

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on **Thursday, May 10, 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

Mr. Welcome E. Mason of Ebenezer Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer.

3.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

4.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

5.

Approval of Agenda

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

6.

Departmental Reports

A. Office of Emergency Services Department

Director Broom presented his monthly report. OES responded to 161 calls and the average response time was 8.9 minutes. E-Bill Gross billing for April was \$71,437 with total revenues of \$33,164. OES is working on developing the EOC exercise for 2018 and the Local Emergency Operations Plan review is in progress.

Director Broom presented two (2) quotes for personal protection gear to replace the current equipment that is approaching 10 and 20 years of service. Guidelines call for a six (6) year maximum life span for Personal Protection Equipment. On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board voted unanimously to accept the lower bid from Anderson Fire & Safety in the amount of \$14,175.00 for seven (7) sets of turn-out gear. The funds will come from SPLOST.

B. Recreation Department

Director Glaze was not present as he was attending activities at the Recreation Department. He had previously submitted his report.

C. Finance Department

Director Bussey presented the Finance report. Included with the monthly financial statements was a FY 2018 Payroll vs. Budget Report.

D. Public Works Department

Director Seymour presented his monthly report. They serviced 2,058 water customers; installed three (3) service connections; repaired five (5) 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.

E. Planning and Zoning Department

Director Seymour presented his monthly reports. They issued one (1) new and four (4) renewal business licenses; issued 41 building permits and performed 141 building inspections, 68 on-site evaluations; five (5) plan reviews; one (1) solid waste activity; 24 code violations site visits and issued two (2) notices of violation and no citations.

7.

Speed Hump Policy

Director Seymour presented a Speed Hump Policy for the Board to review. Speed humps are for residential areas only. He explained that a speed hump is not meant stop traffic; just slow it down. Whereas a speed bump is meant to stop traffic. On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted, after much discussion, to send the policy back for further study.

8.

Fort Gordon Alliance Update

Mr. Curly Avant gave an update on the Fort Gordon Alliance. He stated that at the March 21, 2018 meeting Colonel Turner presented at Growth Chart predicting 13,194 personnel to come to Fort Gordon from now till 2023. He informed the Board that on July 17, 2018 there will be a change of command at Fort Gordon at 10am and he invited the Chairman and Commissioners to attend and thank Colonel Turner for all his support for Lincoln County.

Mr. Avant shared that the Alliance, together with Camp Lakeside, the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education, are working to bring a Robotics/Coding Camp to Camp Lakeside. The camp would be for four (4) Saturdays and would teach kids from Lincoln County and the surrounding counties about robotics and coding.

Mr. Avant closed by informing the Board that he had some folks at the Alliance meeting tell him they like John Stone's Cyber Ready sign as you come into Lincoln County.

9.

Camp Lakeside

Morgan Tomberlin from Camp Lakeside was unable to attend.


Chairman Norman reminded everyone that Lincoln County has had three (3) big weekends lately. First, The Wall That Heals, then the Little Roy and Lizzy Music Festival and now the Jeff & Sheri Easter Homecoming.

Chairman Norman let everyone know that Georgia's Freshwater Campgrounds are now up and going and he thanked Kermit Laney for subleasing these parks from the County so they would not have to be closed. He invited everyone to visit the website for the campgrounds that is now up as well.


10.

Adjourn

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.


Walker T. Norman, Chairman

Attest:


Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk