

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on **Thursday, June 14, 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. Tom Smalley of Jones Chapel 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. Item #12 should be FY2018 and it reads FY2019. On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

6.

**Departmental Reports**

**A. Office of Emergency Services Department**

Director Broom presented his monthly report. OES responded to 167 calls and the average response time was 8.9 minutes. E-Bill Gross billing for May was \$48,852 with total revenues of \$26,907. OES is working on developing the EOC exercise for 2018 and the Local Emergency Operations Plan review is in progress. Director Broom also submitted the minutes from the Fire Services Advisory Board meetings.

**B. Recreation Department**

Director Glaze presented his monthly report. He stated that the Fun Days with Mrs. Robertson & Mrs. Crook have been very successful. They have held three (3) sessions and have three (3) more to go over June & July. He is assisting Family Connection Director Cullars with activities for 62 kids each Wednesday. Soccer starts September 11 with registration August 6-25, 2018. The pool is still not open due to lack of lifeguards.

Chairman Norman informed everyone that the Rec. Dept is also working to start hosting more activities such as movie night, adult soccer, etc.

**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 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. Director Seymour also gave two (2) updates: Water Expansion project will now yield 6 wells for rehab and the bridge on Jones Martin Road is set to be replaced starting August 9. There are no local funds in the bridge replacement.

**E. Planning and Zoning Department**

Director Seymour presented his monthly reports. They issued three (3) new and two (2) renewal business licenses; issued 45 building permits and performed 124 building inspections, 7 on-site evaluations; five (5) plan reviews; one (1) solid waste activity; 3 code violations site visits and issued no notices of violation and no citations.

Director Seymour stated the ad for a new Code enforcement Officer will run in The Lincoln Journal for three (3) weeks after which time he will review the applications received. He plans to have someone in the position by July 1 if a qualified candidate has applied. Former Code Officer Jim Butler is filling in at this time.

7.

**Public Hearing**

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted to go into Public Hearing.

**A. Applicant: Christi J. Hill**

**Rezoning Request: Map 36 / Parcel 018**

The Planning & Zoning Board recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve Christi Hill's request for rezoning on Map 36 / Parcel 018 located on Elberton Highway from A-1 to C-1 to operate a horse boarding facility. On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board approved the request.

Mr. David Denard spoke on behalf of Ms. Hill, as she is still in Idaho, and stated that she is sincere in her desires to bring this horse boarding facility to Lincoln County.

**B. Applicant: Inman Solar**

**Rezoning Request: Map 54 / Parcel 143**

The Planning & Zoning Board recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve Inman Solar's request for rezoning on Map 54 / Parcel 143 located on double Branches Road from A-2 to M-2 to operate a ground mounted solar farm. On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board approved the request.

Mr. Chris Cates, with Inman Solar, stated that this is their fourth solar farm location in Lincoln County. Two (2) are located on Global Drive and the other is in the Business Park on Old Petersburg Road. Commissioner Collins inquired what happens to the solar panels once they become obsolete. Mr. Cates stated that the contract with Georgia Power requires them to produce energy for 35 years after which time the panels would be refurbished or removed.

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted to come out of Public Hearing.

8.

**GA Forestry Commission/Food Pantry Bldg**

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Resolution to acquire the Georgia Forestry building currently being used by the Lincoln County Food Pantry. Ms. Beth Richards with the Georgia Forestry office in Wilkes County was there to answer any questions from the Board.

9.

### **Greater Clarks Hill Library Agreement**

On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Chairman signing the FY 2019 Annual Service Agreement with the Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library. Mrs. Jennifer Wood, Circulation Manager at the Lincoln County Library, stated that the State increased the per capita, so the amount for Books and Materials grant will be \$12,444, which is an increase of \$2,444 from last year and the grant for the System Services increased by \$59, for a total of \$9,161. The reimbursement for salary will remain at \$50,750.

10.

### **Watson Brown Foundation Fund Agreement**

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Chairman to sign the Fund Agreement with Watson-Brown Foundation, Inc in the amount of \$3,275 for funding with the Records Retention Project. Chairman Norman then thanked Mrs. Jennifer Wood for her efforts in putting this grant proposal together, which allowed us to receive these funds.

11.

### **FY 2019 DHS Coordinated Transportation Program**

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the FY 2019 DHS Coordinated Transportation Program contract for the amount of \$10,224. Director Nancy Blount stated these funds are used to bring seniors to the Center for the congregate meals.

12.

### **FY2018 CSRA RC Aging Agreement Amendment**

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the Amendment to the FY2018 CSRA RC Aging Agreement in the amount of \$44,995. Director Nancy Blount explained that the amendment is to revise the budget to actual expenditures and does not affect the FY2019 budget.

13.

### **Development Authority Board Appointment**

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Greg Dukes, to fill the unexpired term of Alana Burke, to the Development Authority Board to serve on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Norman stated that Commissioner Williams is still looking for someone to fill the unexpired term of Marcus Mason. Director Stone thanked the Board for appointing Mr. Dukes, with his hospital and healthcare background, to the LCDA Board.

14.

### **Sheriff's Patrol Car**

On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a new patrol car, in the amount of \$35,026 for the Sheriff's Department. Chairman Norman asked that the Sherriff return a vehicle to the County once the new one goes into service. This is to keep the total vehicles for the Sheriff's department at 17.

15.

### **Speed Hump Policy**

On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Speed Hump Policy as presented by Director Seymour.

16.

### **FY 2019 LMIG List**

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY2019 LMIG List as presented by Director Seymour.

17.

**Easement @ Lucky Horse Shoe Investments**

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to accept the 25ft. Utility Easement at Lucky Horse Shoe Investments for the waterline. Director Seymour stated that this will allow the county access to install, maintain, repair, replace and inspect the waterlines.

18.

**FY 2018 Budget Adjustments Resolution**

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution for the FY 2018 Budget Adjustments as presented by Director Bussey.

19.

**FY 2019 Miscellaneous Fund Budgets Resolution**

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution for the FY 2019 Miscellaneous Fund Budgets as presented by Director Bussey.

20.

**FY 2019 Temporary General Fund Budget Resolution**

On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted to approve the Resolution for the FY 2019 Temporary General Fund Budget as presented by Director Bussey. Commissioner Wade voted against it stating that it includes an increase in spending.

Chairman Norman explained that it is a temporary budget to allow the county to continue to operate until the tax digest is approved and then the actual FY2019 Budget would be presented and approved. The increase in the FY 2019 budget includes; loss of revenue from some income sources such as the jail, a 16% increase in health insurance and raises for the employees.

Chairman Norman stated that the county is in a situation where we have some tough decisions to make. Tax increases are coming sooner or later and that sometimes, you have to do what is hard to do what is right. He challenges anybody to tell the Commissioners where to realistically cut the budget.

Chairman Norman thanked Commissioner Williams, Ms. Naomi Cobb and the Lincolnton Methodist Church and The River of Life participants for painting the Food Pantry building.

21.


**Adjourn**

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.



Walker T. Norman, Chairman

Attest:

  
Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk