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## REGULAR SESSION MEETING

04/14/2023, 6:00 P.M., County Government Complex

## MINUTES

**Present:** Chairman Worsley, Vice Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Cox  
Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Austin Lambert, Douglas Cofty, Sheriff Jimmy Holt, Brad Bell

Chairman Worsley called the special called meeting to order, date is 04-14-2023. On the agenda, we have a discussion on Ford cab and chassis, Courthouse vehicle- Tax Commissioners Office. And we need to discuss if it's possible about this excavator. Mr. Cofty stated if you want to discuss it at this meeting, that's fine but if you want the county attorney here at the next meeting, if you all want to take the documentation and review it for your purposes and we can put it on the agenda. Chairman Worsley stated Yeah, I think we need to discuss it if possible. We'll add that to it, okay? and then documentation findings. Mr. Cofty stated that's it about the excavator, that's actually the excavator. Chairman Worsley stated Alright we will call the meeting to order?

### **Ford Cab and Chassis**

Chairman Worsley stated first one for discussion Ford cab and chassis. Mr. Cofty stated so, if you all look into your packets? Chairman Worsley stated Doug, was Andy notified of this meeting does he need to be here. Mr. Cofty stated I didn't notify him. I mean if he wants to be. Chairman Worsley stated you all think you need to be here? Mr. Cofty stated I mean, I told Shelly yesterday. So, whether she told him, I don't know but that she was notified. But that's up to you all. Chairman Worsley stated right. the truck. You know, you got two options basically here. The truck that they have done are now. The wheelbase is not long enough for the bed that Andy already has. He's already got a utility bed for it. So, you're going to have to spend another \$7, 000 on a bed if you can't use this one. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked how old it is the bed. How old is that bed now that he's got? I mean. Chairman Worsley stated I am going to say 7 or 8 eight years old but it's in really good shape. It was they used on an old ambulance and the Ford place, what was the bid, Doug. Mr. Cofty stated they are in your packet if you look back. The first few pages are your older quotes which you all voted on. The second one is I don't know what size length of chassis he needs. So, I got two quotes of one for 145.9 and that's \$48,765. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, he needs one with 8 foot bed. Mr. Cofty continued then the next one is a 169 wheelbase at \$48,940 and also included the cost of, Jeff had asked me to get about getting the cost of the beds and in the back of that, if you look, it looks like this, this is from

the Ford Place. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated give us the short version but so what's the difference in the price of what we approved the first time? Mr. Cofty stated \$45,700 is what you all initially approved and then it's it could be 48,765 or 48,940. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked about 4,000. Mr. Cofty stated yeah. Chairman Worsley stated but Andy, talk with what's the guy's name down there at the Ford place, the one that's involved. Mr. Cofty asked Richard. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, he said that Richard said that he does remember and it requested dual wheels on it. And the extended frame rail that we could reuse that bill that he already has. So, you're looking at verses spending \$4,000 to reorder the truck or you are going to spend another 7 or 8,000 for a bed. Commissioner Nixon asked are we just getting one dual wheel? Chairman Worsley stated Yeah. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked so really all we're meeting about is to approve \$4,000 more for a dual wheel, one dual wheel truck. Chairman Worsley stated right. Vice Chairman Calhoun continued and everything else is the same. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, you either have to buy another bed for several thousands of dollars or just put close to 4,000 dollars and we ordered the truck. And the Ford, Richard said there was no issue with the truck they ordered. It would be sold in a matter of two or three days. So, we'll open it up for any discussions and questions about it or we'll call for a motion to go one way or the other.

Commissioner Cox asked what is the dual wheel, are we going to use to transport our employees. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, he will be hauling fuel tank and stuff like that and it will be the one used for also if they're having an emergency. We got one trailer already hooked one, you know, with small backhoes. You have got 2 backhoes. you got two trailers, and then you'll be able to pull that trailer where he needs to go to. Like I said, that's according to Andy. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked how many dual-wheel trucks does he have now? Do you? Chairman Worsley stated he's got one dual wheel truck. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated one dual wheel truck. Commissioner Cox asked the dump trucks that we have now. How many is total? That's running. Chairman Worsley stated he's got 4 the other day. 4. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated one was on his last leg. I thought he said. Chairman Worsley stated yeah that's the one more or less broke all the bolts out the back of the transmission and stuff the other day and then they got up under much to his surprise too. They were actually able to change the bolts out after a bit of work on it and get it back going. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so this is going to be a regular cab.

Chairman Worsley stated yeah, regular cab truck and like I say he is going to retire the one that he's now that old eighties, early 80s model four door truck, dual truck. They are going to retire it. Commissioner Nixon asked so, the dual wheel he has is the eighty. the 1980. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, that's probably going to be somewhere around eighty-two, eighty-three, that white one. And then he's got the other truck. You know, that's like a 97. The one that Ricco drives going to the limb cutters. You know the limb cutter and that's the one at the front end is worm slam out. You're getting by with it right now. But we're just soon to get these trucks in. That truck needs parked. Along with this other dump truck. The white one. That needs to be parked and declared surplus and get rid of it. But I told Andy I said you get this other dump truck in. I said please do not put this truck back on the road. I said don't try to use it. We just need to surplus it. Get rid of it. Get rid of the

liability. So, he's an agreement for that. You know that that truck will be parked immediately just as soon as the other one comes in. Commissioner Cox stated and we don't have any confusion on the other trucks that's coming in as far as. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, everything's fine with them, it's just this one truck that is in question. You know, like I said at that time, Andy, that's when he was so sick, you know, when all this was taking place. Because he liked to died on us. you know and when they got those stints out, he started recovering. But, you know, in his defense, he was not able to go up and look after everything and look at the invoice and stuff, you know, the way it was wrote up. But like I say, Richard says, he does remember that Andy told him about the wheelbase and the dual wheels. So, the question now is if you all want to move forward with this for an additional roughly \$4000. Commissioner Cox asked and this will be the only dualled wheel we have after we sell the other one. Chairman Worsley stated well, he's got that grey one down here. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he's got a pretty new one that we bought, Mr. Cofty stated 2021. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah. Last year. We got a pretty new one that we bought last year. Chairman Worsley stated yeah.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated that's the response one that he leaves hooked up all the time. So, you got that one. 2021 and then and then he won't want one. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, he uses it to take out the excavator well if he going to move the excavator you know he'll use it a lot of times. You know that little limb cutter outfit and then he uses it to transport the small backhoes out to the job, already using it. But it's sitting there. It's about like Ladon said. You know. It's not an everyday driver. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated but it's a crew cab too, ain't it? Chairman Worsley stated yeah, it's that dark grey one. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it's a 4 door it think. Chairman Worsley stated yeah 4 door, dual wheel. Got the diesel engine. All that stuff in it. Commissioner Cox asked could we use it to transport some of this stuff? Chairman Worsley stated yeah, he uses it like I say, you know, but you know, get back to it, you're looking at your bed again. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked but if we went, if we went a different route, I mean, it's going, tires you know, the next time you buy a truck, I mean, it's going to be all equal out, man. I know it's a lot of money to upkeep of a dually because I got one. Commissioner Cox stated I do too,

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I done got away from them because of that but I'm not saying. I mean he may need another truck to pull, I don't know. Chairman Worsley stated he told me it would be an important part of Road Department down there. And I say keep in mind you either going to have to spend roughly \$4,000 or you're going to spend several thousand dollars for another bid to fit this truck at the ford places has now. Because the bed he has got now you can't cut it down. It was a specially built bed. You know. He carried the ambulance body over there. You know, and they are custom built that bed for that wheelbase, you and that's what he's after now. one he just bolted it right back down to it and go back to work with it. Commissioner Cox asked if the bed on the one you're talking about the emergency response is just a regular black bed or is it a flatbed or? Chairman Worsley stated it is flat it's a flatbed type. You know if you got toolboxes and stuff. You know, in front and under the bottom of stuff. Commissioner Cox stated right. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated he has got pictures, that's what we got. That's what we bought

last year. Commissioner Cox stated the one we are talking about buying now is it just like this but. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated regular cab. Commissioner Cox stated regular cab and gas. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked it's a diesel, ain't it? the one you we are buying. Chairman Worsley stated its gas. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated it got the gas in it. is there a picture of that truck that we're going to take the bed off of. Chairman Worsley stated the beds already sitting down there. He's had that truck stripped for a long time. It was surplused out the scrap. The truck it was. Commissioner Cox stated He's going to use them in, we're not going to use this truck to pull anything like we're going to do this new truck I mean. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, he puts, now, he does, he will hook a fifth wheel and everything else right up to this truck that he's wanting with the deal wheels. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so, this truck right, this grey truck, it stays hooked up to the gooseneck. All the time. Chairman Worsley stated right. That he was talking about also the, you know, they got the pipe trailer down there. And a lot of time one joint of pipe will not do the job so they had to carry another piece of cut piece down there. And he said with that short wheelbase frame he's not going to be able to haul that pipe on the back bed like they were able to. Now, another thing he threw out. Commissioner Cox stated so, we're looking at 4,000 verses, Chairman Worsley stated 7-8000. Yeah.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated but he is talking about he going to put a 7 or 8 year old bed on it too. I ain't seen the bed. so, I don't know. They say it's okay and Commissioner Cox stated do we know that bed's going to fit. Chairman Worsley stated yeah. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked and it isn't rusted it out or nothing. Chairman Worsley stated No, that bed is in good shape. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I wish we had pictures of it, Commissioner Cox agreed. Chairman Worsley stated so, my recommendation would be to go ahead and reorder one he is requesting because he is the one that has to use it. He knows what he needs. Commissioner Cox stated by all means, if it's going to be used to pull and you know, do what it's intended for dual wheel. I just, you know, we just going to buy it for transport. If I wouldn't. Chairman Worsley stated yeah, it'd be it would be it would be a daily worker. Commissioner Cox stated right. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated if that's going to be the case. He needs to hook this truck to the gooseneck that just sits there all the time and use that 4 door when that's in haul people around with. You know what I mean? Like, he needs to hook this truck to the to the be the fast response in this one. You can't haul people in that. You could haul people in this. You see what I'm saying? Commissioner Cox stated yeah. Chairman Worsley stated because it will be used primarily for grass cutting, you know, mowing crew. You know, so you hadn't got but 2 of them going out in that truck.

Commissioner Cox stated Right. Okay, alright well I reckon I make a motion. Chairman Worsley stated alright, we have a second to proceed forward. With reordering a new truck that Andy needs with dual wheels with the wheelbase that he's requesting. So, we have a motion. Do we have a second. Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **COURTHOUSE VEHICLE – Tax Commissioners Office**

Chairman Worsley stated okay, next on the agenda is a courthouse vehicle of tax commissioner's office. Mr. Cofty stated let me go back to that. Because I'll call Ford place. Which length do you want? There are two lengths here. Chairman Worsley stated Andy said the 8 ft bed is hat Andy told me. Mr. Cofty stated Okay. Chairman Worsley stated but double check what Andy because like I said Andy knows what he got going on now. Mr. Cofty stated I will get with him. Chairman Worsley stated yeah. double check with him because he's the one that knows what's going on. Commissioner Cox stated well definitely make sure pickup will fit that bed. So, whatever that bed is. Chairman Worsley stated Okay, now we have the courthouse vehicle. Mr. Cofty stated I was just asked by Ms. Christine to put that on there. I guess you guys received text messages so I don't know what was other than that. I just know that the vehicle is an older vehicle. It's seen its days. you know, the sheriff donated a vehicle that we were going to put for the cleaning that we've got the Blazer. So, it you know, there's two options you guys got is the mileage, the reimbursement or put the blazer there for the courthouse because I now all the other departments also use or I guess they said would. So, that's up to you. Two different options.

Chairman Worsley stated what is the legal mileage rate, you know? Ms. Whittaker stated 0.655 cents. That's the IRS rate. Chairman Worsley asked 60 what. Ms. Whittaker stated 0.655 cents. That's the IRS rate 65 and a half. That's the IRS for 2023. Chairman Worsley stated Ms. Jennifer, I see you sitting in here? You have anything you want to say? Ms. Jackson stated I do, there's actually 3 options and the third option consists of the board adopting it, it's that expense allocation that you all can sign up where it pays \$100 a month. We drive our, I drive my vehicle and we don't have to worry about the other two options that were brought to me. The older vehicles, me personally they're not fitted to be on the highway. I've driven one of them and it's cutting off. I was at the bank as Doug knows. They had to go and jump it off. Mr. Cofty stated we put a new battery in it. Ms. Jackson stated and I hauled a lot of money around to have to even think of this maybe happening. The second option, mileage reimbursement. I went through that years ago. We recorded the mileage, turned it in, made it been before you all's time and we never got compensated for it. So, I'm asking the board if y'all would consider that third option and just go ahead and end this here situation of traveling back and forth to the bank doing the county duties. Feel much safer. No liability because as it is, these vehicles now is we want to drive them and get hit. Our insurance, we got hurt, Our insurance will have to be the one to pay, not the county because it's just liability insurance.

Chairman Worsley stated well, we got a different board that's doing a lot of things, a lot different. I'm going to pat everyone on the back. Like I say we got those 3 options. If she can keep up with the mileage, then, we'll make sure that she is reimbursed. What are we looking at roughly per month that way, Doug? Do you have any ideas? Mr. Cofty stated it's it in your packet. I drove it yesterday, it was 0.88 miles, it's about 193 miles per year if you if you did that. Ms. Jackson asked it's 0.88 going. Mr. Cofty stated its round trip. It's going to People's to First state, First state, back around to the bank, and driving around the

square and parking. So, it's 0.88, The whole entire. Ms. Jackson stated I got different from what you got. Mr. Cofty stated Like I mean, I've got it where mt recorder shows everything. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated what did you get miss Jennifer? Ms. Jackson started like round trips. I got like 1.18. Mr. Cofty asked did you went to Ameris because I didn't put Ameris. I mean, I've got what shows. Ms. Jackson stated sometimes it calls for me to go to other counties and pick up things that not needed, that I don't have in my office. So, I would have to use that same vehicle that I have with the Early County have with the Decatur County. So, it's not just the bank I will be going to. Chairman Worsley stated so as it is when you go off to school and we do reimburse your mileage correct. Ms. Jackson stated right, right. Go out to school. Oh, I had the option to drive the county vehicle. Which I did that one year, but it wasn't the white one because it was in the shop at the time. Mr. Cofty stated but actually, actually, Mr. Allen requested to call me a contract and it states that they must provide me with a vehicle and that's the vehicle I drive. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so, we pay you mileage on stuff already? Ms. Jackson stated Yes. Now, when I go to school. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated When you go to school, I mean, I mean, we're paying you mileage now. We pay you mileage when you go to school. Ms. Jackson stated Yeah.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated when you go to school, you get a check? Ms. Jackson stated Yes. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you get reimbursed. Ms. Jackson stated I turned in my mileage when I got back. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated So. Ms. Jackson stated and they cut me on check. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so we already doing that, right? Chairman Worsley stated as far as when she goes to school, not the bank. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I am not talking about that I mean, you, I mean, you've been getting a check. You've been getting a check. You said you hadn't been getting a check. Ms. Jackson stated no, I said I haven't going back and forth to the bank. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah. But you but you do turn in mileage and get a check. For other things. Ms. Jackson stated right, I was turning in mileage to get a check for that also when I didn't get it. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well we going to make sure we going to make sure you do this. Mr. Cofty stated I know you guys got that text message and you saw that text message. And that text message, she did say she recorded it turned and didn't get reimbursed. I've asked Qwendlyn it since she's been here. And Ms. Jennifer just cleared up. It may have been before us. But it was not us. I just wanted to make sure. Ms. Jackson stated right. No, that's what Ladon was asking. No, I did not get it. Did not turn in when they were here. It was prior. And I think I quote that . I don't know other counties, they adopted that that third option, the expense mileage, and it's done. After every election, if the board decide, we don't want to do that, then y'all can take it off to the table, just like she put it on the table.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well, I think, I think I would be in favor of it. If you go into training or going to other counties, and you turn in mileage, just add this in with that, and, and handle it like that. Ms. Jackson stated I don't do it like to. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I mean, no, I'm not, I'm talking about like this. So, like. Ms. Jackson stated you would be in favor of the mileage reimbursement. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Correct. Commissioner Nixon asked let me ask you this. If we did do the and I'm just asking. If we did do the 100 per month. Ms. Jackson stated Uh huh. Commissioner Nixon continued

would that cover like if you went to on class and everything? Ms. Jackson stated not on class. That's to just cover any duties of the county, not my school. I budget for the schooling and travel. Commissioner Nixon stated gotcha. and so, but if you went to other counties and stuff, it would cover that as well. Ms. Jackson stated right. If I went to other counties. For like. I wouldn't have to turn in the mileage. Commissioner Nixon stated so, that would be the \$100 a month plus the mileage. No, now, if I had that now, that would be included if I went to Early County, If I went to the bank. Only thing it would not include is when I go to school to school. That's the only thing that everything else is taken care of.

Ms. Whittaker asked and your girls what they do, you'd be doing the same for. Ms. Jackson stated Yes. I will be doing. I will be taking my vehicle. I think this is to me I feel like that third option is the best option to go. Talking with other counties, you know, I understand the mileage of reimbursement is what we have to record, every mile, they have to have a log sheet and record every mileage and turn it in once a month. This way right here, doing this third option is done and it's over with and y'all had nothing to worry about. I have nothing to worry about. Chairman Worsley stated now if you get in a wreck on your own personal vehicle, doing county business. Is the county going to be lawful. Ms. Whittaker stated yes. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated absolutely. Ms. Jackson asked is the county liable now. Mr. Cofty stated Yes. if you're doing company business on your vehicle. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Yes. Mr. Cofty stated our insurance covers it. Ms. Jackson stated Okay. So, with that being said now I'm going to use my brother for instance that had the wreck. And I know you all are aware of my brother in the incident that he has. So, when he got hit, the county is not liable for him. He has to file on his own insurance. Ms. Whittaker stated Not for the vehicle. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated not for the vehicle. Ms. Jackson stated Right. Right. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated not for the vehicle. Ms. Jackson stated I'm on this vehicle. So, if I got hit and if I got hurt would the county be liable for me? Ms. Whittaker stated the reason they're not liable for him is because it was the other driver's fault. But now we've had to turn in as far as the vehicle ACCG's paid us. Ms. Jackson stated right. right. Ms. Whittaker continued but as far as him being hurt I wasn't that because it was the other driver's fault? Ms. Jackson stated well that's with liability insurance.

Chairman Worsley stated the one at fault is the one responsible. Ms. Whittaker stated yeah, we got full coverage. Ms. Jackson stated Liability? Ms. Whittaker stated no, we've got full coverage. Like, right there on all the vehicles because if we hit somebody like that guy with Stephen, you know, we had to pay. Mr. Cofty stated well, we pay out. Yes, we'll pay. I think what they have is two different it is kind of confusing. Yeah. The ACCG IRMA states its liability but it's full coverage. I mean, we have to pay a \$2500 deductible for every instance. So, that's where they consider the liability but they pay completely if anything's damaged. She's referring to us is the person. Ms. Whittaker stated that's Workers Compensation. It's like paying out of two funds. The truck is paid out of our umbrella coverage. The person hurt is paid out of workers' comp. Isn't there how they explain it? Mr. Cofty stated Yes. So, our insurance does not cover personal injury. That goes to the workman's comp because they're working. They're on duty. Chairman Worsley stated one thing I am trying to get at are we responsible for her vehicle? Mr. Cofty stated Yes. She's

doing company time. We're responsible for that vehicle. Ms. Jackson stated that's not the way the other counties relate to me. They actually related that the county would not my insurance would but county wouldn't be. I kind of did a little researching on that with other counties. I've got some stuff in there too for y'all as well. Chairman Worsley stated Yeah, I was looking at from Seminole County manager. Question was asked, do any of you provide a vehicle on a daily basis for your tax commission to make deposits in? Seminole County manager responded, no, we paid a girl's mileage once, twice a year. Alright? Early county manager, stated not from early. Decatur County said no. Baker County said, we have a vehicle that they can use if they want to share by the tax commissioner's office. Yes, and that's reference to the vehicle that as far as that money she's talking about, that, that was not, that's, that's a totally different subject. And that's, that's as far as the vehicle providing a vehicle. Ms. Jackson stated that's what those counties does. But there's other county that does adopt the expense.

Chairman Worsley stated the small blazer. Is it in pretty good shape?. Mr. Cofty stated I could, I mean, I haven't had any issues with it. I mean, the cleaning girl when they drove, you know, I mean, one of them drove quite a bit and the tires on it and. Chairman Worsley stated the Tahoe is it in good shape? Mr. Cofty stated we haven't tested out yet. We haven't fully tested it. I mean, it come out of surplus. It come out of the junk pile over there. Ms. Jackson Yeah, most of the vehicles come out of that junk and they those are the one that I was saying. Mr. Cofty stated I know the Tahoe is going to have to have tires. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I make a motion that we adopt the mileage rate she turns into mileage once a month and we cut her a check and then she drives her vehicle. We'll pay for a vehicle if she gets in a wreck. And we don't have to have a truck sitting up there. Chairman Worsley stated our insurance will pay for a vehicle. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated right if she gets an accident while she's on duty and then we don't have to worry about unsafe truck for her to drive in. Ms. Jackson asked so, who will keep up with the mileage? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you, you can't, I mean, we did it already. How many times you go a year. How many times you go to the bank? How many days you work a year? Ms. Jackson stated 2080 hours. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated how many days of how many hours? Ms. Jackson stated yeah, you calculate. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated 220 days. I got it right. I got it right here. So, I already know. So, I mean. Ms. Jackson stated I figured you did it.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so I already know. Chairman Worsley stated Okay. So, we have a motion to pay her mileage at what? 0.655 cent per mile. Is that correct? Mr. Cofty stated yes 0.655. Ms. Jackson stated so I got to get together on the mileage exactly. Not the eight point something Doug come up with. Mr. Cofty stated I did it to record. I did it. I mean, I don't know if you'd want to trust it but I did it recorded that and I've got the map on the, you see the map. You see the actual distance. Ms. Jackson stated what about when I go to other cities? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated keep your mileage. You got my little button right there. You can bash right there on your car. Ms. Jackson stated I ain't studying that. On what? On what this here county vehicle. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you drive your vehicle and get mileage for driving. Ms. Jackson state what about getting paid for the



wear at tear on the tires. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well, that's what mileage is paying. That's what, that's what mileage does it pays you for wear and tear and gas. Ms. Whittaker stated yeah, that's why they did the sixty-five. Ms. Jackson asked and that's why they do the 65. Ms. Whittaker stated the IRS mileage is gas, Vice Chairman Calhoun stated and wear and tear and everything on your vehicle. That's what it does. Ms. Jackson stated well, I don't know about the wear and tear. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated That's what. Ms. Jackson stated Tires. So, y'all go get me a set of tires. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated No, the 0.655 pays for that. Ms. Jackson stated yeah, I wouldn't get a set of tires a year out of that. How much that come out to be a year? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well, you only driving 193.6 miles. Ms. Jackson stated I haven't calculated yet. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated you can get 50,000 miles. Ms. Jackson stated it will be more when I go out of town,

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated You get 50,000 miles on a set of tires, is it going to be 50,000 miles a year. I mean, that's what a set of tires. I'm just saying that with a set of tires, you can get 40-, 50,000 miles out of set of tires. Chairman Worsley stated but regardless, we'll make sure that you get paid. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Yes. Chairman Worsley stated with correct mileage, absolutely. Commissioner Nixon asked how many times a month, Jennifer, do you go like to Blakely or to, I mean, would you go a couple of times? Ms. Jackson stated it is very little couple of times. Commissioner Nixon stated the reason I'm asking that, if you do go multiple times a month, it may benefit you to do the mileage versus just \$100. Ms. Jackson stated and that's why I said I was not trying to beat nobody but. Commissioner Nixon stated Right. Ms. Jackson continued salary for the 100 dollar. I knew I was beating myself. I was just trying to deescalate this here situation because it's been going on ever since I took office in 2009. 2009, so here we are. 13, 14 years later. and I'm still having a problem. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated but this is the industry norm. This is how 90% of the America does it as they do it by this rate. Ms. Jackson stated Oh yes, I do I know. Well, you know, 90%. Yeah. not 100 percent. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I didn't say that. Ms. Jackson continued there are some that does. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated there's some that do different. Ms. Jackson stated that's right.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah but we just want to be in line with everybody else and this will pay you for tires, oil, whatever, whatever you need, gas, it's going to pay you for all of that. So, if you go to Blakely, if you go, if you go to Atlanta, Athens, whatever, it's going to pay. And then you get to drive your car. You don't have to be in an unsafe vehicle that came from the impound lot at the sheriff department. I wouldn't want to drive one. I'll be honest. Chairman Worsley stated so, get back to it. We have a motion. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Uh huh. Ms. Jackson stated I'm getting an Attorney because I'm, I'm not, I'm not for driving my car. For such but still doing the counties duties. I was strongly advised for you to talk to you all. And y'all do have the option to adopt that third. Period. So, that's what I'm looking for and I respect if y'all don't want to adopt it, I respect that. Chairman Worsley stated so we have a motion. Commissioner Cox stated the vehicle we talked about earlier What is it? Is it? Mr. Cofty stated It's a blazer. I don't I think it's a 2004. I think it comes from the road. That one comes from the road department. It's in that book right there. Chairman Worsley stated it's been a good vehicle. We purchased it from

Tallahassee down there at the surplus of the state, you know. They done a little minor work on it. The vehicle's been a good one. Even the tax assessors' office, correct me if I'm wrong. I think they used it at one time. Ms. Jackson stated is there air and heat in there? Mr. Cofty stated yes. Ms. Jackson stated because during the winter, we had to drive that one with that cold. I mean I don't have a problem driving county vehicle. The problem I have with the county vehicles is the one that I've been given. They all come from the field. As you all know, you had totaled them. So, to me, they're not liable on the highway. They all had a body damage. I know what y'all was saying. The motor and all that is okay. So, I'm going to have some ties put on. The one I had that had jumped off. Now, this blazer you're talking about. Is everything. I shouldn't have no problem. Mr. Cofty stated now, with any older vehicle or like Jeff said one time, a newer vehicle, when a battery dies, the battery dies. There's nothing you can do about it. That's why they sell batteries constantly.

Chairman Worsley stated especially if it's cool weather. Mr. Cofty stated I can't go out there and put a stamp on and say everything's 100% perfect because the battery could go down on it. The radiator hose could break. It just it could break on a new car or an old car. I can only tell you what we haven't had any issues with it since the cleaning people were driving it. Ms. Jackson stated so, the cleaning people, why did they stop driving? Mr. Cofty stated because we're going to put them in a bigger vehicle because they're going to drive triple the miles that you would drive on a daily basis. Chairman Worsley stated because they are hauling cleanest supplies. Mr. Cofty stated yes and all that stuff and that little one is just too small. Then again, I mean, the Tahoe may not work out. I mean, we haven't put it to the test yet but I know it needs tires. That's the reason it's not. You know, it's not fully functional just yet. Chairman Worsley stated Okay, so we'll go back again. We got a motion on the table. Do we have a second on this? Ms. Jackson stated a motion on the table for at me doing the mileage but as he's Doug said, the county vehicle is operable, it's safe. Commissioner Cox stated yeah. Commissioner Nixon stated and you would be okay with that. Mr. Cofty stated I mean, I'm not going to put my stamp on it but I say it's safe enough to drive it. Ms. Jackson stated its got air and heat and all that good stuff in there. Chairman Worsley stated or we have the option of furnishing herb with the Chevrolet Blazer and let her grab it. Mr. Cofty stated whatever all's motion you want to put in.

Commissioner Cox stated go ahead, Ms. Jennifer. What were you going to say? Ms. Jackson, no, I'm just saying I will continue to drive a county vehicle as long as it's safe. Since the third option is off the table here, it sounds like. I will continue to drive a county vehicle as long as it's safe. I don't want to be and he can't one hundred commit. Mr. Cofty stated I can take it down to Andy and them and let them go through it. Ms. Jackson stated well, that's what was told about the other one. You were going to take it to Andy then never got done. Mr. Cofty well, I did take it Andy and he said he knew that the heater wasn't working because there was a flap and it would cost more to fix. Ms. Jackson stated well nobody knows anybody knows that. Mr. Cofty stated well, I think the guys, I think Brad's guys took it back there and he wasn't there. Was that when Douglas? Ms. Jackson well, Brad's guy told me, I know what the problem is, Jennifer and I can fix it but I'm not going to Mr. Cofty stated which guy was that. Ms. Jackson stated Douglas. Mr. Cofty stated he didn't tell you

that. Mr. Bell stated he didn't tell me anything or is I. Chairman Worsley stated Okay, what's your feelings on this? Mr. Cofty stated If y'all want to take it to the road department, I can take it to a service center. That's up to y'all. Chairman Worsley stated Well, we got a certified mechanic down there. Mac. Commissioner Cox stated If we're going to use a county this is my opinion. If we're going to supply a vehicle for it, it does need to be reliable. Yeah. And by all means. And does anybody else use the vehicles up there? How do they? Mr. Cofty stated I've heard from people. I'm not calling nobody names but I've heard from people saying that why they don't get a vehicle to make deposits that everybody makes deposits. So, Ms. Jackson stated Why they don't do what? Mr. Cofty stated Why that they don't get a vehicle to make deposits? So, my thought was to put it up there at the courthouse. the courthouse vehicle on it and let the whole, let everybody use it.

Chairman Worsley stated correct. Ms. Jackson stated do they go to the bank every day? Mr. Cofty stated they said do. Ms. Jackson stated They said they do. Mr. Cofty stated Yes. So, that's I'm not What's that? Ms. Jackson stated so they never asked for mileage. Mr. Cofty stated nobody has asked for mileage in this county. That's everybody, no county work other than your department. Ms. Jackson right. right and been since 2009. I've been at. Mr. Cofty stated It's probably longer than that. I don't think we've ever paid mileage unless they go off the conference, don't you? but like other people when they go off to school, they get mileage too. That's the only time they ask for mileage. Chairman Worsley stated okay, we've been pushed for time. We got like 22 minutes for the next meeting starts. So, what y'all feeling though? Y'all want them? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated well, we got a motion you got. Chairman Worsley stated Yeah, we got a motion. We got to deal with either. We get a second on it or Ladon can redraw it. Ms. Jackson asked what the motion was. Chairman Worsley stated the motion was to pay 0.655 cent per mile once a month. Ms. Jackson stated we going to I going to drive the county vehicle. Commissioner Nixon stated so you would rather drive the county vehicle? Ms. Jackson stated Yeah. Chairman Worsley stated Ladon you need to retract it if we not going to get a second.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated if we don't get if we don't get a second then it just dies. Ms. Jackson stated what I said is if you're not adopting that third option. then I would go back with the county as long as it's a reliable vehicle. Commissioner Cox let's make sure just take it. Yup. That's right. Everything. If that's the way we're going, Chairman Worsley stated yeah I would say that's probably going to be the least problems. We just give her the blazer. Get it check it out at Road Department. Give it a thumbs up and then swap vehicle and then we can surplus the other one. Commissioner Cox stated if that's the way we are going. I'll make a motion and get a reliable vehicle for the county for her to use. Chairman Worsley stated we got the blazer. The S10 blazer. Mr. Cofty stated Her or the courthouse? Because I've got that. Chairman Worsley stated Courthouse. Courthouse. It needs to be up there for everybody to use. Ms. Jackson stated but a key was always kept in my office and nobody even came in. I thought I was the only one using it. I didn't know there were others wanting to use it. Chairman Worsley stated well, it'll be an option if they need it. So, Jeff, you made a motion to go forward with the S10 Blazer. You okay, whatever. Commissioner Cox stated You know what I'm saying? If the option's not there for the

mileage. Chairman Worsley stated do we have a second? Commissioner Nixon stated for what you're saying. Commissioner Cox stated for providing vehicle for. the courthouse. Commissioner Nixon stated okay, I'll second that. Commissioner Cox stated reliable. All in favor. Motion carried. Thank you Ms. Jennifer.

## **EXCAVATOR DOCUMENTATION**

Chairman Worsley stated okay, next is documentation finding from requested research. Mr. Cofty stated now, this like I said, this is documentation. If you guys want to talk about it now, you just want to review it and the county attorney will be here at the next meeting. This is where Ladon and Jeff had asked me to look into the legality of using a tracker to pull an excavator and all the documentation that I found is from ACCG, IRMA and the State patrol and MCCD but it's through the state patrol. Chairman Worsley stated so, what was their finding? Chairman Worsley stated just for this state to put a record. Mr. Cofty stated the finding is that it is illegal for a county to tow an excavator with a tractor. There is a provision in there. It's marked and it's highlighted that a tractor, a farmer, what their definition is a farm, an agricultural vehicle has to be owned by a farmer and can be viewed by his employees or the family. It has to tote, agriculture product. So, it's right here. It's the one that's in yellow if you guys will look at it. I'll read it to you. It says, as using this paragraph, the term agriculture vehicle means a farm vehicle which is controlled and operated by a farmer including operation by employees of a family or family members used to transport agriculture products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to and from a farm and operate within 150 miles of such said farm which vehicle is not used in operations of a common or contract carrier, any waiver must be by the Federal Motor Carrier. So, in in a sense, I've actually also reached out to the county attorney and his quick response was, it's illegal but he said, there's a longer response that he would like to talk to you guys at the next meeting about. So, that's where we are.

Chairman Worsley stated okay well, I've talked. It's going to be a different opinion. I talked and Andy did also with a local DOT person. We both got the same response from him. And we questioned him about it. He went to his commanding officer. And said there was nothing illegal about interim pulling an excavator with a tractor on a trailer. So, then I took a step further yesterday. I called MCCD which is motor carrier compliance division in Atlanta and I spoke with Captain Steven Sample. And he sent inspector Jonathan Swanson Digger something like that down here yesterday evening and met with Andy. The guy was coming from Atlanta. He lives in Tifton but he left and went to the Americas. And then he intercepted him and sent him down here. So, Andy and him went out there and looked at it. This guy give I mean a stream. Inspection of the shed. Got out with his tape measures. He measured everything. He got all the weights off everything what it was. He done an inspection on the tractor. the lights, on the trailer, the tractor, you just name it. I mean he went through it with a fine tooth comb. And then the only two things that he found were the tag light messed up on the back where the tag is. Back of the trailer. And one running light on the trailer was not working properly. The tractor he recommended did not have to do it but put a new tire on the front because it would get worn pretty bad. But in conclusion he said that it was not against the law that the county could use that tractor to

move this thing with. And another option have is to go and apply for a class E. Driver's license. Mr. Cofty stated that's right. And that's what I'm saying. It's probably not illegal but it's illegal not to have CDLs. So, you can pull it but you have got to have CDS. Chairman Worsley stated no. This guy said no. Mr. Cofty stated that's what ACCG are saying. Chairman Worsley stated I spoke I called again and talked to this guy this morning. You know, I listened to what Andy had to say and I called and talked to the captain Steven Sample. And he said, we were not breaking any law. That it was fully legal for them to do what they're doing because Andy checked on the law start off before this thing was done roughly two years ago. Mr. Cofty stated I just, what they told me, the documentation from our side. So, maybe we do need to have county attorney .

Chairman Worsley stated Yeah, the MCCD, up there said, they have the final say of all it. And so, you know, I called to talk to this guy this morning. I told him I appreciate him going out of the way to send somebody down the inspector. This guy even checked the lug nuts on all this stuff. I mean, he got out the truck and he told Andy says, I'm going to do my job. Regardless of what the outcome comes. You got a real nice, real professional, and he done it. If you give Andy two thumbs up. On what Andy had done. And that's what that guy told this morning in Atlanta. That Andy had went overboard to make sure that he had mirrored wide enough to be able to see. He's even had a flashing light on the back of the trailer. All this stuff to make sure. And they have a vehicle goes out in front of him when he moves this thing. And then he had one behind him. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked what is the MCCD. Mr. Cofty stated that's the motor carrier compliance division. Chairman Worsley stated he said we are perfectly legal. Mr. Cofty stated that what Will West said is that MCCD says no. We may need to get some people here. Commissioner Cox stated Will West is with the State Patrol. Mr. Cofty stated he asked MCCD. I mean, I don't know., we're hearing two different things. We may need to get some people here. Chairman Worsley stated but I've got the guy's phone number. If anybody wants to call him in Atlanta, feel free. I'll give it to y'all. Yeah, I'll give y'all a phone number. Commissioner Cox stated why don't we just get the county attorney and we know. Mr. Cofty stated he said he could come to the next meeting if y'all wanted him here. We're going to be glad too.

Chairman Worsley stated but he said the only stipulation to it was you cannot be doing nothing but with the county when you do it here. You've got to have these stickers on stuff. You know showing it to your county. You know before you. And he said that you can't get out here on the weekend and do personal stuff or commercial stuff. He said but now you can go on up here to the driver's license DMV apply for class E. License. And Andy said he wanted to do that with a couple of more of the people going there and get that done. But now that to still applies to the stuff about having the vehicles marked. You know he said you can hook to one of the small dump trucks. You can go anywhere you want to as long as it's County related business. Commissioner Cox stated right. I would suggest having the county attorney just for the simple fact of having it on the minutes. That whatever he says if we if we do it we good if we're not we're not. And that would release the county either way. Yes or no? Chairman Worsley stated You know what I say just want to make sure that, you know, that we would get everything, you know. Commissioner Cox stated I

understand. I'm good with the board I mean, that's what they want to do. That's what I feel. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated oh, I think we need to have this attorney on, yeah, on record stating. Chairman Worsley stated Yeah, I agree with that. Mr. Cofty stated he will be here at the next meeting. Chairman Worsley stated but now, Andy went ahead and he moved the excavator because he asked that inspector to come down here again. I transport this excavator and he said, yes, absolutely. So, he moved it out to Ms. Christine's road out there where it would be tied up for quite a while. So, this whole thing holding up, you know, anything getting done, excavator was dead right now where it was at. But I did, I have no idea what the outcome was going to be on the inspection. I can't do this. Andy was sweating bullets. Commissioner Cox stated I totally understand. I was just for the protection of the county. Let's just get the attorney in and let him tell us and we got it recorded in minutes. Chairman Worsley stated and if County attorney wants to call and talk to this guy. I'll be more than blessed to supply with a name and phone number to this division, up there. Commissioner Cox stated Okay. Chairman Worsley stated So, I guess that's it for the meeting, is that correct? Mr. Cofty stated yes sir. Chairman Worsley stated Okay. We need a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cox made motion to adjourn Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned