

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a work session on **September 6, 2018 at 3:00pm** in the Commissioners Conference Room. Those present were Chairman Walker T. Norman; Commissioner Virginia T. Williams, District One; Commissioner Cooper Cliatt, District Three; Commissioner Lamar Wade, District Four; Mr. Roby Seymour, Public Works Director; Mr. Casey Broom, OES Director; Mrs. Kristen Jones and Mrs. Melissa Fox; LC Paws; Mr. Ben Jackson, County Attorney and Ms. Sherry McKellar, County Clerk. Absent: Commissioner Larry Collins, District Two.

1.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Norman called the meeting to order.

2.

Invocation

Commissioner Cliatt gave the invocation.

3.

LC Paws

Mrs. Kristen Jones and Mrs. Melissa Fox shared with the Board why LC Paws, an animal rescue organization, are requested funds in the amount of \$2000 quarterly/\$8000 annually from the Board of Commissioner and the City Council. They are working to curtail the stray dog and cat overpopulation by taking in animals and giving them a chance to be adopted. The vetting of these animals is costly and the initial cost of basic intake care for each is \$250.00. They expect to serve 100-150 animals annually. Therefore, they are asking for the funds as a matter of assistance in helping with these expenses.

4.

9-1-1 Updated Resolutions / HB751

Clerk McKellar informed the Board that during the 2018 legislative session HB751 was passed that created the Georgia emergency Communications Authority. This requires us to repeal and replace our 9-1-1 resolutions to reflect the changes in order for the Department of Revenue to collect our landline & wireless 9-1-1 fees beginning January 1, 2019.

5.

Renewal of County Maintained Boat Ramps

Director Seymour informed the Board that we have received a letter from the Corps of Engineers requesting us to notify them if we wish to continue use maintenance and operation of nine boat ramps in Lincoln County. We will need to notify them of our intent to renew by October 30, 2018.

6.

Speed Limit Changes for Chamberlain Ferry Road and Double Branches Road

Director Seymour reminded the Board that during the Soap Creek Bridge construction the speed limit on Chamberlain Ferry Road was reduced from 55 mph to 40 mph. He is asking to Board to consider raising that speed limit to 45 mph. He is also asking them to reduce the speed limit on Double Branches Road from 55 mph to 45 mph due to the width of the road, steep curves, hills and blind driveways.

7.

E-Billing Rate Adjustments

Director Broom shared with the Board the rate adjustments the OES Department would like to implement. These adjustments meet the Medicare guidelines and would have a potential

increase around \$141,178.69. This rate increase would make us comparable with the fees of surrounding counties.

8.

Lincoln Center Rental by County Employee

Chairman Norman mentioned to the Board that he had two employees asking that the Board consider the price employees pay for renting the Lincoln Center. Current cost is \$115 for half the Center and \$225 for the whole Center. He then stated that Clerk McKellar informed him that we do not require county employees to pay the \$100 security deposit. His concern if we were to lower the cost of employees is that non-employees may ask employees to rent the Center under their name there by paying the lower cost. After some discussion, it was decided to take no action.

9.

County Millage Rate

This item was tabled until called meeting.

10.

Tax Levy for 2018

This item was tabled until called meeting.

11.

General fund Final budget FY2019

This item was tabled until called meeting.

12.

Water Bills at Serenity Point

Chairman Norman informed the Board that we had received a letter from the attorney of a resident that owns several properties in Serenity Point in regards to the \$10 availability fee the properties are assessed on the county water bill. It states that it is illegal for us to charge the fee and he has since stopped paying the water bills. He is currently is arrears \$4731.00 and he is asking the Board to authorize the County Attorney to file a suit in Magistrate Court and file a lien on the property.

13.

Library Board Appointments

Commissioner Cliatt will be asking the Board to appoint Jackie Cliatt to the Library Board.

14.

Commissioner's Comments

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

15.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the work session was adjourned at 4:30pm.


Walker T. Norman, Chairman


Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk