

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
February 5, 2008  
7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman John B. Alderman.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The invocation was given by Commissioner Ray Saunders followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Those present were Commissioners Luke Strong, Rebecca Whitaker, Terry Clark, Billy Herndon, Ray Saunders, Johnny Hardin, and Chairman John B. Alderman. Also present were County Administrator Jack D. Byrd, Jr., County Attorney Lester Castellow and County Clerk Deborah Cox.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD JANUARY 14 AND 15, 2008:** Commissioner Strong made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented for the meetings held on January 14 and 15, 2008. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF LIST OF UNPAID INVOICES:** Commissioner Saunders made a motion to approve payment of the list of unpaid invoices. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF TAX RELIEFS AND ADDITIONS:** Commissioner Hardin made a motion to approve the tax reliefs and additions. Commissioner Strong made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION:** Chairman Alderman and Commissioner Hardin presented a Proclamation on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to Colin Michael Hopkins who has earned his Eagle Scout status. The Board congratulated him in his endeavors.

**APPROVAL OF PERMIT FOR USE OF THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE:** Commissioner Hardin made a motion to approve an application permit for use of the Courthouse Square for Lennon Howell on Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the New Hope Church "Youth Blast." Commissioners Clark and Strong made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR USE OF THE AGRICULTURAL AUDITORIUM:** Commissioner Strong made a motion to approve an

application from Union Baptist Church for use of the Agricultural Auditorium on Saturday, May 10, 2008 for their annual Mother/Daughter Banquet. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:** Commissioner Whitaker made a motion to approve a resolution for the submission of an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Hyde Subdivision located off Sam Rentz Road. Commissioner Saunders made a second. The motion carried unanimously. (Resolution Number 2008-R-2 is hereby made a part of the Minutes by reference thereto.)

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN UPDATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN:** Commissioner Saunders made a motion to approve a resolution required for submission to the Southwest Georgia RDC and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for an updated Solid Waste Management Plan which is a requirement of the Georgia Solid Waste Management Act of 1990. Commissioner Whitaker made a second. The motion carried unanimously. (Resolution Number 2008-R-3 is hereby made a part of the Minutes by reference thereto.)

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION OF PAST DUE SOLID WASTE FEES:** Commissioner Whitaker made a motion to approve a contract from Delinquent Tax Solutions, Inc. to collect past due solid waste fees at no cost to the County. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE 2010 CENSUS:** Commissioner Whitaker made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Colquitt County and each municipality to designate Colquitt County as the lead registrant for the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program to work with the Southwest Georgia RDC to complete the necessary LUCA registration materials. Commissioners Clark and Strong made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF COLQUITT EMC ESTIMATE TO RELOCATE UTILITIES AT MORRIS ESTATES:** Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve Colquitt EMC's estimate of \$7,277.21 for the relocation of their utilities on Morris and South Morris Roads. Commissioner Saunders made a second. The motion carried unanimously. Note: Funds will come from Commissioner Clark's pro-rata share of 1% SPLOST monies.

**APPROVAL OF BID FOR WIDENING, TURN-LANE, AND RESURFACING OF SHADE MURPHY ROAD:** Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the low bid from Scruggs Company in the amount of \$648,150.96 for the widening, turn-lane, and resurfacing of Shade Murphy Road. Commissioner Saunders made a second. The motion carried unanimously. Note: Funds will come from the \$1 million dollar shared funds of 1% SPLOST monies in as much as this road is one which is used by all citizens of the county due to the location of the Landfill.

**INSTALLATION OF MOTION LIGHT DETECTORS IN COUNTY BUILDINGS:** The installation of motion light detectors in County buildings in order to save on utility costs at an estimated cost of \$54,735.00 was discussed. Commissioner Clark suggested that only one building be done initially to analyze the cost savings. Commissioner Herndon stated that most of the lights in buildings are being turned off and that we were about to spend money that is not budgeted. Commissioner Hardin suggested that we wait until the next budget and try one building, preferably the Annex. Chairman Alderman shared that other counties who have done this have seen a significant savings in their utility bills. Commissioner Herndon asked Dr. Byrd to send a memorandum to all departments requesting that they make sure all lights are off when not in use.

**DANGEROUS DOG ORDINANCE:** The proposed Dog Ordinance was discussed in length. The Board was previously presented a copy of the Georgia Statue and the proposed County Dangerous Dog Ordinance. Don Flowers, Director of the Moultrie-Colquitt County Humane Society, met with Dr. Byrd and proposed in order to enact a proper ordinance, the initial cost would be approximately \$32,800.00 to hire one person and provide one used vehicle. Mr. Flowers also requested that after the first year, a second person be hired to carry out the duties required by law. Mr. Castellow stated that the County did not have the means to implement the Georgia law as it provides for a procedure for determining whether or not a dog is a dangerous dog by having a board to make that decision. The proposed County Ordinance basically adopts the Georgia law and allows the Magistrate Judge to make the appeal determination without the appointment of a board. Commissioner Hardin stated that he could not see giving money to the Humane Society to hire an employee when there were other departments in our county that needed employees as well. Commissioner Saunders asked that this issue be considered at budget time. Mr. Castellow suggested that the Commissioners look closely at the proposed list of fines. After discussion, Chairman Alderman stated this item would be tabled until the next budget time.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – JACK D. BYRD, JR.: Dr. Byrd presented a request from Richard L. Coleman for permission to continue to occupy office space at the Annex for implementing a grant from the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Commissioner Saunders made a motion to grant the request. Commissioner Clark made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

James Tabor asked what the motion light detectors that were discussed were. He asked the Board to consider the poor citizens of the county when budget time comes up.

Fred Maxwell asked if the Board was going to reduce the millage rate when the new budget came out. Chairman Alderman stated that the property valuations are not complete and the Board will take a look at it and see what they can do.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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John B. Alderman  
Chairman

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Deborah Cox  
County Clerk

Approved:  
  
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# RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Board of Commissioners of Colquitt County, Georgia to authorize submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Colquitt County, Georgia, found that the program is necessary and desirable in order to improve the living conditions of low and moderate income persons living in Colquitt County, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Colquitt County, Georgia, desire that the CDBG application be submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Colquitt County, Georgia, that the Chairman of Colquitt County, or his successor, is hereby authorized to submit to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs a Community Development Block Grant application and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of February, 2008.

/s/  
John B. Alderman, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners  
Colquitt County, Georgia

Voting For: 7  
Voting Against: 0

ATTEST:

/s/  
Deborah Cox, County Clerk  
Colquitt County, Georgia

**RESOLUTION**  
**TO SUBMIT AN UPDATED**  
**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
**FOR REVIEW TO THE SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**CENTER**  
**AND THE**  
**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**  
**PRIOR TO ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners has found it necessary to update the Colquitt County Consolidated Solid Waste Plan to meet the requirements of the Georgia Solid Waste Management Act of 1990; and,

WHEREAS, the update and adoption of this new Solid Waste Management Plan will ensure that Colquitt County remains in compliance with State law and retains its eligibility for solid waste loans, grants, and permits; and,

WHEREAS, Colquitt County will use the new Solid Waste Management Plan to guide public expenditures and public programs relating to solid waste management.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners, that the updated Solid Waste Management Plan shall be submitted for review and recommendation to the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Furthermore, we hereby certify that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of February, 2008.

COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
John B. Alderman  
Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah Cox  
County Clerk

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