

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith, County Clerk Chrissy Harris and Road Project Manager Hayden Rozier. Present from the news media were Joe Taylor from the TSA (Technology Student Association) and Jamie Gardner of the Baxley News Banner.

Commissioner Edwards led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Rentz gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 7, 2014 and the Called Meeting on November 6, 2014 and the Called Meeting held on December 16, 2014 with a correction to be made to the motion that was made during the Road Project update discussion of the November 6, 2014 meeting. The motion should have read to approve the re-striping of North Main Street instead of the resurfacing of North Main Street. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING-MILLIKEN CHURCH ROAD ABANDONMENT

The abandonment of Milliken Church Road has been advertised in the Baxley News Banner. Jeffrey Murray and Susie Thornton were present at the Public Hearing to address the Board concerning the abandonment of Milliken Church Road.

Jeffrey Murray, landowner, expressed his desire for the Board to approve the abandonment of Milliken Church Road.

Susie Thornton, bus driver, expressed her concerns about the Board approving the abandonment of Milliken Church Road.

There will be no action taken on this issue until the next meeting. County Manager Lee Lewis also encouraged Mr. Murray and Mrs. Thornton to try to come to a resolution on this issue before the next meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no one present for Public Input.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSOLIDATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS

The following letter was received from the Appling County Board of Registrar's Office:

*Appling County Board of Registrar
69 Tippins St., Suite 205
Baxley, Ga. 31513
Phone: (912)367-8113 or 367-5376
FAX: (912)367-5377
Date: October 1, 2014*

*Donna H. Carter: Chief Registrar/Election Supervisor
Sandra Warren: Registrar*

*Doris Burkett: Registrar
Shonda Carter: Chief Clerk*

To: Appling County Manager, Lee Lewis, Chairman Board of Commissioners, Lewis Parker, County Commissioners; Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson, Darrell Edwards, Ronnie Rentz and Charlie Leggett,

After much consideration the Board of Registrar recommends to the Board of Commissioners to consolidate Poll sites to reduce the cost of Ballots and Poll Workers.

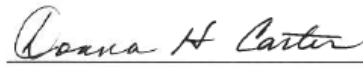
The listing of Poll sites to be combined is as follows:

5C to 5B Close Poll Site 5C Approximate number of Voters at 5B -858 active
3A to 3A1 Close Poll Site 3A Approximate number of Voters at 3A1 -650 active
4A to 4B Close Poll Site 4A Approximate number of Voters at 4B -722 active

These are the recommendations that the Board of Registrar would like to put before the Commissioners. These recommendations will be presented to the Board of Elections on the meeting of Oct. 16th, 2014, with a copy of this letter as presented to the Board of Commissioners.

I would like to thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,



**Donna H. Carter
Chief Registrar/Election Supervisor
Appling County, Ga.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to not accept the recommendation from the Board of Registrar to close Poll Site's 5C, 3A and 4A. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIMES 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to leave the Board Meeting dates and times as one Regular Meeting the first Tuesday of every month with the meeting beginning at 5:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The following 2015 Holiday Schedule was presented to the Board:

| 2015 Holiday Schedule | |
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| Thursday, January 1, 2015 | News Years Day |
| Monday, January 19, 2015 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| Monday, May 25, 2015 | Memorial Day |
| Friday, July 3, 2015 | Independence Day (observed) |
| Monday, September 7, 2015 | Labor Day |
| Wednesday, November 11, 2015 | Veterans Day |
| Thursday, November 26, 2015 | Thanksgiving Day |
| Friday, November 27, 2015 | Thanksgiving Holiday (observed) |
| Thursday, December 24, 2015 | Christmas Eve |
| Friday, December 25, 2015 | Christmas Day |

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the 2014 Holiday Schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to appoint Robert Highsmith to serve as County Attorney for 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

2015 VICE CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to appoint Commissioner Edwards as Vice Chairman for 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

ROADS

Road Project Manager Hayden Rozier updated the Board on current road construction projects.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

There was nothing to report on Building and Grounds at this time.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Lee Lewis had nothing to report at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to close Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Following Executive Session, County Manager Lee Lewis reported that the Motor Grader Operators salary had been discussed and the Board has decided to adjust the Motor Grader Operators salary at the Road Department so that all of their salaries are in line with each other.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.