

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a work session on July 5, 2018 at 3:00pm in the Commissioners Conference Room. Those present were Chairman Walker T. Norman; Commissioner Virginia T. Williams, District One; Commissioner Larry Collins, District Two; Commissioner Cooper Cliatt, District Three; Commissioner Lamar Wade, District Four; Mr. Roby Seymour, Public Works Director; Ms. Nancy Blount, Senior/Transit director; Mr. Casey Broom, OES Director; Mr. Ben Jackson, County Attorney; Mr. Jason Williford, Jones - Jones & Davis; Kay Toto, Lincoln Journal and Ms. Sherry McKellar, County Clerk.

1.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Norman called the meeting to order.

2.

Invocation

Commissioner Cliatt gave the invocation.

Chairman Norman at this time amended the agenda to add the Finance Department before the Board Appointments.

Finance Department

Chairman Norman informed the Board that with the passing of Finance Director Traci Bussey on June 22, he had planned to hire quickly to fill the position but after talking with David Irwin at Mauldin & Jenkins, Walter Jones at Jones, Jones & Davis and other Commissioners has realized that won't happen. He then introduced Mr. Jason Williford of Jones, Jones & Davis Associates, CPA firm who will fill in for a couple months to help with month-end and year-end financials. His company already does financials for several counties as well as the Lincoln County Health Department.

3.

Board Appointments:

A. Development Authority

Commissioner Williams informed the Board that she would be recommending Dr. Rickey Edmond, Assistant Superintendent for Lincoln County Board of Education.

B. Board of Tax Assessors

Commissioner Williams is still waiting to hear from the person for this Board.

4.

Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act- Class Action Lawsuit

Chairman Norman explained that The United States Court of Federal Claims has certified a Class Action lawsuit regarding our rights to recover additional sums under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act for fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017. He will be asking the Board to approve joining in this lawsuit.

5.

Licensing & Qualification Requirements Ordinance – Text Change

Director Seymour stated to the Board that he will be asking them to increase the current bond under this ordinance from \$1,000 to \$15,000 to be more in-line with surrounding counties. He explained that we recently had a company that did not do their job as agreed and the cost to correct the work is much higher than the \$1,000 bond on file.

6.

Soil Erosion, Sedimentation & Pollution Control Ordinance – Text Change

Director Seymour explained that this text change is mandated by Georgia EPD. Most of the changes are definition related except Sec. 30 (c) where they added subsection #17.

7.

CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority MOU

Director Blount explained to the Board that she has inquired about \$6,274 in funding from the CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority and will ask the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Understanding so we can receive these funds. The current MOU will be for June 1, 2018 - September 30, 2018. She will then come back before the Board and ask them to approve another MOU for October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019 for the same amount of funding.

8.

Ice Machine Donation

Director Blount informed the Board that an ice machine has been donated for the Senior Center by Commissioner Cliatt and would like the Board to accept it on behalf of the Senior Center and Transit Program.

9.

Update on City/County Water/Sewer issues

Chairman Norman informed the Board that Attorney Jackson and Bill Keogh along with Barry Fleming and someone from his staff met with Judge Overstreet on June 18. Attorney Jackson asked the Judge to order the City to sign the extension documents that would allow the County to be in compliance and receive funding from the various grants outstanding for the county, the Development Authority and the County Extension Office. The judge explained that by law the SDS has to go to mediation. The earliest appointment we could get is for Thursday, July 19. Director Seymour met with Kenny Green the City's Engineer last week on the SDS in hopes to get an agreement before July 19. Attorney Jackson explained that mediation is where each side meets with the mediator separately, the mediator then presents each side to the other for agreements, and then presents findings to a judge to make final decision. He then stated that Judge Overstreet said he would be glad to revisit the issue of non-compliance if needed.

10.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Williams commended Director Blount on all she is doing with the Senior Center. Commissioners Collins, Cliatt and Wade also commended Director Blount on her work with the Senior Center.

Commissioner Cliatt then thanked Director Seymour for his help with questions on the survey that was sent out in his district in regards to water expansion.

Commissioner Wade also thanked Director Broom for the good job the OES department has been doing.

11.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the work session was adjourned at 4:45pm.



Walker T. Norman, Chairman



Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk