

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2007
6:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Virgil Carter on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Theodore Wilkerson, Sarah Boatright, H. Mike Dyal, John Elbert Tillman, Ronnie Rentz, and Commissioner Chairman Virgil Carter. Also present was County Manager Luther Smart, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and Clerk Chrissy Harris.

Chairman Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Commissioner Boatright led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Wilkerson gave the invocation.

Commissioner Boatright made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dyal to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 19, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

REBECCA OGDEN-COMMUNITY ISSUES PRESENTATION

Mrs. Rebecca Ogden thanked the board for their attention on the striping work that needed to be done on Ten Mile Road.

Mrs. Ogden also expressed her concerns on the delay of work on Doc McTier Road, the speeding problem on Nails Ferry Road and the need for maintenance work at the Northside Park area.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Boatright made a motion seconded by Commissioner Tillman to reappoint Robert Highsmith as the County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF VEHICLE BIDS

County Manager Luther Smart presented the board with a handout with detailed information on the Sheriff vehicle bids. The handout contained the following information:

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| 1. Metter Ford | \$19,570.15 (Ea) |
| | \$39,140.30 (2) |
| Cruise Control-Additional \$125.00 per vehicle | \$19,695.15 (Ea) |
| State Contract-Actual Money paid out | |
| Dependent upon local dealer to perform warranty | |
| 6-8 week delivery | |
| 2. Sapp Ford | \$20,598.00 (Ea) |
| | \$41,196.00 (2) |
| Local Dealer Preference: 3% (\$617.94) | (\$19,980.06) (Ea) |
| Local Dealer Preference: 3% (\$1,029.90) | (\$19,568.10) (Ea) |
| Actual Money Paid Out: \$20,598.00 each | |
| Warranty Work performed by local dealer | |
| Immediate delivery | |
| 3. Clint Brannen Ford (Unadilla) | \$20,123.00 (Ea) |
| Dependant upon local dealer to perform warranty | \$40,246.00 (2) |
| 6-8 week delivery | |

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| 4. Cothorn Varnadore Chevrolet | \$17,571.00 (Ea) |
| Front Wheel Drive –Does not meet specification | \$35,142.00 (2) |
| 5. Hardy Family Ford (Dallas) | \$19,981.15 (Ea) |
| Dependant upon local dealer to perform warranty | \$39,962.30 (2) |
| State Contract | |
| 6-8 week delivery | |
| 6. Carl Gregory Dodge (Columbus) | \$21,356.00 (Ea) |
| Met specifications | \$42,712.00 (2) |
| Highest bid | |
| Dependent upon local dealer to perform warranty | |
| 6-8 week delivery | |

Commissioner Tillman commented that in the past a 3 % local vendor preference has been used for higher cost items and a 5 % local vendor preference has been used for lower cost items in the consideration of a bid.

Commissioner Dyal made a motion to accept the bid from Sapp Ford of \$20,598.00 for each Sheriff vehicle. Commissioner Wilkerson seconded the motion. Commissioners Wilkerson, Boatright, Rentz, and Tillman voted against this motion and Commissioner Dyal voted in favor of this motion. This motion did not carry.

Commissioner Rentz made a motion seconded by Commissioner Tillman to accept the bid from Metter Ford of \$ 19,695.15 for each Sheriff vehicle. This motion carried unanimously.

RESCUE FINANCE VEHICLE

County Manager Luther Smart provided the board with a handout that contained the following information on the Rescue Vehicle Financing:

Total Purchase Price	\$97,379.00
(\$27,000 down payment) (\$70,379.00 balance)	

1. Oshkosh Capital

3 year	4.76 %
5 year	4.84 %
7 year	4.85 %

1st payment no due until December 2007
2. People's State Bank

7.25 % regardless of time financed

3. FNB

3 year	5.61 adjustable depending upon prime
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4. Community Bank

3 year	4.75 %
5 year	4.85 %
7 year	5.25 %
5. Park Avenue Bank

3 year	5.35 %
5 year	5.60 %

70 % of prime
\$250.00 processing fee
6. SunTrust – Has not called back with rate!

Three bids were obtained – Pierce out of Florida was lowest.

Commissioner Tillman made a motion seconded by Commissioner Boatright to finance the balance of \$70,379.00 (after a down payment of \$27,000.00) at a three year fixed rate of 4.75 % at the Community Bank in Baxley. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNEXATIONS – CITY OF BAXLEY

Commissioner Dyal made a motion seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the annexation of the property owned by Deloris S. Miles located on 83 Chad Claxton Road and of the property owned by Donnie Head and Timothy Courson located on Hwy #341 and Prentiss Road. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTHCARE INSURANCE CONTRACT RENEWALS

County Manager Smart reported to the board that he had met with the insurance brokers. Mr. Smart provided the board a handout with six options of health plans. He recommended that the board approve option number two, the Choice Plus Plan with United Healthcare. The annual premium for this plan is \$1,300,934. This will be a 4.8 % increase from last year. The national average of health benefit premiums is up at 11%. Mr. Smart informed the board that during the budgeting process the board had programmed in for an 11% increase for healthcare premium cost.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tillman and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to approve option number two, Choice Plus Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

RESCHEDULE FEBRUARY 6TH COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Chairman Virgil Carter suggested that the board reschedule the Commissioner's Regularly scheduled meeting to be held on February 6, 2007. Most of the Commissioners will be in Atlanta attending the Annual ACCG Policy Conference.

Commissioner Boatright made a motion seconded by Commissioner Rentz to schedule a Called Meeting/Worksession on Tuesday, February 13, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

TOMMY DAVIS- ROADS

Mr. Tommy Davis expressed his concerns to the board of the annexation of properties into the City of Baxley. One of his concerns was who is keeping track of the properties that have been annexed into the city. His other concern was that the county is losing money by doing dirt work for the laying of the pipes on property that is soon annexed into the City of Baxley.

TROY RUSHING-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Mr. Rushing reported that a handicap ramp is being installed at the library tomorrow. The ramp should be complete in a week.

Mr. Rushing also reported that four new microphones has been installed in the courtroom at the Courthouse.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. **Repeat:** Safety Striping: I have been contacted by the Regional DOT Office in Jesup who related that they will be coming into some money for "Off-Road Safety Striping" during FY 2007. Based upon DOT's recommendation we will be looking at completing stripping Ten Mile Road (19 miles) and Nails Ferry Road (6 miles) as these two roads are the ones that are heavily traveled and need stripping the worst.
2. **Repeat:** Heritage Center: We have a received a request from the Appling County Heritage Center to transfer \$5,500.00 to the Center. This is the amount of the Appropriations Line Item in their budget. Their overall budget is set at \$10,700.00. The Heritage Center makes this request each year. Recommend that we delay transferring the money until at least the end of January due to the delay in receiving the Utility Tax Revenues.

3. **Repeat:** Lake Mayers Update: As of this date we have not received any word from Dr. Gray of the University of Georgia on his analysis of the samples he took during his visit on December 11th. We will await his report. The EPD Safe Dams inspection team is still scheduled to be in the County on January 4th.
4. Utility Tax Assessment Update: The Tax Assessor's Office has sent out the Utility Tax Assessment Notices to the various Utility Companies. They have 30 to 45 days in which to appeal. The Tax Assessor has already received information that Georgia Power will appeal the assessment. The Tax Assessor and Tax Commissioner are in the process of sending out the utility tax billing based upon each utility company's assessment submission to the state.
5. FY 2006 Budget: The MD&A and the Corrective Action Plans have been turned over to the auditors for submission to the State Audit Office. The auditors hope to have our final copies to us around the 1st of February. The auditors are requesting that their appearance before the Board be after April 15th because of the tax season.
6. **Repeat:** Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet: The Baxley-Applying County Chamber of Commerce will host its 59th Annual Banquet on Tuesday January 23, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Applying County Elementary Complex. Tickets are \$30.00 each. I have handed out to each Commissioner a copy of the announcement. Please let me know who will be attending and how many tickets will be needed. Although we need to RSVP by January 20th the Chamber is requesting that we order tickets early if possible.
7. **Repeat:** 2007 Okefenokee Occasion: The Southeast Georgia Regional Development Center will host the 2007 Okefenokee Occasion in Atlanta on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at the Depot. As in the past, this event is an opportunity for local leaders to meet and greet our leaders in Atlanta.
8. **Repeat:** Tara Lake Dam Inspection: EPD's Safe Dams Inspection Team will here on Thursday January 4th at 1: pm to inspect the Lake Tara Dam. We will also ask the inspection team on the feasibility of a drawdown at Lake Mayers.
9. **Repeat:** ACCG 2007 Legislative Conference: ACCG will be holding its 2007 Legislative Conference on February 5 & 6, 2007 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Monday, February 5th will be the training day and Tuesday February 6th will be the actual conference with a visit to the state capital and a reception at the old train depot that night. You should have received a copy of the notification in your packets. Please see Yvonne Sellers before January 5th if you are planning on attending.
10. **Repeat:** CDBG Grant Applications. We have received notification from the RDC that they are accepting applications for CDBG grants for 2007. I have handed out a copy of the notification to all commissioners. Please note that the deadline for submission of the applications is April 2, 2007. We need to put this item on the agenda at the next work session and make a decision on which project, if any that we will be submitting for.
11. **Repeat:** Applying County Comprehensive Plan: RDC has or will be submitting our initial draft to DCA for review and comments. The next scheduled meeting will be set when we receive DCA's comments back. I contacted the local RDC today and they still have no word back from DCA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Tillman and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried unanimously.

After reconvening from Executive Session, there was no action taken.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Carter announced that the next meeting will be a Work Session/Called Meeting on January 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Applying County Board of Commissioners was adjourned.

