

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on **Thursday, February 14, 2019, at 6:00pm** in the courtroom. Those present were Chairman Walker T. Norman; Commissioner Brian Henderson, District One; Commissioner Larry Collins, District Two; Commissioner Cooper Cliatt, District Three; Commissioner H. Lamar Wade, District Four; Mrs. Penny Arnett, Finance Director; Mr. Ben Jackson, County Attorney and Ms. Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk.

1.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Norman called the meeting to order.

2.

Invocation

Pastor David Bohling of Anthony Chapel and Midway UMC 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 Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

At this time Chairman Norman asked Director John Stone of the Development Authority to update the Board on happenings in his office. Director Stone shared that SGE has purchased the former Jintex building and will provide 50-75 new jobs to start manufacturing farm equipment. Apex Marine has started clearing at Soap Creek Marina and plans are to have Soap Creek Restaurant opened around May. They plan to have the boat manufacturing in place in the former Oxford building over the next three years supplying 40 new jobs. He continues with work with more businesses to bring them to Lincoln County.

5.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Collins, 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 135 calls and the average response time was 9 minutes. E-Bill Gross billing for January was \$72,558 with total revenues of \$28,569. EMT Courtney Davis and Cpt. David Nicholson completed the NPQ Firefighter course. All OES firefighters have now completed certification and done so outside of work hours! Jamie Lewis conducted a CPR course at LCOES with Carla Dornberg, Louis Hite and Parker McDaniels. Director Broom attended the regional Emergency Managers meeting at which the Director of GEMA Homer Bryson spoke. He will also be attending the Emergency Managers event at the capital on February 22.

B. Recreation Department

Director Glaze was attending events at the Recreation Department. He had previously submitted his monthly report.

C. Finance Department

Director Arnett presented her monthly report and stated the 2019/20 Budget process will begin soon.

D. Public Works Department

Director Seymour presented his monthly reports. Chairman Norman asked about the County water rate increase mentioned in The Lincoln Journal, is it accurate or did the City's water rate go up as well? Director Seymour informed him that the City and the County both pay the same rate so, yes; the City's rate did increase too.

Public Works serviced 2,077 water/sewer customers; installed three (3) service connections; repaired four (4) 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. They issued five (5) new and 49 renewal business licenses; issued 46 building permits and performed 96 building inspections, 13 on-site evaluations; one (1) plan reviews; 18 solid waste activity; one (1) code violations site visits and issued one (1) notices of violation and no (0) citations.

7.

Public Hearing

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

**A. Applicant: Lloyd DeFoor / Highway 79, LLC
Rezoning Request: Map 19 / Parcel 002**

The Planning & Zoning Board recommended the Board of Commissioners approve Highway 79, LLC rezoning request for a final plat determination for Highway 79 Farms. On a motion by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board approved the request.

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

8.

LC Paws

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Agreement with LC Paws providing them with \$8000 annually to be paid quarterly for them to provide animal care and protection services to the citizens of Lincoln County. Chairman Norman thanked LC Paws for all they are doing for Lincoln County. Ms. Lisa Reese gave a brief accounting of the things they do; take in strays to foster, have them updated on shots, spayed or neutered and help find forever homes. Both and City and the County have called them for help with animals. The goal is to have a Shelter in Lincoln County that will be grant funded.

9.

Community Service Block Grant Subcontract

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the subcontract with the CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority to receive funds in the amount of \$6,274 for the Senior Center. 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.

Renaming Road into Elijah Clark State Park

On a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to write a letter to Elijah Clark State Park asking permission to place photos and bios of Senator John Drinkard and Mr. James Fortson in the Visitors Center. Commissioner Collins had previously asked the Board to consider renaming the road after Senator Drinkard as he was instrumental in Elijah Clark becoming a state park located in Lincoln County but after speaking with the Drinkard and Fortson family's they all decided that placing photos and bio in the Visitors Center would inform more people of the roles they played in creating the Park.

11.

Speed Limit on Aycock Norman Road

On a motion by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board voted unanimously to reduce the speed limit on Aycock Norman Road from 55mph to 45mph for the entire road.

12.

Condemned Fund Budget

On a motion by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to pass a Budget of \$4,125 for FY2018 for the Condemned Funds from the Sheriff's Office.

13.

RFP 19-001 Agriculture Building

Director Seymour informed the Board that RFP 19-001 for the Agriculture Building to be built at the Curry Colvin Recreation Complex went out this week. He had eight companies attend the mandatory pre-Bid meeting on February 13. The Ag Center will be built in three phases. This is the first phase.

At this time Director Seymour recognized Jenna Cliatt, the intern from Georgia Tech, who is helping write a \$98,000 grant for this project.

14.

Legal Services for Water Projects

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve Attorney Jackson as legal counsel and for him to appoint a Bond Counsel to move forward with the water project.

15.

Hotel / Motel Tax Disbursement

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign a contract with the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce to receive a portion of the Hotel/Motel tax that the County receives from Elijah Clark State Park and Soap Creek Marina. The Department of Natural Resources receives 48.5% of the funds; the County will keep 30.9% allotting 20.6% for the Chamber.

16.

CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Henderson, the Board voted unanimously to continue to support the Fort Gordon Alliance for \$2,500 annually. Chairman Norman stated that we partner with the Development Authority who pay the remaining \$2,500.

17.

Surplus Vehicles

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to sign documents to purchase three vehicles from Columbia County. They are: a 2003 Ford F-250 for \$3,000 that will be used by Public Works as a service truck; a 2006 Ford Escape for \$2,500 that will be used by the Tax Assessors Office to go out and appraise property; and a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria for \$2,800 that will be a extra for when needed. The total cost of all three vehicles is \$8,300.

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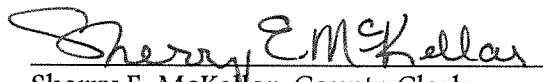
Adjourn

On a motion by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.



Walker T. Norman, Chairman

Attest:



Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk

**** Note:** See minutes from January 22, 2019 Board of Commissioners Called Meeting