

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2014
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 7, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Sarah Boatright and Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Present from the news media were Jamie Gardner of the Baxley News Banner, Al Graham from WBYZ Radio Station and Joe Taylor from the TSA (Technology Student Association).

Commissioner Boatright led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Leggett gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 3, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Al Graham addressed the Board in reference to the County purchasing the Lake Tara Property and expressed his concern that \$750,000 of County funds is being used for the purchase of the property. Mr. Graham suggested that the Board hold a special meeting to hear input from citizens of the county on how they feel about the purchase of the Lake Tara Property by the County.

Many people addressed the Board in reference to the County rescinding the Beer and Wine License Ordinance. Those that gave input on this issue were: Attorney David McRae (on behalf of the Appling County War Veteran's Club), Ronald Ryals, Robert Gardner, Joel Chew, Jimmy Wise, Janet Leggett, Ellen Mansfield, Barbara Baucom and Bob Berger.

OLD BUSINESS

SOLID WASTE CONTRACT RENEWAL

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that the Solid Waste Contract with Republic Services was up for renewal. The rates for monthly residential pickup will remain at \$39.75 per quarter and Republic Services will be handling the billing and the collection of solid waste pickup. The commercial contract requiring local businesses to use Republic Services for commercial trash pick up has been removed from the contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the Solid Waste Contract renewal with Sullivan Environmental Services. Motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to set the qualifying fees as presented which is three percent of the annual salaried office. This motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIMES 2014

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Leggett 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.

2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The following 2014 Holiday Schedule was presented to the Board:

<i>New Years Day</i>	<i>01/01/2014</i>	<i>Veteran's Day</i>	<i>11/11/2014</i>
<i>MLK Jr's Birthday</i>	<i>01/20/2014</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<i>11/27/2014</i>
<i>Memorial Day</i>	<i>05/26/2014</i>	<i>Day after Thanksgiving</i>	<i>11/28/2014</i>
<i>Independence Day</i>	<i>07/04/2014</i>	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>12/24/2014</i>
<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>09/02/2014</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>12/25/2014</i>

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to appoint Robert Highsmith to serve as County Attorney for 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson to appoint Sarah Boatright to the Development Authority Board representing the Appling County Board of Commissioners. This motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to reappoint Charlie Leggett to the Development Authority Board representing the Appling County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL COUNCIL THIRD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to reappoint Ronald Burkett to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Board for the term of one year. Motion carried unanimously.

ALTAMAHA RIVER PARTNERSHIP APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to appoint Keri Crosby to the Altamaha River Partnership Board. Motion carried unanimously.

2014 VICE CHAIRMAN

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to appoint Commissioner Leggett as Vice Chairman for 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION – FORESTRY CLERICAL POSITION

This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

ROADS-TOMMY DAVIS

Road Superintendent Tommy Davis reported that the contractor for new construction has been subbed out to Littlefield Construction Company.

Mr. Davis also reported that J. Hiers Company has begun the work on the Altamaha School Road turn lane project.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to close Executive Session and reopen the Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

After reconvening from Executive Session, a motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to hire Jennifer Evans for the Forestry Clerical Position. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.