

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on **Thursday, September 14, 2017**, at **6:00pm** in the courtroom. Those present were Chairman Walker T. Norman, Commissioner Virginia T. Williams, District One; Commissioner Larry Collins, District Two; Commissioner Cooper Cliatt, District Three; Commissioner H. Lamar Wade, District Four; Mr. Ben Jackson, County Attorney; Mrs. Traci Bussey, Finance Director and Ms. Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk.

1.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Norman called the meeting to order.

2.

Invocation

Attorney Ben Jackson opened the meeting with prayer.

3.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Following the invocation Commissioner Williams lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

5.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

6.

Departmental Reports

A. Office of Emergency Services Department

Director Broom presented his monthly report. OES responded to 98 calls and the average response time was 9.0 minutes. E-Bill Gross billing for August was \$46,837 with revenues of \$22,857.

B. Recreation Department

Director Glaze was absent as he had Pop Warner activities at the Recreation Department. He had previously sent his report.

C. Finance Department

Director Bussey presented the Finance report.

D. Public Works Department

Director Seymour presented his monthly report. They serviced 2,065 water customers; installed 3 service connections; repaired 6 leaks on system; continued maintenance on hydrants, valves

and meters; performed locates for utilities; and maintaining Savannah Bay water system and Pointe Shores water system.

Commissioner Cliatt shared with Director Seymour and Director Broom that he appreciated all the hard work they did during and after the storms from Hurricane Irma.

Commissioner Wade informed Director Seymour that he had received good comments on the repairs to roads in his district.

E. Planning and Zoning Department

Director Seymour presented his monthly reports. They issued four (4) new and four (4) renewal business licenses; issued 55 permits and performed 272 on-site evaluations; 5 plan reviews; 0 solid waste activities; 38 code violations site visits and 14 notices of violation.

Chairman Norman stated that the recent storm had caused major power outages throughout the county and asked everyone to have patience as the electric companies are working hard to get the lights back on. He thanked Director Broom and his OES personnel for all they did during the storm. He informed the public that we now have an Emergency Operations Center at the new OES facility and that a meeting was held there Sunday with Director Broom, Mayor Brown, Dr. Light, Chief Lively, Sheriff Hatfield, Major Wallen, Director Seymour, himself and others to review the incoming data about the storm and make decisions regarding the school system and county offices. He also thanked the Volunteer Fire Departments in Lincoln County for their help with traffic due to downed trees throughout the county. He thanked the road department employees for their help as DOT did not go out to remove trees on state roads so the county had to do it. Appreciation was also given to Faith Community Church as they were the shelter for our area and housed one family during the storm.

7.

Abandonment of Choctaw Road

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to proceed with the abandonment of Choctaw. This road is off of Indian road and will only affect the property owner who requested the abandonment.

8.

Abandonment of Camp Daniel Marshall Road

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board voted unanimously to proceed with the abandonment of a portion of Camp Daniel Marshall Road. This road is an easement on Corps of Engineer property and will not affect any property owners.

9.

Solid Waste Tax

On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board voted unanimously to approve changing the solid waste tax administration fee to \$5.00. Director Seymour recommended the Board increase the fee and informed them that it had been the same since 2005.

10.

General Fund Final Budget FY 2018

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the FY 2018 General Fund Budget. Director Bussey informed the Board that the General Fund budget had increased since the Temporary Budget was passed in June. The new total is \$7, 003,695. Chairman Norman stated that this was only the general fund that once you include the miscellaneous budgets the total is over \$10 million.

11.

County Millage Rate

On a motion on Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board voted unanimously to set the County millage rate at 10.188 which is same as last year.

12.

Tax Levy for 2017

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2017 Tax Levy. Director Bussey stated that the 2017 Tax Levy includes the County, School System and Development Authority mills for a total millage rate of 31.165 and the Solid Waste Tax of \$214.44.

13.

Workforce Investment Grant FY 2018 & Grant Budget FY 20018

On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Workforce Investment Grant and Budget for FY 2018. Director Bussey informed the Board that when the Misc. Budget was approved it did not include the Workforce Investment Grant for \$1,885,000. Lincoln County is the fiscal agent for nine (9) counties in our region.

14.

Firefighter Cancer Policy

On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board voted unanimously to remove this item at the time.

15.

Tower Lease Agreement – T Mobile

On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board voted unanimously to give the Chairman authority to sign the Tower Lease Agreement with T-Mobile once it is filled out and completed. Director Broom stated that the lease agreement is a standard lease agreement and will be used for all companies/utilities leasing space on the towers.

16.

Repairs to Public Safety Radio System

Director Broom informed the Board that the cables at the tower for the public safety radio system are over 20 years old and one has an RF leak that causes errors in transmissions. The signal currently bleeds Public Works transmissions into OES & Sheriff transmissions causing confusion. Director Broom recommends replacing both cables due to age. Cost for material will

be about \$10,000 and labor for removing, installing and climbing tower will be about \$7,000 for an approximate total cost of \$17,000. He is working on finding a better price.

17.

Lincoln County Transit Procurement Policy

On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Lincoln County Transit Procurement Policy. Clerk McKellar presented the Transit Procurement Policy that GDOT requires so that we remain FTA compliant.

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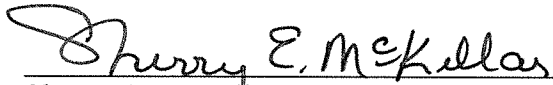
Adjourn

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.



Walker T. Norman, Chairman

Attest:



Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk