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**Board of Commissioners**



**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**  
**12/11/2023, 6:00 P.M., County Government Complex**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Allen Worsley, Vice Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Cox  
**Others Present:** Faye Whittaker, Austin Lambert, Douglas Cofty, Andy Moore, Danny Shepard, Mike Thomas, Malia Phillips, Sheriff Holt, Garison Clenney, Belba Lawson, Shane Holt.

Chairman Worsley calls the meeting to order. Regular session 12/11/2023 and called for prayer then the pledge of allegiance.

### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

Chairman Worsley stated first thing we need to do is approve the Agenda. Anybody got any? addition? if not we'll ask for a motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards made motion, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman Worsley stated approval of the minutes, any questions? if everything looks good then we'll ask for a motion to approve it. Commissioner Cox made motion to approve, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried

#### **Approval of Financial Report:**

Chairman Worsley stated approval of financial reports, any questions comments if not we'll ask for a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion to approve, Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### **APPEARANCES:**

NONE

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **UTV registration:**

Chairman Worsley stated UTV Registration, Doug you want to enlighten us on this. Mr. Cofty stated yes so, I got this back from the county attorney everything looked good, he

said we just needed to get it signed and put in place. If we sign it today it will be approved today. I know Jennifer has already started the tags for the UTVs. Sheriff Holt stated yes we started. Ms. Jennifer, the tax commissioner asked us if we would do the inspections. They had to be inspected by her office by law, but she asked would we do it and I said we'll be glad to do it so actually Shane is the one that's in charge of that. They bring them in, he inspects them verifies the VIN numbers, fills out the form for them, they have to be notarized and he actually runs the VIN numbers and tag through NCIC and GCIC to be sure none are stolen or wanted or whatever, so I think it's a good procedure and I mean you know we're just glad to help the Tax Commissioner's Office in doing that. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated okay so I have a question, you don't have to do it if you have one just if you're going to ride it on the County Roads. Sheriff Holt stated you can cross a state highway, you can cross a city street, you can ride it on a county road as long as you have the tag yes. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated as long as you got the tag on okay. Sheriff Holt stated he inspects it all the required equipment, lights, seat belt and all that has to be on it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so does it have to have turn signals. Sheriff Holt stated yes, turn signals. Chairman Worsley stated how about golf carts. Sheriff Holt stated golf carts are not in it, they got to be able to run between 25 and 65 miles an hour to meet the criteria for this. Chairman Worsley stated any other questions comments if you all want us to do this, we'll go ahead and ask for a motion to approve. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Fueling Center Report:**

Chairman Worsley stated fueling Center report. Mr. Cofty stated I don't think nothing really changed we're still doing the same

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Holidays and meeting schedule:**

Chairman Worsley stated holidays and meeting schedule page 20 through 22. Mr. Cofty stated the commission meetings would remain the second Monday of every month. On the holiday schedule this just follows basically what you approved this year, you gall went back an added floating holiday, so we have not had any complaints. It has actually worked out, we had some that was taking different floating holidays. Chairman Worsley stated we need to approve, I see the list maybe I'm looking at it wrong, it's got 2023 is that correct on it. Mr. Cofty stated no, where there's 23 it will have 24, I just need to change it. Chairman Worsley stated okay any questions comments if not we read a motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **State Court**

Chairman Worsley stated all right next on the agenda State Court . Mr. Cofty stated basically what this is, is a continuation from the first meeting you had, then the workshop. You all were advised, you were given the data on how to proceed . So just discuss how you want to proceed. Chairman Worsley stated so you all got any comments, you all want to proceed. Commissioner Nixon stated I do, I'd spoken with Malia earlier and Mr. Mike Thomas had called me which he's still in court right now, but I would like to hear from the other side too. like you know from Malia, I just want to hear from both sides. Chairman Worsley stated yeah Danny called me while go Danny Shepherd, and he said him, and Mike would be here, but we can move it on down to agenda and give them time to get here if that's what we need to do. The board agreed.

### **Vehicle Lease Program:**

Chairman Worsley stated vehicle lease program page 26. Jamie Reed stated 'm here on behalf of Brennan Motor Company. Kelly works with Brandon, we were asked to send a proposal over as far as leasing government vehicles just to give you a brief history of our dealership we're located in Unadilla Georgia about two hours north of here. Brandon entered government space back in 1995 and since then we've grown the business, we're in the top 25 in the nation as far as government vehicles, patrol vehicles, public works vehicles. We're Ford and Chevrolet and we put together a proposal for the sheriff and in a nutshell this lease is through Ford Municipal Finance, rule of thumb you can say if you had a need for a vehicle or three vehicles at present rule of thumb is you can lease three of these vehicles through the for municipal Finance program for about the same amount of money as what you're going to buy one outright for so for instance let said it's a \$45,000 explorer, you can buy that \$45,000 explorer pay to have it upfitted with the lights and sirens and whatnot or you can enter into this lease and it can be set up two, three, four or five years and payment schedule can be set up monthly ,quarterly, semiannual or annual the two most popular that we do are three-year annual and a five year annual there's no mileage cap on the lease you're under warranty and there's a dollar buy out so you own the vehicle essentially at the end of the lease or you can trade it back in or sell it or go do whatever all the equipment that goes on these vehicles we do inhouse so it could be a turnkey patrol car and all that equipment can be incorporated into that lease and we put together some figures for you we got information for you to take a look at as far as the leasing goes you know a lot of dealerships they'll offer leases if you all want take a look at these I didn't know there was five we brought four of them and then as far as the numbers we've sent , I don't know if y'all got a copy. Do they have a copy of this.

Mr. Cofty stated I have not seen anything. Sheriff Holt stated they can., they are the money people. Mr. Kelly continues so these a lot of dealerships will offer lease on the cars however they don't do it on the equipment. Capital expenditures with a lot of

municipalities and County governments have really gone up on the equipment side of it from our public works customers to the Sheriff's offices you know on their equipment you know you've got not just your lights and sirens and everything that's making it a functional patrol car but with a lot of the newer state requirements stuff camera systems things like that a lot of these agencies are seeing where in a lot of cases their equipment has doubled on what has to go on these cars you know cost everything's up then the required equipment is up as well so uh we've got a good relationship with Whelen and Manufacturing have us and a lot of these big name Distributors that build these parts for these cars. We stock them in house, I've got an install team there when I left the sheriff's office in 20 that was kind of what I was brought into the business for was the equipment side since then of transition I'm still overseeing the install side, do sales with Jamie and his father but as far as the equipment side goes on these, you've got a break now where and I think from what the Sheriff's Office had asked us for is you know if you're going to do the lease in order to get the most out of it and to limit your capital expenditures out it's better to go ahead and do the full Turn Key patrol car in the lease, there's a lot of lease companies out there like Enterprise and others that they'll approach a County Commission and they'll say hey you know we're going to take over your public works, your water department ,you know anything that falls under County government and we're going to come in here, you're going to place this car, this car and this car and they really push you hard on the cycling program where in three years you swap it out, five years you swap it out well that's fine for some folks but you know depending you know if you've got an investigator in a truck it's really not profitable pulling them out of that truck in three years because an investigator might only put how many miles a year on truck you know little and so with this program and with that dollar buyout that Jamie mentioned at the end of it if you say you know what we're going to keep these five or these 10 patrol cars and we're going to put rookies and those go ahead and do another lease on some more pay a dollar for each one of those cars you get the titles you put them and you in essence you're putting newer vehicles in the fleet without having to buy everything up front and having a lot of capital outlay and so that's kind of the main gist of it we're pretty lax as far as our sales model goes, he retired from Sheriff's Office and I was law enforcement this is kind of our bread and butter, we don't t run out on the lot saying hey you know let us slap you in these tires and let us that's not our gig you know looking at people's budgets looking at how we can get them the most as far as the most vehicles on the ground without you know upfront Capital outlay unless the easiest way to update your fleet without killing your body the first year say our bread and butter we're top 25 in the nation we're selling in 40 States right now so a lot of people are getting on board with this program well it just something that whether you're a large County government or a small one the concept remains the same and not being out as much Capital funds kind of stretching that money but that's kind of our pitch if y'all have any questions I mean we'll sale you cars out right we don't make and you know a lot of this stuff with the Municipal

