

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on **Thursday, February 8, 2018**, at 6:00pm in the courtroom. Those present were Chairman Walker T. Norman; Commissioner Virginia T. Williams, District One; Commissioner Larry Collins, District Two; Commissioner Cooper Cliatt, District Three; Commissioner H. Lamar Wade, District Four; Mr. Ben Jackson, County Attorney; Mrs. Traci Bussey, Finance Director and Ms. Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk.

1.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Norman called the meeting to order.

2.

Invocation

Rev. Dennis J. Quinn of First Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer.

3.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Following the invocation Commissioner Wade lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

5.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Norman amended the Agenda by changing item 8. He replaced The Wall That Heals with Discussion of Campgrounds. Since Ernie Guthrie was not able to be here, The Wall That Heals will be on next month's agenda. On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

Chairman Norman at this time recognized Jane Ellyn Aaron with The Lincoln Journal. She and her husband Jesse, who works for the County OES Department, will be leaving for China soon. He thanked her for all she has done and how well she has kept the public informed about County business and City business as well. He wished her and Jesse the very best life has to offer in their adventures ahead. He then welcomed Kay Story Toto, who is from Lincoln County, and is replacing Jane Ellyn at The Lincoln Journal. He looks forward to working with her.

6.

Mr. Herbert Moxley

Chairman Norman told those present that we would be making history tonight. He thanked Mr. Herbert Moxley for his 24 years of service on the Planning & Zoning Board. Mr. Moxley was a founding member of this Board. He then read a plaque honoring him and thanking him for his dedicated service and guidance while on the Board. He then read a certificate awarding him Emeritus status to the Planning & Zoning Board, thus making him the very first person in the history of Lincoln County to receive this honor.

On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board voted unanimously to make Mr. Herbert Moxley an Emeritus Board Member of the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Board.

The Commissioners each thanked him and said he was a true friend and a true gentleman. They knew he had made some tough decisions over the years and that he had volunteered to serve all those years. They were proud to have served with him. Mr. Moxley thanked the

Board for letting him serve and told them he will do anything they need at anytime for Lincoln County. Director Seymour thanked him for his service and said you could search the world over and not find a better person than Mr. Moxley. Coleman Kennedy then spoke saying that Mr. Moxley was a sharp man and they had been together on the Board since the beginning.

7.

Departmental Reports

A. Office of Emergency Services Department

Director Broom presented hid monthly report. OES responded to 193 calls and the average response time was 8.3 minutes. E-Bill Gross billing for January was \$340,784 with total revenues of \$23,882. OES is working on Quarterly Work Plan for GEMA and developing the EOC exercise for 2018.

B. Recreation Department

Director Glaze was absent as he was sick. He had no report.

C. Finance Department

Director Bussey presented the Finance report. TSPLOST is up 5% and Sales Tax is still down about 5%.

D. Public Works Department

Director Seymour presented his monthly report. They serviced 2,068 water customers; installed three (3) service connections; repaired six (6) leaks on system; continued maintenance on hydrants, valves and meters; preformed locates for utilities; and maintaining Savannah Bay water system and Pointe Shores water system.

Chairman Norman explained that if you do not have these services, there is no cost to you. No tax money goes into this system. It is fully funded by the services it provides to the customers. The County has applied for a grant to increase the water service area and hopes to hear from it next month. He is proud of the water & sewer department, they do a good job. If you have county water, that means there is a fire hydrant near you and if you live within five (5) miles of a volunteer fire department than you receive a saving to your home insurance.

E. Planning and Zoning Department

Director Seymour presented his monthly reports. They issued four (4) new and 41 renewal business licenses; issued 57 building permits and performed 139 building inspections, 176 on-site evaluations; five (5) plan reviews; 18 solid waste activities; 28 code violations site visits and issued 13 notices of violation.

F. Development Authority

Director John Stone is working with Jimtex/Martex to bring another business into the facility and submitted a preliminary proposal this week and should have a decision within the next few weeks. He is also working with three (3) other manufactures and one (1) developer to help bring jobs to the County.

In regards to the Signage Project, the new signs are to be up next week.

8.

Discussion on Campgrounds

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to run an ad in the Lincoln Journal and County website for two (2) weeks seeking any business or individual wanting to sub-lease the three (3) campgrounds (Broad River, Hester's Ferry and Clay Hill) from the County. It is not longer feasible for the County to keep them open. Broad River and Hester's Ferry are currently still open and being run by

volunteers. If we do not get someone to sub-lease them, then we will have to close them and terminate our lease with the Corps.

9.

Gift of Granite Bench

On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board voted unanimously to accept the gift of a granite bench. The Beggs family and Childs Monument would like to donate the bench in honor of Bruce Beggs and his service to Lincoln County as the Sheriff (2013-2017) and Clerk of Court (1985-2008). This bench will be placed in front of the Courthouse. The dedication ceremony will take place Monday, February 19th at 4pm.

10.

Number of Times for Ordinance Readings

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve a text change to Section 2-73 (a) Adoption of Ordinances, stating that any ordinances proposed to the Commission will be read at one meeting and then voted on at the next meeting allowing for two (2) reading. The current ordinance states they can be approved by a unanimous affirmative vote of the Board after one reading.

11.

Recreation Advisory Board Terms Text Change

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve a text change to Section 54-34 (b) Parks and Recreation; Eligibility; Terms of office; vacancy and removal to read four (4) year stagger terms instead five (5) years.

12.

Land Development Code Text Change

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve a text change to Section 34-33 (9) Director of Planning and Zoning to allow the Director to approve split parcels/properties up to three (3) splits not to include subdivisions. The Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended this text change for the benefit of surveyors and property owners.

13.

Contract with VFD for Services

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement for Fire Protection Services and for the Chairman to sign the contract. Director Broom informed the Board that this contract is required by law when public funds are given to private entities. The volunteer fire departments have served Lincoln County very well and we would like that to continue. This contract will allow that.

14.

Create Fire Services Advisory Board

Director Broom stated that it is important we have a means of communicating with the volunteer fire departments and that will happen with the creation of the Fire Services Advisory Board. Attorney Jackson began reading Ordinance Section 57 Lincoln County Fire Service Advisory Board but with a unanimous consent of the Board and no objection from those present he did not read the complete ordinance. It will be placed on the County website and available from the County Clerk. A second reading will take place at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Collins stated that this is NOT a long range plan for the County to take over the volunteer fire departments. The County does not want to be in the fire department business.

Commissioner Wade stated that this is a good idea and will improve communication between the four fire districts.

The Advisory Board will consist of five (5) members made up of the Office of Emergency Services Director, the Fire Chief and one other Trustee appointed by each district.

15.

Fiscal Agent for Family Connection – FY 2019

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the continuation as Fiscal Agent for Family Connection for FY 2019 and the Chairman to sign the Agreement.

16.

Board Appointments

A. Board of Elections

At-large by Board

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to appoint James Allen to the Board of Elections.

B. CSRA Unified Development Authority

At-Large by Board

On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted to appoint Kevin Wade to the CSRA Unified Development Authority Board. Commissioner Wade abstained from voting.

C. Department of Family & Children Services


At-Large by Chairman

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Emma Smith to the Department of Family & Children Services Board.

12.


Adjourn

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.



Walker T. Norman, Chairman

Attest:



Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk