

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a work session on **February 7, 2019 at 3:00pm** in the Commissioners Conference Room. Those present were Chairman Walker T. Norman; Commissioner Brian Henderson, District One; Commissioner Larry Collins, District Two; Commissioner Cooper Cliatt, District Three; Mrs. Penny Arnett, Finance Director; Mr. Roby Seymour, Public Works Director; Mrs. Nancy Blount, Senior/Transit Director; Mr. Ben Jackson, County Attorney; Ms. Jenna Cliatt, Georgia Tech Intern; Mrs. Lisa Reese & Mrs. Melissa Fox, LC Paws and Ms. Sherry McKellar, County Clerk. Absent: Commissioner Lamar Wade, District Four

1.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Norman called the meeting to order.

2.

Invocation

Attorney Jackson gave the invocation.

Chairman Norman amended the Agenda to add Surplus Vehicles and Water Availability Fees.

3.

LC Paws

Chairman Norman stated that Attorney Jackson has prepared an agreement between Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and LC Paws. He will ask the Board to authorize him and the Clerk to sign. Mrs. Lisa Reese explained to the Board various areas of care that LC Paws has done for the County in the past year. She explained the costs involved and asked the Board to help fund LC Paws so they can continue to furnish animal care and protection services to Lincoln County. Chairman Norman stated the agreement is for one (1) year and may be extended for an additional year. It would provide funding of \$8000 annually with the January and April payments coming from the SPLOST funds and the July and October payments would be a line item on the budget. The County will require LC Paws to send quarterly reports on how the funds are being spent.

4.

Renaming Road into Elijah Clark State Park

Commissioner Larry Collins stated that he had previously asked the Board to consider re-naming the road into Elijah Clark after Senator John P. Drinkard as he was instrumental in getting the Park located in Lincoln County. After meeting with Mr. Ben Fortson, whose family owned the land before the state took it, he is no longer asking for a road to be renamed. Commissioner Collins has asked the Park Manager if he could have a space inside the Visitors Center to place a photo of Senator Drinkard and Mr. Benjamin Fortson with something giving the history of what part they played in the making of Elijah Clark State Park.

5.

Hotel/Motel Tax Disbursement

Chairman Norman stated that Mrs. Beth Putnam, Chamber President, brought to his attention that a portion of the Hotel/Motel Tax should go to a 501c6 entity. She is asking that it go to the Chamber. Attorney Jackson has created a contract between the Chamber and the County that will allocate those funds as required by law.

6.

Development Authority Board Appointment

Chairman Norman stated that he is not ready to appoint anyone at this time. The current appointee will continue to serve until someone else is appointed.

7.

CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon

Chairman Norman is asking the Board to once again agree to participate in the Fort Gordon Alliance at a cost of \$2,500.

8.

Condemned Fund Budget

Director Arnett explained that the auditors informed her that we need to create and pass a Budget of \$4,125 for FY2018 for the condemned funds that the Sheriff's Office receives in order for us to be in compliance with state law.

9.

Community Services Block Grant Subcontract

Director Blount informed the Board that we have received a Community Services Block Grant from the CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority in the amount of \$6,274. The agreement will run from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. These funds will offset her salary to enable additional funding for senior activities.

10.

Speed Limit on Aycock Norman Road

Commissioner Henderson has had someone contact him asking that the speed limit on Aycock Norman Road be reduced from 55mph to 45mph.

11.

RFP 19-001 Agriculture Building

Chairman Norman informed the Board that we are putting out an RFP for the Agriculture building that will be built at the recreation complex. This is to be paid for with the OneGeorgia Grant of \$200,000 that Brian Tankersley helped the County to receive.

12.

Water Availability Fees

Director Seymour explained to the Board that after they had voted to allow the County to place liens on all property that had outstanding water availability fees of over \$60 they had one customer that has transferred ownership of his lots into an LLC. Attorney Jackson states that he believes that what he has done is illegal. Attorney Jackson is asking the Boards permission to file suit against Mark E. Jackson DBA Serenity Builders and Development, LLC to get the fees paid.

13.

Surplus Vehicles

Chairman Norman informed the Board that since we no longer have GMASS, the Tax Assessors office will now have to go out and appraise properties around the county and they will need a vehicle to do that. He reached out to Ron Cross of Columbia County and they have three (3) vehicles available As-Is. A 2003 Ford F-250 for \$3,000 that can be used by Public Works as a service truck; a 2006 Ford Escape for \$2,500 that could be used by the Tax Assessors Office; and a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria for \$2,800 that can be on stand-by for the Sheriff's Office. Chairman is asking the Board to consider purchasing all three for a total of \$8,300.

14.

Commissioner's Comments


Commissioner Collins stated that LC Paws must be doing something right as he has not had any stray dog complaints in a while. He then asked if the Sheriff were to receive another vehicle, he must turn over a vehicle back to the Board so his number vehicles do not go over 17.

Chairman Norman informed the Board that the Intern, Jenna Cliatt, is working with Brian Tankersley to write a grant to help with funding for the Agriculture Building that is to be built at the Recreation Complex. This is an unpaid internship that will allow her to meet her class assignments.

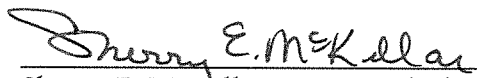
15.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the work session was adjourned at 4:40pm.



Walker T. Norman, Chairman



Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk