

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on **Thursday, March 9, 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

Rev. Franklin Jones of Freedom Ministries Church opened the meeting with prayer.

3.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance Chairman Norman announced that it was Commissioner Williams birthday and asked everyone to congratulate her with a round of applause.

4.

Approval of Minutes

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

5.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, 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 and gave an update on David Nicholson, the employee that was in the motorcycle accident last month. He is currently going through rehab and hopes to be back to work by mid April. Director Broom then shared with the Board his progress on the furniture and fixtures for the OES that were approved at last month's meeting. He has purchased stadium seating that now gives the employees six (6) reclining seat to relax in between calls. He also purchased the tables for the training room in time to host a meeting of 25 people from the Department of Health. He is still researching the best price on lockers and hopes to have them ordered by next week.

Commissioner Collins then inquired about Med 3 and why it is out of service. Director Broom informed him that the #7 injector went bad in the rebuilt engine and the piston went out. It is currently in the shop to be repaired and they are checking on the warranty to see if it will cover the labor cost as well as the parts.

Director Broom informed the Board that state rules require that we have an ambulance in reserve at all times.

B. Recreation Department

Director Glaze presented his monthly report and informed the Board that basketball season just ended and Little League opening day will be April 15th with 172 kids signed up to play everything from T-Ball to Minor League.

C. Finance Department

Director Bussey presented the Finance report and informed the Board that the January Sales Tax was down by 25% from last year. She will check with the Department of Revenue to see why.

D. Public Works Department

Director Seymour presented his monthly reports. Commissioner Collins inquired if Director Seymour had heard anything back from GA DOT about the intersection of Highway 220W and Highway 378. Director Seymour replied that he has asked for rumble strips to be installed but has not received a formal reply and will follow-up.

Director Seymour then gave an update on some others items from last month's meeting:

- Chamberlain Ferry Road; repairs have been made by the DOT to the bad spots at no cost to the County.
- Plantation Point Road; repairs to the rework from last year have been made; again, at no cost to the County.
- Highway 378 @ Soap Creek Bridge; work has currently stopped on the bridge due to the water lines needing to be moved. The plan was to boar under the lake and install pipes from one side to the other. Due to excessive rock that is no longer feasible. They now would like to put the water lines on the bridge and run them down the causeway. Director Seymour's concern with that plan is if the 12" water main breaks who will pay the cost of repairs to the road. He has asked DOT to warranty the work and is awaiting reply.

Commissioner Cliatt then asked Director Seymour to ask DOT to come back to repair the road in front of the new Dollar General Store there at Cliatt Crossing as there is a bad dip in the road there.

E. Planning and Zoning Department

Director Seymour presented his monthly reports.

Commissioner Cliatt inquired about the Special Use - Hunting Camp in his report for Zoning and where it was located. Director Seymour said it is located on Goldman Road and is owned by a gentleman from Texas who uses it for training purposes.

Chairman Norman then informed the Board that they had, in their books, the report from the Lincoln County Extension Office for their review.

7.

CDBG Application

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Chairman to sign the Resolution and Letter of Agreement for the Community Development Block Grant application. Director Seymour presented to the Board the Resolution and Letter for the grant to be used to add an expansion to the existing gym for the Senior

Citizens. It will be on the opposite side of the gym from the East Georgia State College campus location.

8.

Amend USDA Application

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board voted unanimously to amend the USDA application from \$3,384,000 to \$1,900,000 for the water expansion. Director Seymour explained that this is the same application but the funds are decreased due to changing the location of the water lines. We will no longer be going up into the north end of the county as not enough people signed up. We are still going into Montego Point, we will drill two (2) new wells, rehab two (2) existing wells and now go to New Petersburg Road as there are residents there who's wells have run dry. The application also includes 500 new water meters to replace the manual read meters that are over 20 years old.

Amending the application will save money and allow us not to raise water rates at this time.

9. / 10.

Jeff & Sheri Easter / Little Roy Lewis and Lizzy Long

On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to give \$1000 from the Hotel / Motel account to each event.

Commissioner Collins stated that if you have never attended one of these events that you need to, you will get your money's worth.

11.

Board of Elections Agreement

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to allow Chairman Norman to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Lincolnton, Georgia and Lincoln County, Georgia for Election Services.

12.

Appoint Recreation Department Head

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Letrellis Glaze as Recreation Director.

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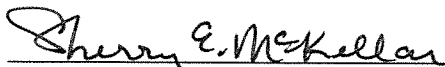
Adjourn

On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.



Walker T. Norman, Chairman

Attest:



Sherry E. McKellar
County Clerk