

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING OF THE
COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019
5:00 o'clock p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The called meeting was called to order at 5:00 o'clock p.m. by Chairman Denver F. Braswell. The purpose of the meeting was to preview upcoming agenda items and to conduct any other county business deemed necessary. The meeting was duly called and advertised.

PRESENT: Those present were Commissioners Barbara Jelks, Chris Hunnicutt, Marc DeMott, Al Whittington, and Johnny Hardin, Chairman Denver F. Braswell, County Administrator Chas Cannon, County Attorney Lester M. Castellow, and County Clerk Melissa Lawson.

ALSO PRESENT: Economic Development Authority Interim President Greg Icard, Finance Director David Zeanah, Solid Waste Manager Stacy Griffin, Chief Compliance Officer Justin H. Cox, Bryan Arwood, Captain Julius Cox, Sheriff Rod Howell, Chief Tax Assessor Bobby Carroll, and Tax Commissioner Cindy S. Harvin.

ABSENT: Commissioner Paul Nagy.

TAX RELIEF & ADDITION PROCESS: Bobby Carroll, Chief Tax Assessor and Cindy S. Harvin, Tax Commissioner, explained the process of tax reliefs and additions, as well as the subsequent impact on the overall tax digest.

Timelines for assessment notices and appeals were discussed, as well as regulations and guidelines concerning the Georgia Department of Revenue.

DBHDD UPDATE: Bryan Arwood, County Appointee to the Region 4 Advisory Council for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, updated the Board regarding mental health issues in the community.

Mr. Arwood stated that the Governor had recently requested additional funding for mental health.

Mr. Arwood discussed the mental health crisis unit, issues faced by Georgia Pines, as well as a collaborative meeting to be held at Southern Regional Technical College concerning mental health issues in the community.

In closing, Mr. Arwood urged Commissioners and Department Heads to complete a survey regarding mental health needs and resources within the community.

HUMANE SOCIETY: At this time, Acting Humane Society President Alicia Land and Executive Director Samantha Hicks introduced themselves to the Board and discussed recent changes at the Humane Society due to both an impeachment and a resignation.

In an effort to increase accountability and transparency, Ms. Land stated that she was currently in the process of auditing monetary contributions from both the city and the county, stating that each entity had the right to know how their money was being utilized.

Ms. Land discussed the agency's current ineligibility for grants due to not having a fully functional Board and stated that she was going to address Board vacancies in the near future utilizing city and county input regarding the matter.

Ms. Land discussed the possibility of utilizing jail trustees at the Humane Society.

Discussion ensued regarding issues faced by the Humane Society.

Ms. Land discussed building relationships with local veterinarians, stating that she was a firm believer in doing business with local vendors.

MID – MONTH REVIEW: Mr. Cannon presented a list of agenda items to be previewed:

- Approval of Joint Solid Waste Management Plan – Mr. Cannon stated that a ten year Joint Solid Waste Management Plan was required by the state and must be approved by all cities and the county. Mr. Cannon stated that a resolution would be included in all board meeting packets that would formally adopt the plan.
- Approval of Sales Tax Resolution – Mr. Cannon stated that Senate Bill 371, passed on May 7, 2018, allowed counties, municipalities, and consolidated government in Georgia to request a report of vendors who filed a sales tax return, inclusive of amounts attributable to the political subdivision, for a designated period. To accomplish this, Mr. Cannon explained that a resolution must be adopted that would allow the county one opportunity per year in which to request the report.
- Approval of Resolution – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Mr. Cannon stated that approval of a resolution would be necessary in order to submit an application for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding cycle.

Melissa Lawson, County Clerk, explained many of the administrative requirements in order to submit a CDBG application to the Department of Community Affairs.

- Approval of Request for Proposal – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Engineering and Administrative Grant Services – Mr. Cannon stated that proposals for CDBG Engineering and Administrative Grant Services were recently reviewed by a scoring committee consisting of himself, Road Superintendent Stan Kirksey, and County Clerk Melissa Lawson. Mr. Cannon further stated that recommendations for each service would be included in agenda packets for the March Board meeting.
- Additional Agenda Items Expected – Mr. Cannon stated that he anticipated the following items to be included on the March agenda:

- Bids for Skid Steer, Chipper, and Centerline Striping;
- Bids for Pressure Washing and Lawn Care Maintenance.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES: At this time, Mr. Cannon discussed pertinent issues to be brought to the board's attention:

- Blighted Property Ordinance – Mr. Cannon requested comments or questions regarding the proposed blighted property ordinance.

Lester M. Castellow, County Attorney, stated that the Board presently had the benefit of a complete draft of the ordinance rather than just a one page summary, emphasizing that provisions, including appealing to the Magistrate Court and/or County Administrator, were now included in the ordinance.

Mr. Cannon stated that, once a property was deemed blighted, the Compliance Office would go out and perform a field inspection. Upon that inspection and the generation of a report, Mr. Cannon stated that this report would be presented to the Board, who would have the final say in whether or not a property was ultimately deemed blighted.

Mr. Cannon further reviewed the process, consisting of notice to the property owner and the timeline in which that individual would have to clean up the property before tax bills were generated, inclusive of a much higher tax millage rate.

Commissioner Hunnicutt voiced his concern regarding distinguishing between those who might be able to afford to clean up property but chose not to and those who simply could not afford to clean up property.

Commissioner Hardin agreed and suggested addressing the issue under nuisance and abatement, a responsibility of the Compliance Office.

It was the consensus of the Board to table the issue and re-visit it at a later date.

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Recommendations – Mr. Cannon presented a corrected memo from Roberson & Associates regarding recommended projects to be included in the next CDBG grant application.

Chairman Braswell, after discussing the matter with fellow commissioners and internal staff, suggested that Greenfield Church Road be included in the 2019 application.

- Sheriff's Department Items – At this time, Sheriff Rod Howell discussed the following items with the Board:
 - Third floor build out of the Justice Center;
 - Voter system upgrades to county radio communications system;
 - Radars for Georgia State Patrol personnel;

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF TWO RADARS: Commissioner Whittington made the motion to approve the purchase of two radars, in the amount of approximately \$3,100.00 each, to be utilized by Georgia State Patrol personnel. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS: Mr. Cannon presented items that would necessitate action by the Board:

APPROVAL OF SALES CONTRACT: Commissioner Hardin made the motion to approve the sales agreement with Gail Jennings regarding the purchase of approximately 15 acres of land bordering the county landfill. Commissioner DeMott made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE: Commissioner Hunnicutt made the motion to approve payment of the invoice, in the amount of \$31,866.67, submitted by Southern Environmental Grinding, LLC regarding the removal and grinding of woody debris at the landfill, subject to reimbursement by GEMA/FEMA. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.


APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION CONVEYING OWNERSHIP OF COUNTY PRISON: Commissioner DeMott made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-R-1 conveying ownership of the County Prison from the State Properties Commission to the county. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 2019-R-1 is hereby made a portion of the minutes by reference thereto.)

KEY DATES: Mr. Cannon presented a list of key, upcoming dates to the Board.

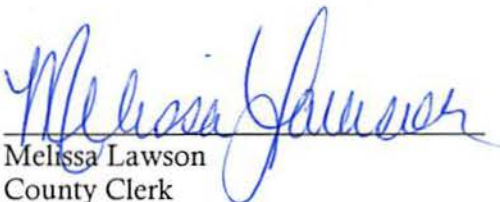
Commissioner Jelks stated that she attended the recent joint GMA/ACCG census workshop and it was suggested that all counties and cities form a complete count committee. Commissioner Jelks stressed the importance of having an accurate census count and noted that April 1, 2020 was the official census day.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

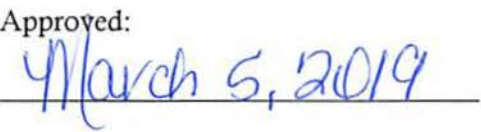
Respectfully submitted,



Denver F. Braswell
Chairman



Melissa Lawson
County Clerk

Approved:


RESOLUTION
REQUESTING STATE OF GEORGIA TO CONVEY PROPERTY TO
COLQUITT COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia owns 15.005 acres of real property (hereafter, "the Property") located on South Vandenberg Drive, Moultrie, Georgia, on which the Colquitt County Prison is located, said Property more particularly described in the plat dated August 12, 1987, entitled "Proposed Acquisition by the State of Georgia," "Custody in the Department of Corrections", prepared by Hurley J. Griffin, Georgia RLS #, a copy of which is recorded at Plat Book 20, Page 165 in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Colquitt County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, for many years Colquitt County has operated the Colquitt County Prison on the Property and intends to continue to operate the Prison thereon or otherwise use the property for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, it will be of great benefit to Colquitt County to acquire fee simple title in and to the Property for the purpose of facilitating operation of and improvements to the Colquitt County Prison.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Colquitt County hereby respectfully requests the State of Georgia to grant to Colquitt County the Property more specifically described as follows:

All that tract of land situate, lying and being in the City of Moultrie and in Land Lot 349 of the 8th Land District of Colquitt County, Georgia, containing 15.005 acres (653,607.592 square feet), as the same is shown on a certain August 12, 1987 plat of survey prepared by H. J. Griffin & Associates, more particularly Hurley J. Griffin, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1024, a copy of which is recorded in Plat Book 20, Page 165 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Colquitt County, Georgia, incorporated herein, and by this reference made a part hereof, and being more particularly described from said plat as follows:

TO FIND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, commence at a point formed by the intersection of the eastern right-of-way line of Georgia State Highway No. 33 with the southeastern right-of-way line of South Vandenberg Drive (having a right-of-

way width of 70 feet); thence running in a northeasterly direction, along and following the southeastern right-of-way line of South Vandenberg Drive, and crossing Schilling Avenue (having a right-of-way width of 60 feet), a distance of 842.46 feet to a concrete monument set located at a point formed by the intersection of the eastern right-of-way line of Schilling Avenue with the southeastern right-of-way line of South Vandenberg Drive, said point also being N-Coordinate 411,063.1803 and E-Coordinate 642,959.4255, said Coordinates being West Zone Grid Coordinates based on the Georgia Plane Coordinate System, and making the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence running North 44 degrees 32 minutes 43 seconds East, and forming an interior angle of 99 degrees 56 minutes 08 seconds with the course to be last run in this legal description, along and following the south-eastern right-of-way line of South Vandenberg Drive, a distance of 486.70 feet a concrete monument found located at a point formed by the intersection of the southeastern right-of-way line of South Vandenberg Drive with the southern right-of-way line of East Hulse Street (having a right-of-way width of 60 feet) (N-Coordinate 411,410.0459 and E-Coordinate 643,300.8363); thence running North 89 degrees 33 minutes 58 seconds East, and forming an interior angle of 134 degrees 58 minutes 45 seconds with the last course run, along and following the southern right-of-way line of East Hulse Street, a distance of 669.98 feet to an iron pin set in asphalt and concrete, located at a point formed by the intersection of the southern right-of-way line of East Hulse Street with the approximate center-line of South Balfour Avenue (Closed by City) (N-Coordinate 411,415.1195 and E-Coordinate 643,970.7971); thence running South 00 degrees 29 minutes 18 seconds East, and forming an interior angle of 90 degrees 03 minutes 16 seconds with the last course run, along and following the approximate center-line of the former South Balfour Avenue, a distance of 564.91 feet to a point located on the approximate center-line of the former South Balfour Avenue (N-Coordinate 410,850.2300 and E-Coordinate 643,975,6118); thence running South 72 degrees 47 minutes 27 seconds West, and forming an interior angle of 106 degrees 43 minutes 15 seconds with the last course run, a distance of 814.21 feet to a concrete monument set (N-Coordinate 410,609,3371 and E-Coordinate 643,197.8531)1 thence running South 40 degrees 33 minutes 14 seconds West, and forming an interior angle of 212 degrees 14 minutes 13 seconds with the last course run, a distance of 152.93 feet to a concrete monument set located on the eastern right-of-way line of Schilling Avenue (N-Coordinate 410,493.1417 and E-Coordinate 643,098.4237); thence running North 26 degrees 43 minutes 04 seconds West, and forming an interior angle of 67 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds with the last course run, along and following the eastern right-of-way line of Schilling Avenue, a distance of 222.48 feet to an iron pin set located on the eastern right-of-way line of Schilling Avenue (N-Coordinate 410,691.8679 and E-Coordinate 642,998.3976); thence running along a curve to the right (said curve being subtended by a chord having a bearing of North 09 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West and a distance of 82.4253 feet), along and following the eastern right-of-way line of Schilling Avenue, an arc distance of 83,6197 feet to an iron pin set located on the eastern right-of-way line of Schilling Avenue (N-Coordinate 410,773,0638 and E-Coordinate 642,984.2144); thence running North 06 degrees 54 minutes 03 seconds East, and forming an interior angle of 163 degrees 11

minutes 27 seconds with the chord last run, along and following the eastern right-of-way line of Schilling Avenue, a distance of 148.23 feet to an iron pin set located on the eastern right-of-way line of Schilling Avenue (N-Coordinate 410,920.2200 and E-Coordinate 643,002.0245); thence running along a curve to the left (said curve being subtended by a chord having a bearing of North 14 degrees 18 minutes 33 seconds West a distance of 133.7366 feet), along and following the eastern right-of-way line of Schilling Avenue, an arc distance of 136.8406 feet to an iron pin set located on the eastern-right-of way of Schilling Avenue; thence running North 35 degrees 31 minutes 09 seconds West, and forming an interior angle of 201 degrees 12 minutes 36 seconds with the chord last run, along and following the eastern right-of-way line of Schilling Avenue, a distance of 16.43 feet to a concrete monument set located at a point formed by the intersection of the eastern right-of-way line of Schilling Avenue with the southeaster right-of-way line of South Vandenberg Drive and marking the POINT OF BEGINNING.

This being the same property described in that certain Fee Deed Without Warranty between The City of Moultrie and State of Georgia, dated January 15, 1988, recorded March 10, 1988, in Deed Book 414, Pages 355-357, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Colquitt County, Georgia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of such grant, Colquitt County will use the Property for public purposes and in the event that Colquitt County ceases to use the property for public purposes, title shall revert to the State of Georgia;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman is authorized to execute whatever documents are reasonably necessary to give effect to the terms of this Resolution and to acceptance of any grant from the State of Georgia in accordance herewith, and the Clerk is authorized to attest the Chairman's execution of any such documents.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED, this 19th day of February, 2019.

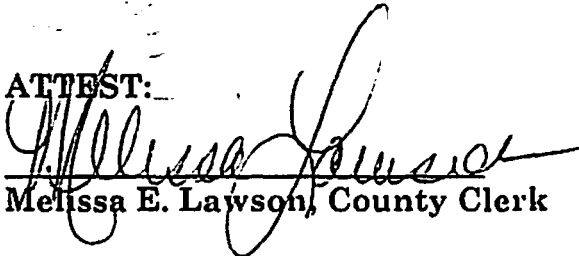
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COLQUITT COUNTY, GEORGIA

VOTE: 5 In Favor

0 Opposed


Denver A. Braswell, Chairman

ATTEST:


Melissa E. Lawson, County Clerk