side it doesn't profit us really one way or the other if you want to come and buy a car with equipment and all out right and have a lot of capital expenditure but then you know we're done with it right then that's fine too this is just a way to kind of stretch that so we're not partial to one side of the other as long as it's got a Brannen sticker on the back of it I'm pretty happy.

Chairman Worsley stated we appreciate you all coming . You all got any questions or comments to them. Well, we'll look at this stuff . We appreciate you all coming, and we will talk to department heads. Mr. Kelly stated, and it goes with public works too, it's not just you know Sheriff's office had us do this, but you know if y'all got old pickup trucks and public works and you want to kind of cycle those without having a lot of capital we can do this with anything it's part of equipment say they need but I mean it's whatever as far as. Chairman Worsley stated yeah we pretty well down bought new stuff for the road department. Mr. Reid stated but just to give you an example if you want to follow up on the last one I did with the City of Eatonton and Putnam County they did 10 vehicles for their Police Department, if you know anybody over there and want talk to see how they like it. Chairman Worsley stated all right we appreciate . Brannen staff stated appreciate you giving us your time.

### **State Court:**

Chairman Worsley stated okay we'll go back now to the State Court part of it. So, what we need to do is Danny we want to hear you all side of this thing. Mr. Shepard stated well I mean I don't know what the I mean, nobody's actually officially talk to me in any capacity about the state court. I mean I've heard a little bit of rumblings from street talk and then go to state court today and learn it's on the agenda and so what's on the agenda and what can we address and answer your questions I guess is. Chairman Worsley stated well one of the things that we had a lot of concern over speaking for myself is all backlog cases, some of them date back to my understand 2016. Mr. Shepard stated well those are if they haven't been dead docket they probably need to be dead docketed or dismissed but they're I don't think there's a whole lot that old I mean the cases that are probably the cases from 2020 forward when covid came. We need to address those and dispose of those and the way to address those is to summon jurors for the criminal cases, most lawyer represented cases they're not going to get resolved until they're put on the spot to make a decision and so anything that's from that time forward we probably need to prosecute even some of those probably if you've got witnesses that are not available or troopers that have moved off you know we look at each case by case but the way to address the backlogs is to bring in jurors and I would think that probably two Juror sessions would pretty much clean up everything that needs cleaning up and if anything's older than that I mean we can certainly clean it up. I mean there's always a process of carryover I learned from some of our discussion today that some of the Commissioners

