

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the commissioners' conference room. Those present were Chairman H. Wade Johnson; Commissioner Virginia T. Williams, District One; Commissioner Larry Collins, District Two; Commissioner Cooper Cliatt, District Three; Commissioner Richard Brown, District Four; Mr. Ben Jackson, County Attorney; and Ms. Roxanne Brown, County Clerk.

1.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order.

2.

Invocation

Ben Jackson opened the meeting with prayer.

3.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed the invocation.

4.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

5.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following addition: 7A- Request from Sheriff Beggs.

6.

Departmental Reports

Office of Emergency Services Department

Director Broom reported a total of 100 calls for service with revenues of \$21,139.

Recreation Department

Director Kirby submitted his written report to the board.

Finance Department

Director Bussey submitted her report to the board.

Public Works Department

Director Seymour reported a total of 1,434 water customers, 159 sewer customers and 615 availability customers with a monthly billing of \$68,118.99.

Planning and Zoning Department

Director Seymour reported a total of 71 business licenses being issued for revenues of \$4,550. There were 41 permits issued for revenues of \$3,754.

Lincoln County Library Annual Update

The board heard Mrs. Shirley Dawkins give the annual report for the Lincoln County Library.

Mrs. Dawkins expressed her appreciation to the board for allowing the library to leave its former region and join Columbia and Warren counties in forming a new region, the Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library System. Burke County joined the system in 2014.

7.

Appointment of County Legislative Coordinator

On motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the board voted unanimously to appoint Chairman Johnson.

7A.

Request from Sheriff Beggs

Sheriff Beggs requested that the board allow Major Tony Grooms to keep his weapon. Sheriff Beggs said that Major Grooms has worked for three sheriffs, driven several patrol cars, and worn different uniforms in the course of his work here, but his weapon is the only piece of equipment that has remained with him throughout his career in Lincoln County. He said that Major Grooms will be leaving the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office to take a position at the federal courthouse in Augusta.

On motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the board voted unanimously to declare Major Tony Grooms' Glock as a surplus weapon, with the intent of making Major Grooms the custodian of the pistol for life.

8.

Appointment of Vice-Chairman

On motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Brown as Vice-Chairman.

9.

Committee Appointments

Chairman Johnson made the following committee appointment for 2015:

Finance Committee: Commissioner William, Chairman; Commissioner Collins, Vice-Chairman.

Recreation Committee: Commissioner Collins, Chairman; Commissioner Williams, Vice-Chairman

Public Works Committee: Commissioner Collins, Chairman; Commissioner Cliatt, Vice-Chairman

General Government Committee: Commissioner Cliatt, Chairman; Commissioner Williams, Vice-Chairman

Parks/Campgrounds: Commissioner Brown, Chairman and Chairman Johnson, Member.

10.

Board Appointments

Lincoln County Library Board – At Large by Chairman

This was tabled until February meeting.

Lincoln County Library Board - District One

On motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Sharon Clark to the Lincoln County Library Board to represent District One.

11.

Adjourn

On motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

H. Wade Johnson, Chairman

Attest:

Roxanne Brown, County Clerk