

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006 AT 6:30 P.M.

Board Members Present:

Mitch Bowen, Chairman
K. Neal Bennett, Board Member
Noah Strickland, Board Member
Aldeen Davis, Board Member

News Media Present:

The Blackshear Times

Chairman Mitch Bowen called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Commissioner Neal Bennett gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the June 2006 minutes. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT: Bids on Landscaping & Irrigation-County Administrative Supervisor Nicole Wood stated that the county had not received but one bid on the landscaping and irrigation system for the courthouse project. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to table the bids on the landscaping and irrigation bids. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. County Administrative Supervisor Nicole Wood will re advertise for the bids. Motion carried.

Rusty McCall of McCall & Associates: Update on Courthouse Renovation Project-Rusty McCall told the Board that he was approaching closing out the courthouse project and now was the time to start deciding on what furniture, fixtures and equipment will be needed. He recommended that the furniture and fixtures be within the historical nature of the building. He also told the Board that they should get with the Department heads and decide what furniture and equipment they will need to move to the courthouse. Mr. McCall stated that his contract with Pierce County did not include selecting the furniture, but he could assist them with arrangements for the purchasing of the furniture. Mr. McCall stated that this should be in the process within the next month. Commissioner Aldeen Davis wanted to know if there were any plans that included historical designs that could be handled out to the Department heads. County Administrative Supervisor Nicole Wood said that there would be a lot of fixtures and furniture that could not be built in, such as filling systems, benches and chairs. Mr. McCall stated that the contractor that is doing the cabinet work could possible do the desks. Mr. McCall also said that he would like to present the updated budget figures for the courthouse project to the Board soon.

Invoices for June 2006: Consider approval of the June 2006 invoices for the Courthouse Renovation Project- Invoices for June 2006 totaled \$13,816.23. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the June 2006 invoices for the amount of \$13,816.23. Commissioner Noah Strickland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITY OF BLACKSHEAR: Consider approval of an invoice from the City of Blackshear for Phoenix Fabricators in the amount of \$26,927.20. The City of Blackshear presented the final payment from Phoenix Fabricators for the water tower in the Industrial Park. The amount was \$26,927.00 and will be paid from the 2003 SPLOST funds. Commissioner Neal Bennett made a motion to approve the invoice from the City of Blackshear for the amount of \$26,927.20. Commissioner Noah Strickland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MARK DIXON, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF EDUCATION: Mr. Dixon stated that he wanted to address the Board about a couple of issues. The first one concerns the land swap. Mr. Dixon wanted to know the status of the land swap. He stated that the Board of Education would need between eight and ten acres for the bus barn. Chairman Mitch Bowen stated that the Board is considering which parcel to give to the Board of Education, one across from the high school or maybe the property behind the County Farm. Mr. Dixon stated that the second issue concerned the new school project on Midway Church Road. Mr. Dixon stated that there were future plans to have Youmans Road, which runs in front of the new school site, paved. Mr. Dixon asked that the County consider helping with the paving project. Chairman Mitch Bowen stated that he was going to meet with the GA Department of Transportation member Roy Herrington to discuss future road plans at the new school site.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel-Chairman Mitch Bowen called for a motion to adjourn in Executive Session at 7:00 P.M. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regular Monthly Meeting reconvened by Chairman Mitch Bowen at 8:00 P.M. Chairman Bowen announced that no action had been taken on personnel.

Joey Walker asked to address the Board on an update on the applications for the Piece County Industrial Development Authority Board. Chairman Bowen stated that the county has received two resumes and one application for the positions. Mr. Walker stated that the county should have received at least three applications that he knew of. Commissioner Aldeen Davis stated that the county was not ready to move on the appointments at this time, the County was just taking applications. County Attorney Franklin Rozier stated that the people serving on the Board at this time are still legal to serve and that the Board was still active.

Having on further business, the regular monthly meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M into a Budget Work session.

Mitch Bowen, Chairman

K. Neal Bennett, Board Member

Noah Strickland, Board Member

Aldeen Davis, Board Member

CALLED MEETING/BUDGET WORKSESSION, PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER, JULY 27, 2006 AT 6:30 P.M.

Board Members Present:

Mitch Bowen, Chairman
K. Neal Bennett, Board Member
Noah Strickland, Board Member
Aldeen Davis, Board Member

News Media Present:

The Blackshear Times

Chairman Mitch Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:48 P.M.

Commissioner Aldeen Davis gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SATILLA COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD-Appointment to fill Rick Fey position- Chairman Mitch Bowen stated that Mr. Lowell Williamson will serve on the Satilla Community Services Board. His position will be effective June 30, 2006 and will expire June 30, 2009. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to appoint Mr. Lowell Williamson to the Satilla Community Services Board. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES-PIERCE COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITY CENTER/MULTI PURPOSE CENTER/SENIOR CENTER: Rusty McCall of McCall & Associates had a concern with the bid from Jeffords Studio, Inc for the photographic services. He is concerned that the proposal bid of \$2,500.00 may not cover all the work necessary. The photographs have to meet the needs of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division, and Mr. McCall does not want the county to have to pay again for additional work that might have to be done if the photographs are not up to DNRs standards. Mr. McCall stated that the county needs to get an understanding with Mr. Jeffords that he will not charge the county again if the photographs do not meet the GA DNR HPD guidelines. Chairman Mitch Bowen presented a letter from Steve Jeffords stated that he will retake any photographs necessary, at his own expense, if any of the photographs submitted to the GA DNR HPD do not meet their needs concerning the documentation of the structure. Commissioner Neal Bennett made a motion to approve the bid from Jeffords Studio, Inc of \$2,500 to photo the Building known as the Pierce County Neighborhood Facility Center/Multi Purpose Center. Commissioner Noah Strickland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned into a Budget Work Session.

Mitch Bowen, Chairman

K. Neal Bennett, Board Member

Noah Strickland, Board Member

Aldeen Davis, Board Member