really don't even know what our function is, the state Court's primary function is your misdemeanor court for the county misdemeanors are mainly traffic offenses everything from your more serious traffic defenses such as DUI ,reckless driving a lot of driving on suspended license, suspended registration, reckless driving you know the more serious traffic offenses is probably your main function of course we since it's a misdemeanor court ,we also deal with simple batteries even simple battery, domestic violence criminal trespass things of that nature but your primary function of the state court is to dispose of your serious traffic offences and your less serious too even your speeding but that's your main function all felonies always go to Superior Court and if there's one single event in which there charges for felonies and misdemeanors typically they'll go together to Superior Court but that's your primary function of your state court is to handle your misdemeanor criminal cases in the county right now the city has a municipal court that handles traffic in the city and if somebody comes into the traffic court a municipal court of the city and wants a jury trial the case gets transferred to State Court rather than Superior court because it's a misdemeanor. Mr. Shepard stated there is a backlog, but it can be dealt with and that's the responsibility of Mike Thomas and me. Mike being the solicitor ,he's the prosecutor so that's the way we would address that and so it's past time to do that, but I think given if you'd give us the first half probably of 2024 for your calendar would be pretty well current. Chairman Worsley stated yeah it was brought to our attention that you know some people lost the license, you know we spoke earlier just a little while ago, I want everybody to be on the same page here when you and I spoke earlier, that it was brought our attention about people trying to get their license back, we're talking years ago as what it was presented to us. Mr. Shepard stated is anything current I mean we deal with issues like that periodically if it comes up and there are ways to deal with that is anybody complaining about a license now. Sheriff Holt stated well I think Ms. Gail gets calls and I know we get calls about DUIs you know and that was the thing that we talked about you know you and Mike and I talk together one time about maybe having Court once a month if we didn't handle nothing at DUI because once they get a DUI they have 45 days driving permit so after 45 days they don't have anything to drive on and that's why people call us, I mean I get calls and I'm sure Ms. Gail gets a lot of calls at the clerk's office about you know how do I get our license back and that was one of the I know you mentioned city court Judge, I know we have city court once a month and I think if it was a way that we may could have state court I mean you know it may not even take a whole day to handle DUIs I think that would alleviate a lot of the problem you know .

Mr. Shepard stated we can do that I mean we can have more courts well what happens when lawyers get involved in cases particularly those types of cases is that you know I think the jury method is the better way to force the issue but if we can resolve them on a month to month basis I mean we could do that we could have one term or one session

per month until we get caught up either way would work but I mean I'm not personally aware that there's a serious problem with people having driver's license issues I mean if you got some let them be known and let them be known to him and he's the prosecutor so I react to what he brings before the court, you're the chief law enforcement officer in the county, He's the chief prosecutor in the county, I preside over the court and until if something's brought to me I don't know that there's a problem. Sheriff Holt stated yes sir I understand that, and we had met a couple of times you know about doing something even one suggestion was maybe after city court that we could have just a DUI court you know one time you're already there and I know it would require a court recorder and a probation officer and all there but. Mr. Shepard stated yeah when you have court you got to have the whole network of people that function or serve the court for it to operate you got to have the clerk, a law enforcement officer and we got to take our pleas on the record if we take pleas or any sort of hearing I mean you got to have court for it so having a court session involves four or five different people having to be there but I mean I think I would be committed to doing whatever it would take to bring it current whether it's having a session per month but there again I think where we've probably fallen down a little bit is not getting the jurors in because defense lawyers that have tough cases aren't going to negotiate those cases and work them out until they're put on the spot and having the jury come in, the prosecutor has to make a decision, the defense lawyer has to make a decision am I going to trial or am I going to cop a plea of some sort and you and I have also talked about the DUI cases and they're tougher to prove because of some appellate decisions that have come out so a lot of those usually get plead down but there again even those that need to be plead down they don't get plead down until people have to make a decision so the way to make people make a decision is to bring in jurors. State Court's been around a long time and it serves the county well financially you pay me 17,000 a year and you pay Mike 14,000 a year and you got a full-time judge and a full-time prosecutor in the court and if you shift that to somewhere else you're going to have to create some more clerical jobs, wherever you shift it to if you shift it to probate that's your big financial consideration I mean assuming the people that are staffed now or got full-time jobs if you put well arraignment today which was three months' worth we probably went through 250 cases today arraignment took quite a few pleas we got some not guilty pleas, those that have not guilty they usually assigned a lawyer then their next appearance is to appear and try their case so anything else I mean I'll address whatever questions anybody's got. Commissioner Edwards stated those 250 cases, how far they dated back. Mr. Shepard stated today? 2020 was probably the oldest and those were ones that we got in on bench warrants that didn't show before well what happens is if there's a no show there's a mechanism to compel the person to show if it's traffic related they get a notice that the driver's license is going to be suspended for failure to appear and that gets a response out of then and then if it's non-traffic we issue a bench warrant which is an order from the court to arrest the person and then we require that when they're

arrested on the bench warrant that they post a cash bond to cover whatever they're charged with so today's Court was devoted you know to the more recent cases but we had some that dated back maybe a couple of years but those were people that came in response to bench warrants they had bonded out posted cash money and they had an incentive to come to court and get their case over with so that they can clear it up. Chairman Worsley asked how many surrounding County still have State Court. Mr. Shepard stated you got Early, Miller Decatur, Grady, Mitchell those are in the immediate area. The Patala circuit has seven Counties, Early and Miller are your only two that have state courts. Chairman Worsley stated any comments or any questions. Commissioner Edwards stated and you're saying that we can have State Court once a month because what I'm getting is that when someone with a DUI or something they got to wait three months sometimes to have their case heard when they want to go back to work they can't go back to work because they don't have no license or something like that and they got to wait three months they already was punished taking their license now they got to get double punished for to wait more time to get heard so is there a way that we can set it up. Mr. Shepard stated I have not heard a lot of push back on that now, I've heard a little bit from the sheriff today but our regular terms are once a quarter the regular term which is second Monday of March, June, September and December and that usually handles that issue but there is a means by which they can go to the Department of Driver Services with the Court's permission to get a limited permit for work purposes but we don't see a whole lot of that no Mr. Thomas stated let me second that a lot of talking about month to month on driving on the influence the test whether it's a blood test or it's sent to the crime and if they get an attorney until we get results from that test saying if they were driving on an influence of alcohol or drugs if they have an attorney, the attorney is not going to plea or not going to dispose of the case until he gets the crime lab report and I have seen it be two to three months in crime lab, they are back up and this is not the only I've been to State Court meetings in fact I went to Atlanta to impaired driver school a two-day school and this is not the only Court that's backed up it's all over the state that's back up in in court cases. Mr. Shepard stated which is true but that's not a justification for us not acting a little more efficiently and promptly in dealing with ours this is not news but everybody knows about alien I guess most people do yeah you you've heard of the Georgia imply consent law you ever heard that term what is that all right from the day I started practicing law Georgia had an implied consent law and what that says is everybody that's granted a driver's license when they get a driver's license the law implies and imposes upon that person that they have consented to give a breathalyzer test of their to see if they've got alcohol in their system well there was a case in 2020 I think the name of the case Elliott versus State anyway the Georgia Supreme Court ruled that the implied consent law in Georgia was unconstitutional that the law that made a driver blow into the INTOX machine was requiring that person to do an affirmative act that tended to show that they committed a crime which violated the Constitutional



provision that prevented a person from testifying against himself being a witness against himself all right and since that case so Georgia no longer has an enforceable implied consent law so if a trooper stops somebody and suspects that they're drinking the only way he gets an a breathalyzer test is if that person consents to the test and the other alternative is that the trooper gets a search warrant and takes him to the hospital and they draw a blood sample in the Metro areas that's what they're doing they're putting in place a system where by 24/7 they have a magistrate or judge that's on call to get search warrants from arresting officers and they process it electronically and then file it electronically they get a search warrant and so if a person gets a DUI and say metro area even if you want consent to a breath test they'll have a procedure in place where within in a short period of time they're going to have a blood result and have a blood test for that person based on a search warrant all right after Elliott then the courts and Mailas probably follow this closer than I have as a defense lawyer but even field sobriety test certain of those field sobriety tests have been ruled unconstitutionally they're compelling the person to be a witness against themselves by making them perform those field sobriety tests the Georgia constitutional provision if I understand it correctly is more defendant oriented than even the US Constitution it's in the US Constitution in the fifth the person cannot be compelled to be to give testimony against himself the Georgia Constitution says a person can't be compelled to give evidence against himself and evidence is much broader than just testimony so the Georgia Supreme Court has really put the legislature in a spot trying to deal with this issue of breathalyzer test and blood test so now the consequence this consequence is still in place so if an officer requests that somebody give a breath test and they refuse the law still provides that if you refuse to give that test it results in a six month automatic suspension of your driver's license. Ms. Lee stated that's why driver's license are suspended it's not from the arrest it's from their refusal to give a breath or blood test that's what triggers the suspension, and they get a 45-day driving permit that allows them to drive for 45 days but they only have 30 days to appeal the automatic suspension that will happen from the Department of Driver service. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated and that's six months. Ms. Lee stated I'm sorry. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated that's six months. Mr. Shepard stated well the way it results is the trooper yeah the trooper will send in what's called an ALS suspension administrative law suspension and you got a 45-day permit on it but you got to appeal the administrative suspension for the refusal within 30 days and so if you appeal that suspension within 30 days uh that extends the time for you to drive while your case is pending. I mean defense lawyers do it all the time somebody comes into their office they got a DUI a couple of weeks ago and they hand over this yellow sheet of paper that's an administrative suspension of the driver's license if they don't act affirmatively and appeal that administrative suspension they're going to lose their driver's license at the end of that 45 days and they're going to be without it from then on but everybody that hires a good but yeah we need to get it cleared up period. Ms. Lee stated well speaking of

