

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
JUNE 06, 2006 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Board Member Present:

Mitch Bowen, Chairman
Neal Bennett, Board Member
Aldeen Davis, Board Member

News Media Present:

The Pierce County Press
The Blackshear Times

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Aldeen Davis stated that he had a correction in the May 18, 2006 called meeting minutes pertaining to the statement that he made on the bids from Stafford on the front end loader and the excavator. Commissioner Davis wanted the statement to read that he had talked to Tim Tomberlin, who stated that he would give the county a warranty stating that if the machines are down and the county cannot get the parts within 24 hours he will put a new machine on our property within 24 hours changed to read within 48 hours. Commissioner Neal Bennett made a motion to approval the May 02, 2206 regular monthly meeting and to accept the change on the May 18, 2006 called meeting minutes. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Georgia Forestry's Request to Purchase Property: Chairman Mitch Bowen stated that the property located in Patterson had 4.4 acres and a 30x50 building and would be a valuable pierce of property. Commissioner Aldeen Davis stated that he understood that the Georgia Forestry Commissioner only needed one acre and wanted to know what the plans for the other acres were. Chairman Bowen said that the Forestry Commission may use the property later. Charlie Cooper, Chief Ranger, stated that Rayonier adjoins the property on one side and they may be interested in buying some of the property. Tom Davis, Mayor, City of Blackshear, stated that he understood that there was an airstrip on the property and maybe it could be used by Pierce County, but Mr. Cooper stated that the property is surrounded by planted pine trees. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to purchase the property. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dog Kennel: Tom Davis, Mayor, City of Blackshear, came before to the board to present an update on the dog pound. Mayor Davis said that he had gone to look at the dog pound in Homerville and that they had a 40'x125' kennel with a 60' dog run and had two modules that housed 40 dogs. The also had 2-20'x 60' cat modules. Mayor Davis stated that the owner of the kennel in Homerville was willing to share the plans for the kennels. Mayor Davis wants to place the kennels at the end of the Industrial Park and the revenue from the 2003 SPLOST could be used to cover the expenses. Mayor Davis asked the commissioners to consider paying a part of the construction and that the cost could be divided between Blackshear, Patterson and Offerman.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Renovation Projects: Rusty McCall of McCall & Associates was scheduled to present an update on the various building renovation project, but was unable to attend due to a death in his family.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS-INVOICES AND BIDS: Monthly invoices, bids on window treatment for the Courthouse, and contract for paving & curbs at the Courthouse.

Invoices for May 2006-The invoices for May 2006 totaled \$4,883.94. Commissioner Neal Bennett made a motion to approve the May 2006 invoice for the Courthouse in the amount of \$4,883.94. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Window Treatment Bids-Nicole Wood, County Administrative Supervisor, opened two bids received on the window treatment for the Courthouse. Coastal Truss & Vinyl Siding, Inc. of Patterson, GA presented 5 (five) options ranging in price from \$20,500 to \$32,332 and Plantation Shutter & Blind Company, Inc. of Valdosta, GA also presented 5 (five) option ranging in price from \$25,546 to \$56,640. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to table the bids until Rusty McCall can review them. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Contract for Paving, Gutter & Curbs at Courthouse-Nicole Wood, County Administrative Supervisor, stated that Rusty McCall of McCall & Associated had reviewed the bid from S&S Seal Coating and he has recommended that the Board accept S&S Seal Coating's bid of \$191,283 for the paving, gutters and curbs at the Courthouse. Commissioner Neal Bennett made a motion to accept S&S Seal Coating's bid of \$191,283 for the Courthouse. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Satilla Community Service Contract-Consider approval of the MH/DD/SA contract in the amount of \$7,500.00. Nicole Wood, County Administrative Supervisor, explained that this is the annual contract for FY 2007. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to renew the MH/DD/SA contact for \$7,500.00. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Striping Bids-Old Hoboken Road, Youmans Chapel Road, Radio Station Road, and Old Alma Road-County Administrative Supervisor Nicole Wood presented five bids for road striping to the Board. The bids are as follows:

1. Diversified Traffic Services, Inc.-\$98,985.00
2. Mid State Construction & Striping, Inc.-\$148,843.75
3. Peek Pavement Marking, LLC-\$113,897.50
4. Coastal Striping-Seal Coating, Inc.-\$179,980.00
5. Waycross Paving Company, Inc.-\$ 30,151.90 without edge lines; \$60,271.80 with edge lines.

County Administrative Supervisor Nicole Wood told the Board that the bid from Waycross Paving did not meet the bid specifications. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to accept the striping bid from Diversified Traffic Services, Inc. in the amount of \$98,985.00. Commission Neal Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING:

Hacklebarney Plantation Phase II-Submittal of final plat for approval & consider approval of Sequoia Trail and Hemlock Way as county roads. Amy Hitt, Acting Community Development Director, presented the final plat on Hacklebarney Plantation Phase II, which contains a total of 71.58 acres. Ms Hitt stated that the Planning Commission has approved the final plat. Commissioner Neal Bennett said that he had an issued with the warranty deed. He wanted to know how the County would enforce the deed. County Attorney Franklin Rozier stated that maybe the County should look into

having performance bonds on all subdivisions. Commissioner Neal Bennett stated that if the Board is satisfied he is too, but he would like the Code Enforcement Department to look at some other options on warranty deed on road in subdivisions. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approval the final plat on Hacklebarney Plantation Phase II and to accept Sequoia Tail and Hemlock Way as county roads. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Greenfield Estates Phase II-Submittal of final plat for approval & consider approval of Greenfield Road as a county road. Amy Hitt, Acting Community Development Director, presented the final plat on Greenfield Estates Phase II, which contains a total of 32 lots located on Greenfield Road with a total acreage of 25.716. Ms. Hitt stated that the Planning Commission has approved the final plat. Sonny Bland, County Engineer, said that the cul-de-sac at the end of the road, where Phase I ends, should be left so that the water can drain properly. Commissioner Neal Bennett made a motion to accept the final plat on Greenfield Estates Phase II and to accept Greenfield Road as a county road. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Woodstone Subdivision-Discussion on cash bond for road and consider approval of Woodstone Drive as a county road. Mr. Kirby Malone to present warranty deed to the Board. Mr. Malone did not attend the meeting. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to table the discussion. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rezoning Request-Michael Register is requesting to rezone 22.3134 acres located on New School Road from Single Family to Ag Forestry. Amy Hitt, Acting Community Development Director, stated that Mr. Register has purchased all the property located at 4565 New School Road as his private residence and would like to have the 22.313 acre property rezoned from Single Family to Ag Forestry. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to rezone the property from Single Family to Ag Forestry. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fairways at Okefenokee Golf Club-Submittal of final plat for approval-Amy Hitt, Acting Community Development Director, presented the final plat for approval. She stated that the Planning Commission had approved the plat and that Jim Fairley from the Health Department had signed off on the plat also. Ms. Hitt stated that the subdivision contained 219.509 acres with lots 1-152. Commissioner Neal Bennett stated that he is concerned that the property owners may not be able to get in or out of the area if there was a problem with the river overflowing. Chairman Mitch Bowen wanted to know if there was an exit from the subdivision back to a county maintained road. The owners of JEA Development assured the board that all emergency situations have been covered. Commissioner Neal Bennett made a motion to accept the final plat on Fairways at Okefenokee Golf & Country Club. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman's Comments:

Paving Project Updates-Mill Creek Road-Chairman Mitch Bowen stated that Mill Creek Road is waiting for final approval from the Georgia Department of Transportation. **Bailey Road-** is in the process of being surveyed. **Guest Road-**needs two more signatures on the right-of-way agreement. **Scuffletown Road-**Chairman Mitch Bowen stated that he is proud to announce that Scuffletown Road is finally finished.

2007 Budget & 2006 Millage-Nicole Wood, County Administrative Supervisor, stated that the budget worksheets are being sent to all department heads and will be due in two weeks. Ms. Wood also said

that the work sessions with the department heads and the Board need to be scheduled the week of June 19 on a Tuesday or Thursday night.

Comprehensive Plan-Linda Carroll has scheduled a meeting Thursday June 8, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

Pierce County Health Department Board-Chairman Mitch Bowen stated that A.J. Strickland is serving as the county's representative on the Pierce County Board of Health. He wanted to know if the Board wanted to continue to let Mr. Strickland serve. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to allow A. J. Strickland continue to serve on the Pierce County Board of Health. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pierce County Industrial Development Authority-Commissioner Neal Bennett wanted to know if Chairman Bowen had heard anything from the members of the Pierce County Industrial Development Authority regarding their expired terms. Chairman Mitch Bowen wants permission from the Board to advertise for the five seats. Mayor Tom Davis stated that the City of Blackshear has appointed Stephen Paul as their representative and that Patterson has appointed Rodney James as their representative. Commissioner Neal Bennett said that he wants this issue finished up and made a motion to advertise that Pierce County has five seats available on the Pierce County Industrial Development Authority. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Davis, City of Blackshear Mayor, stated that he had had no reply from the City of Waycross about the contract on the water/sewer issue.

Ramsey Bennett-Letter of Commendation from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation-Chairman Mitch Bowen read a letter from the GBI regarding the apprehending of a dangerous criminal by Pierce County Sheriff's Investigator Ramsey Bennett. Investigator Bennett was commended for his work in helping to solve a shooting in Appling County and for burglaries in Bacon, Appling, Wayne and Pierce Counties.

Executive Session-Personnel-Chairman Mitch Bowen called for a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:35 P.M. Commissioner Neal Bennett made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The regular monthly meeting reconvened at 8:40 P.M. Chairman Mitch Bowen announced that no action had been taken.

Having no further business, the regular monthly meeting was adjourned.

Mitch Bowen, Chairman

K. Neal Bennett, Board Member

Aldeen Davis, Board Member

CALLED MEETING, PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2006 AT 6:45 P. M.

The purpose of this called meeting is to discuss the comprehensive plan and handle other county business.

Board Member Present:

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

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Comprehensive Plan: Linda Carroll, Governmental Consulting Unlimited, came before the Board to discuss the community assessment and the technical addendum for the comprehensive plan. After discussing the community assessment and the technical addendum, the commissioners discussed setting up the stakeholders meeting, the short term work program and the community agenda.

Motion made by Aldeen Davis to approve the transmittal resolution for the joint comprehensive plan. The motion was seconded by Noah Strickland. Motion carried.

Blinds for Courthouse: A motion made by Neal Bennett to approve the bid for blinds for the courthouse from Plantation Shutter and Blind for authentic historical wood blinds in the amount of \$40,460.00. The motion was seconded by Noah Strickland. Motion carried.

Executive Session: 7:45 P. M. – Motion made by Noah Strickland to adjourn into executive session on land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Aldeen Davis. Motion carried.

Reconvene meeting at 8:25 P. M. No action was taken.

Mitch Bowen, Chairman

K. Neal Bennett, Board Member

Aldeen Davis, Board Member

Noah Strickland, Board Member