chemicals. That's not the worst one to be had. They going to turn one over right there and it's going to be a chemical spill right there. That's they're going to be a problem and that could happen. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we could have a talk with we could have we could have a talk with Nutrient about not doing that no more and we could put some. Mr. Moore stated they usually come in there at night. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we can put some post up right there and stop them from doing that. Mr. Moore stated they been there thinking they're going to just pull straight in there

and spend the night and back across the road. The one before that trip right there it was a mess. It it's like turned over. You know, they are hauling chemicals in that chemical plant. Chairman Freeman stated well, the fueling station is paying for itself. I mean and correct me if I'm wrong there is 2 months that they didn't even have to take none out of the TSPLOST. Mr. Cofty stated since the initial investment we haven't had to take anything. It's paying for itself. Chairman Freeman stated I knew they was 2 months and so he's, I mean, it ain't a bad investment to go ahead and do that right there. Because I mean the savings only fuel and all that right there. And this is a safety thing also. I mean ain't nobody I mean, you like the prisoners getting out but the thing about it is they ain't got no business in there and only people that that needed to fuel out there would have access to get in the gate. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I say get some prices up we'll look at it. Chairman Freeman stated is that agreeable with everybody. The board stated yeas. Chairman Freeman stated so y'all don't want to act on anything right now? Commissioner Worsley stated I would like to know what it cost. Chairman Freeman stated alright.

Building Inspector Contract

Chairman Freeman stated the next thing is the building inspector he's got his contract up for renewal. The building department over there is kind of a he got he's got an increase in the thing. But you really getting the deal on the thing because it ain't costing. It's about a no-cost department. I mean, he has got this paper right here. Did y'all get this handout. Board answered yes. And you ain't going to find nobody to do what he does. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so, we are paying half of that and the city's paying half of that salary. Chairman Freeman stated Yep. Commissioner Edwards stated the number fifty-three. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated and so the city would assume half of the increase. Chairman Freeman stated that's right. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Okay. Chairman Freeman stated most time with the building department from what he was telling me from other counties, they kind of come out in the hole in a break even thing at best and I mean, he ain't costing you nothing. And he's bringing in fees over there. So, I mean, He's asking for that for to renew his contract. Commissioner Nixon stated and he's paying for a lot by himself. Chairman Freeman stated well, I mean, it's like the senior building. He drew all that up for us for nothing. Commissioner Worsley stated I make a motion. Chairman Freeman stated I've got a motion to approve his new contract. Vice Chairman Calhoun made second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Birdsong Deed

Chairman Freeman stated the birdsong deeds page 40 thru 47. That's a little piece of property that's down there. Where was it at, Doug? Mr. Cofty stated it's on one of their, I guess their attorneys found it and they just need to get it approved. It's already been sold. Chairman Freeman stated I mean, it ain't, it's like a what I think it's 20-foot-wide strip of land. Mr. Cofty stated something like that. Chairman Freeman Couple hundred feet long or something like that. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated from the industrial park or something like that. Chairman Freeman stated Yeah. I mean, it's down there we ain't

got a map to know where it's exactly. You know where it was exactly where it was at? Mr. Cofty stated I don't all I got was the deeds. Chairman Freeman stated they don't they don't pay for the land. They just need to get the deeds straight. Commissioner Worsley stated I make a motion to go ahead and set it straight. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

DFAC Board Appointment

Chairman Freeman stated anybody got any names on that. Nicky Lott called and said that they had one that was stepping down because for health reasons. I got a name that more or less volunteered. And it was Wendy Donnelly, school teacher and Nicky Lott said they needed someone with professional experience or like been in law enforcement or something and actually didn't go through the all the details about it but anyway, if y'all got another name to add to that or y'all want to go with that one. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yes if she'll do it. Commissioner Nixon asked Yeah, she want to do it. Chairman Freeman stated I don't know exactly when the meetings are, but she said even if there were meetings during school time, that was something like that right there, that they would allow her to attend the meetings during school hours. Didn't have to be after hours. I need a motion to submit her name for his board appointment. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Office Lawsuit – Morgan / ACCG Response

Chairman Freeman stated the sheriff's office lawsuit. I mean, it's information about the lawsuit and not anything we need to talk about it now.

Recreation Board

Chairman Freeman asked was there something we need to go over with it. Mr. Cofty stated the city still hasn't signed that agreement. Chairman Freeman stated that was a resolution. Mr. Cofty stated yes and the city want to do it differently. Chairman Freeman stated we met with them here a while back and they were so supposed to submit two names at large members for the rec board and they ain't willing to sign the resolution to do that. I think that being they aren't willing to do that. The Board of Commissioners just needs to go ahead and do all the board appointments. Commissioner Worsley stated I am fine with that. Chairman Freeman stated and that'd be five at large members. We need to write up a new resolution. Mr. Cofty stated you will, you will have to take them out of that because it is a joint board. Chairman Freeman stated I thought after we met down there everything was alright but in doubt it's it ain't. They ain't going to they ain't going along with it. So that is that agreeable to let the Board of Commissioners do the five board members at large members. Alright. Need a motion to go along with it. Commissioner Worsley stated I'll make it. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All the favor. Motion carried

GSI Contract

Chairman Freeman stated that's one of the same contracts we've been signing all along. Mr. Cofty stated yes. She's got three that that you signed throughout the year. Chairman Freeman stated ok, need a motion to give me permission to sign the GSI contract for the tax commissioner's office. Commissioner Worsley made motion, Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

LMIG Project

Chairman Freeman stated Andy, you got something you want to talk to us about that. Mr. Moore stated yeah, Kreg. When we met with the state, you know, we talked about asking for some extra LMIG money to work on the downhill side of 91 if we want to go ahead and ask for that money, first thing we got to do is we have to hire an engineer. He will have to come in and do a full workup on the whole project. Start, finish, and work up and cost. And a reminder LMIG money if we ask for LMIG money, it has a 30% match. So, we will match 30% of that. He will work up what we need every drainage, whatever. Get up because we will have to submit it to the Commissioner is the only one that can approve this extra money that we're going to ask for if he approves it. Or if we get it back, we say we can't afford, you know, to make the match. We are on the hook for the engineering fee. If we send it to the commissioner and he denies it, we're still on the hook for the engineering fee for doing up the project but we got to have him to do it to even submit it to him. Say we do it the Commissioner approves when we get the money if it gets approved, then we have to bid the entire project out to contractors or one contractor, two contractors, or however many but contractors will do all the work. It's kind of wanting y'all to know that if we ask, you wanted to ask for the money. We going to pretty much be on the hook for the engineer if the project does not get approved or we decide not to. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated how much is that? Mr. Moore stated I don't know.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated 100,000 calls? Mr. Moore stated I wouldn't say it'd be 100,000 just to work up a to work it up. I'd say probably in \$25,000, \$30,000. And I mean, we going to be on the hoop for that or the project gets passed. We going to pay a third of that because it'll become part of the project. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked we need to wait until they do what they going to do to see probably. Mr. Moore stated my understanding is, if we go ask for this money, we need to ask for it now. Mr. Cofty stated and I can go and tell you, I got a phone call from the bridge project and they're wanting me to approve the detour. So, they're fixing to move forward. Mr. Moore stated yep. I mean. The 91 project is under contract. It is going to begin and it will be as it was present. Commissioner Worsley stated where expected any problem with that in that area. Mr. Moore stated well you got Chapman Road to start off with? There is going to be two places on here. One of them is a very long stretch. It's probably three quarters of a mile. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked from that ditch from that ditch to the end of the dirt road down there to that lady's house. Mr. Moore stated yeah. Then it comes to old airport and you're going to have to redo all that. Then you're going to have to redo Bellview. You got Clenney Road, Grassy Flats Road, and then you go back across Grassy Flats. You have

two places on Grassy flats. Then you'll have Johnny Freeman Road that's got to come up three or four feet for how long Kreg, three quarters a mile. Chairman Freeman stated yeah, what is the total. Is this LMIG Money going to cover all that? Mr. Moore stated if he approves it, it'll be 70% of it. We'll have to pay 30%. Chairman Freeman stated they ain't already set a cap out on this right here. Mr. Moore stated I mean, if we can, my understanding is we get an engineer to go in there and look at the entire project. He's going to work it up. Whatever place needs and he will put a cost on it. We'll send it to Commissioner. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I want to see all that in writing now. I want to see. Mr. Moore stated if the commissioner approves it, he will approve the entire project but the state will only pay 70% of it. We'll have to pay 30% of it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated even if it's up to \$50 million dollars, does that mean. Mr. Moore stated it's going to be a big project. That Johnny Freeman Road. Raising that road. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I want to see it in writing where there ain't no cap. I don't want to see get drug or. Mr. Moore stated they didn't say anything to me about you know, maximum money that that the engineer needed to work on the whole project, work up a cost, and we would submit it to the commissioner and if the commissioner approved it, they would pay 70% of the project and we would pay thirty.

Commissioner Worsley stated so it could be millions of dollars. Mr. Moore stated it's going to be it's going to be a very major project. And that's why I was kind of saying if we get it back and we look at it and there's no way we can make our 30% and it's a dead deal. We still going to be on the hook for getting the engineer to come in and do.

Commissioner Worsley asked wouldn't it be cheaper to just go and put a piece of pipe in as you need it. Mr. Moore stated the way the project is going to work. Chairman Freeman stated that ain't the issue here. That the issue is them going to move watered down and stream down there and go down on that flat and it's going to cover the Johnny Freeman Road and already if it ever covers, it stays over. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it's going to cover that. What's that dirt road you're talking about? Mr. Moore stated Grassy Flats. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well, what's one before that. Mr. Moore stated Johnny Freeman. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated what is the one before that? Chairman Freeman stated you got Chapman Road. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Chapman Road and then it's going to cover Bellview Road and Old Airport Road. So, like, it's just the water's going to move. It's not going to flood them all at one time. It's going to flood them. This one and then. Chairman Freeman stated them folks that come down here and talk to us. Are they in on this? Mr. Moore stated this is actually going through Mr. Shannon Bradford. I mean he handles all our LMIG stuff. And but then once we decide to do it this is going to go straight to the commissioner. I mean they go we ought to do a letter and send in the cost of the project with the engineering plan. And we'll send it straight to the commissioner. Nobody else is involved. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I guess what I'm getting at is yes no by how much project like that of course. It's going to be we ain't got the money to I don't even know if we need to go forward. Mr. Moore stated the way the watershed is going to do is when water hits the ground on 91, it's not going to send a raging flood down there. It's going to be a gradual flow going downstream but now when it gets to the flat and it moves over there to Johnny Freeman Road, I think we might can handle going

downstream to there but then, when you get it to Johnny Freeman Road part, there's nothing we can do because once it floods that road, it's flooded. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well, I'm getting what I'm getting at if it's a ten-million-dollar project. We ain't got \$3 million dollars. Mr. Moore stated we don't. I mean, that's why I brought it to y'all but if we going to ask for the money, it's on the table right now and if we're not going to ask for it, they're going to take it off. That's why told me about the other day on the phone was, if you go ask for it, now is your time to ask for it. You know, if when the window closes, it's going to be closed and it's all on this from then on. Commissioner Worsley stated so more like, we'll spend the fee for the engineer and won't be able forward. Mr. Moore stated I was thinking 25000 30000 probably for him just to go work it all up. You know, because I mean, he won't do a full workout. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated this won't be the only time in the life of the history that we'll be able to apply for this one. It's just this year, right? We'll be able to apply for it next year though, correct? Mr. Moore stated I don't know that we're going to be able to ask for this extra money. We can always start working on it with our money that we get every year. We can always take a project, work on it with the money we give. If we want to do it one at a time, you know, instead of paving a mile, we can work on one drainage and pave, you know, or Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'd almost bet that the state's already got some type of engineer plan of how much water they going to move on that road. Mr. Moore stated they may have but they didn't offer it because I even asked about if we could do some of the work on the dirt roads and turn that in as part of our 30% match and they said no.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated but we could probably get that. We just probably have to ask for it. Mr. Moore stated I mean they just straight said you know they wanted contractors. Once you got approved, they want a contractor to do it all. I mean, I threw out a few things but they weren't biting. They didn't take me up on me. And like you said, I'm sure they got a full set of plans and what they know, you know, downstream is, how much water is going downstream, or whatever but to get it approved, we got to get an engineer to do it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we just need to get Doug to call those guys that were sitting here that day. And we might need to have a one-on-one meeting maybe. Yeah. And we just, we might need to have another meeting with them about that moving forward. Mr. Cofty stated the one that called me, He was out of the Tifton office. So, it wasn't, it wasn't a bridge, guys. This is different. Yeah. So, I'll call him back. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated one of them guys are a local guy. He lives pretty close. I mean. Chairman Freeman stated he lives in early county. Mr. Moore stated it's going to be a big major fraud dude. I mean we do a full work on it. I mean, I don't, I don't have a lot of advice for it because you know, Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I mean, we don't have \$300,000 to throw at it. Mr. Moore stated so, I mean, this project. Take care of it all the way downstream. Its major. It's. I don't know. We wouldn't be better to take it one at a time. You know, once we see what water we got going downhill, hitting the worst spot, you know, and work on it and do it and we have to out of our own LMIG money but that's still up to y'all. Chairman Freeman stated I mean, I approved the whole project. I don't think you need to consider this right here because what you going to do is you going to take away your money for your TSPLOST from all the other resurfacing projects out