burdens I can speak you as a defense attorney that that travels the circuit and practices in different areas in different courts Seminole County does not have a state court they have a probate traffic court, they have a city court and then they have Superior Court by not having State Court I know their Superior Court calendar has been extremely overburdened because all of those cases especially if they want to if they want a trial. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated that's the felonies and the hardcore stuff . Ms. Lee stated yes. Mr. Shepard stated even misdemeanors because they don't have the Ms. Lee stated yes so it all goes to Superior court and the Seminole Superior Court calendar has had such a backlog and that they have had to hire several more attorneys just to handle those backlog of cases in Seminole County so I know the district attorney Vic McNease, I mean he's not happy about that I can't imagine that the Superior Court judges would be happy because again that's adding not only to their criminal calendar but which mainly what Danny has been talking about but State Court also handles civil cases so someone wanted to file a personal injury suit and they filed it in the state court which they can do then that goes up and kind of clogs up the Superior Court civil cases as well which handles all the divorce and all the other civil cases that that go on so I think those court systems both the probate traffic court or the Superior Court would definitely feel the effect of there being no state court because those cases have to go somewhere so they're going to go down to probate or up to Superior and that would clog up those system as well and because you know practicing I practice in Early County State Court they meet monthly so you they have a pretty sufficient Bill Mills is actually the state court judge over there it's been pretty efficient over there they have arraignments one month the next month they have a plea in motions day so if your cases are going to plea I have several cases right now that that they want to plea I just got to get them for the judge to take their plea and then then they'll do a trial calendar and then you know repeat so they're doing arraignments every 3 months motions and pleas every 3 months trials every 3 months so you know I was on the trial calendar I had there were only six cases on the trial calendar but I had three of them so I was able to do to handle all three of my trials in the same day um so I mean it definitely and just going from Early County to Seminole County. Seminole county has a much the population's less technically should have few fewer cases but they have so much more because Seminole does not have that state court to kind of absorb those cases so I think we would see the same thing here in Miller is what they're dealing with in Seminole is just a backlog on the superior court cases and kind of straining that system and we only have two Superior Court judges for this entire seven County Circuit so that's a lot say you by the way we're adding more to your case load to have to deal with so I think that be that would be a consequence of you know doing away with the state court system just having practiced in other counties and seeing how they do things. Mr. Shepard stated one thing that's floated around at the state level which this circuit is one of the ones that got their eyes on is creating a circuit wide State Court to handle misdemeanors in all Seven Counties in the Patala circuit so