there on it and you going to. Mr. Moore stated oh, you'll deplete that and it probably won't cover the bill. I mean, that I just don't foresee us having the 30% and I didn't want to get on the hook for the engineering thing. We do all that. Come to the table and look at it and say, hey, there's no way we can touch. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'm going to say the DOT's already got a plan, you just got to ask for it. Mr. Moore stated they could have like I said, I'm, I even had him to call the engineer that's actually over that and asked a few questions and he called me back. They didn't offer anything but the ability to ask for extra help money and go straight through the commissioner and that was all they offered. We do all the risk. I mean, we got. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we ain't asking that. We just want to see their plan. We ain't asking them for money. We just want to see what their plan is. I'm sure, they've got a plan. That guy said they had one all the way to the Flint River. So, we just want to see their plan. Mr. Cofty stated try and call Charles Bradley, I'll give him a call. Mr. Moore stated we can ask more and I ask him, you know, more, but I, you know, I talked to Shannon and he did call the engineer. You know and ask him a few questions and that's what he gave me back which we couldn't do any of the work and use it as part of our 30% match. That was my main thing was, you know, we can hit all the dirt roads and put in the drainage on them, and use that as our 30% match, we would kind of it kind of wash out a little bit but we get to Johnny Freeman Road, we'd have to pay for that. But it's still up. It's up to y'all. That's what's on the table. That's what they offered. Chairman Freeman stated I think you just need it. I ain't going to say come to take it off the agenda but you just, that needs tabling.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah. Let us, let us do some investigative work on that and see if we can come up with. Mr. Moore stated I think like, like Allen was talking about, you know, he mentioned putting in a pipe alone. going downstream, I think we might handle that. You know, as we see what we got coming off of the watershed, we might go in there and add a little bit of drainage, you know, and get us by this road and then work on the next one. We'll have two roads. We have Bellview and we'll have Johnny Freeman. You know, that if we get up, a big problem that we probably need to hire somebody to put the drainage on a deck and we got to pack it back, pay, you know, repay it and all that and we don't have the tools to do that with but the dirt side of it, we are going had some drains a lot cheaper than probably a lot of engineers going to charge for us to do it, you know. and we can do it all ourselves but that's what's on the table. Y'all, you know talk about it. Make a decision. Decide on it or I just think it's going to be too major for us to handle 30% of itself I mean, but that's my opinion. Chairman Freeman asked is there anything else you need to go over with us? No, that's all I had Kreg was that and it just kind of come about. You know, we had talked about it. I talked to Shannon about it a while back. And he called me and said the guy, you know, he called him and said, hey, you know, the options out there if they want to do it because this is already under contract and nothing didn't change. And we made the offer to them to try to help them get some extra money and I told him, well, I had a meeting Monday night. I'll throw it out there to the board and see what they want to do. So that's what I do. Which I did ask a few questions but pretty much he it was straight by the book. You know with them. We got to do all the jump through all the hoops to do it. So, it's going to be

very costly. Chairman Freeman stated anything else we need to go over. If there is nothing else for us to go over. I think we done covered everything. We need a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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