they've had you know they do some studies and all that sort of stuff but Patala circuit is one of them they're looking at as a probably a good candidate instead of just having a state court of Miller County and state court early County that'd be a state court of the Patala circuit that would handle all the misdemeanor cases in the entire circuit course you'd have to have a full-time judge and a full-time clerk to handle that and I'm sort of the view that one full-time judge could probably do it but that's one idea floated in the at the state level is to create circuit wide State Court which would be a misdemeanor court for the entire circuit so all seven counties in the Patala circuit would have one state court judge and one state court clerk of course they probably have to add at least two prosecutors to handle it the lawyers handling the prosecution of the cases but that would be a pretty good system I mean that would benefit a county like Seminole and if Early did not have State Court their Superior Court would be the biggest mess You' ever seen I mean they go through a ton of cases in Early County. Chairman Worsley stated you all got any more questions, you all want to make a move on this or what do you all want to do here. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I tend to agree with Nikki let's give them a chance to clean it up and then we'll go from there. What do you all think. Commissioner Cox stated clean it up maybe have it more often if we can. Chairman Worsley stated are you all willing to do that? All right then you all just want to leave it alone right now then. Commissioner Cox stated I would, that's my insight. Chairman Worsley stated all right good. Mr. Shepard stated okay so give us a little while and we'll address the backlog. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated middle of this next summer , what you said middle of next summer. Commissioner Cox stated yeah that's right. Mr. Shepard stated that's plenty of time okay so we to bring a jury in superior court jury comes in when February judges so the third week in January would probably be a good Target for that first jury time Superior Court judges are gone. Sheriff Holt stated January 13th 14th and 15 is the judge's conference. Mr. Shepard stated 13 14 15 is the judge's conference so that's right out a month out . Chairman Worsley stated so look like y'all got a chance to clean it up. Mr. Shepard stated all right good thanks. Chairman Worsley stated thank you all for coming

### **Hospital Appointment Letter:**

Chairman Worsley stated all right we'll move on Hospital appointment Mr. Ladon Calhoun the hospital authority sent a letter and they're wanting us to submit them three names but Laden has agreed to continue to serve and so we just need to submit two other names besides Ladon, you that's just the way it's set up you know their bylaws so we need two more names, you can put mine down there they are going reject it. Now just to speed the process up we need one more who want to be volunteered to be cut. Commissioner Cox stated I'll suggest Ladon, but I'll put my name on it. Chairman Worsley stated okay. Commissioner Edwards stated you just might get voted in did you hear what I said Ladon you put my name as a sure thing we both be cut so you'll be in. Chairman Worsley stated next on agenda is Departments.

**Departments:**

Chairman Worsley stated the Department reports, we've all got you know from two or three different departments what's going on with them in there and so they it was just for our information. Anything else we need to know about. Mr. Cofty stated no I just want to let you know if you notice the sheriff's department the sheriff started sending his reports. Chairman Worsley stated it is nice to have the reports, it lets you know what is going on. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded that. Andy Moore stated I'd like to go ahead and fill out our LMIG stuff on Cook Town Road if it's all right with all you all, we can change it you know if something happens, a bridge fails we can always change it but I like to fill it out and have it in case something's wrong we got time to change anything that might come up. Mr. Cofty asked when it was due February. Mr. Moore stated it's due by February the 1st but I just like to have it turned in before the end of the year. Chairman Worsley stated another thing on Cooktown road I spoke with Gerald Greene you know he talked to Kathy Williams up there with DOT and they were going to come down, they're going to come down look at the damage it were done from Avenue on toward you know Kimbel Road and there're supposed to be willing to step in here and repair all this damage that we done so hope we can get at least that part out of the state to get it done. Mr. Moore stated we got some documentation where we went and worked and fix cold patch I mean we got some stuff to go along with. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated we'll stay on him about that too. Chairman Worsley stated I bother that woman Ms. Williams, I bother her every time she turn around, call her so she probably give in. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah I talked to Gerald, and he said he was going to try to he said he was political he said he was going to try and help us that's what he said. Chairman Worsley stated okay well if it then we need a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned.

SIGNATURE PAGE:

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Cristene Edwards, Commissioner – District 1

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Jeff Cox, Commissioner – District 2

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Allen Worsley, Chairman – District 3

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Niki Nixon, Commissioner – District 4

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