

**PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, MARCH 09, 2010  
AT 6:30 P.M.**

Board Member Present: James Dennison, Chairman (Absent)  
K. Neal Bennett, District 1  
Mike Streat, District 2  
Randy Dixon, District 3  
Aldeen Davis, District 4

News Media Present: The Blackshear Times  
Pierce County Press

**CALL TO ORDER:** District 1 Commissioner Neal Bennett called the March 2010 meeting to order, in the absent of Chairman Jim Dennison, at 6:30 P.M.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Jason Deal gave the invocation and Commissioner Bennett led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2010 MINUTES:** Commissioner Bennett made a change on page 2 for the voting from the commissioners. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the February 2010 minutes. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**A.) Dave Wills, ACCG-Information on County Manager options.** Mr. Wills presented a power point presentation on the various forms of county governments. Mr. Wills noted that Pierce County is only one of 17 counties in Georgia that has a full-time chairman as the chief executive officer. Mr. Wills noted that 117 counties now utilize an administrator or manager to operate day-to-day government. Mr. Wills gave a presentation of the different forms of county government and the positives and negatives associated with each one. Commissioners Mike Streat and Aldeen Davis asked for specifics regarding the differences between a county administrator and a county manager. Mr. Wills explained that an administrator would have less power than a county manager. The county manager would have the authority to hire and fire department heads, but the county administrator would have to go through the board for the final decisions. He also stated that the county commissioners would retain full authority over, including the right to hire and fire, the county manager or administrator. Mr. Wills stated that hiring a county manager or administrator would take the politics out of county government.

Commissioner Neal Bennett stated that the board has been looking at this decision for a couple of years and that the present chairman and the past two chairmen have endorsed this decision.

Commissioner Mike Streat voiced concern about having a full time chairman and a full time manager or administrator. Mr. Wills pointed out that Pierce County likely could not afford both. Commissioner Sweat said that he would like to have both positions, but conceded the county could not afford both.

Mr. Wills suggested that the board keep the same make-up as the school board with the commissioners elected from the four districts and the chairman elected county wide. This would be the same as now, but the chairman would become part-time.

Commissioner Neal Bennett stated that the salary for a part-time chairman would be cut from the \$60,000 range to around \$18,000 to \$20,000. Commissioner Bennett stated that it would take more than the \$40,000 to attract a candidate for the job of county manager/administrator.

All commissioners agreed that the change should come before the qualifying event in April. Commissioner Bennett stated that potential candidates would like to know if they are applying for a full-time job or a part-time job.

Mr. Wills told the board that they can define duties and responsibilities in the job description before they make the hire.

Commissioner Bennett wanted to know what the steps would have to be taken to make the change from a full-time chairman to a county manger position. Mr. Wills stated that a manger position could be created by local ordinance, but it would be best to have the form of government approved by the Georgia General Assembly.

Commissioner Bennett called for a motion to move forward with a managerial form of government with County Attorney Franklin Rozier to draw up a resolution for a county manager form of government.

Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to proceed with the due process of having a managerial form of government in Pierce County with the chairman's position moved to part-time. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**Tabitha Johns**-Commissioner Mike Streat asked the board if Ms. Johns could speak on concerns in her neighborhood. Commissioner Streat stated that Ms. John lives in his district and he wanted her to address the board. Ms. Johns stated that she lives behind Farr's Furniture and the road sign on her road, Gooseberry Lane, had been stolen several times. She also said that the residents are having problems with stray dogs chasing the neighborhood children. Ms. Johns also asked the board if her neighbors could have a cleanup day to pick up all the trash in the area and have the tipping fees waived. Commissioner Bennett told Ms. Johns that he would have 911 put up a new sign, have the Sheriff Office look into the stray dog problem and she would be notified when the next county wide cleanup day was scheduled and he would see about having dumpster set in that area of the county.

#### **NFC/MPF/LIBRARY PROJECT**

**Recap of NFC/MPF/Library Project**-Mr. McCall reported on the project budget. He stated that the total to date spent on the library is \$711,364.40 and the total spent to date on the NFC/MPF is \$922,347.85.

**Low Voltage Bids-Rusty McCall**-Mr. McCall stated that he had received three (3) bids for the low voltage work for the NFC/Library project. The bids received were: Southeastern System Technologies-\$287,451; MetroPower, Inc. dba MetroServices-\$221,140; Ace Technologies, LLC-\$201,955. Mr. McCall explained that Ace Technologies are the low bidder, but they left out a major portion of the work in their bid and therefore their bid is disqualified. He asked for permission to disqualify Ace Technologies, LLC and to research the next low bidder, MetroPower, Inc. dba MetroServices at \$221,140. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to disqualify the low bidder Ace Technologies, LLC and to have Mr. McCall research the next low bidder MetroPower, Inc. dba MetroServices at \$221,140. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. McCall stated the based on the scope of the project, the rainy weather and the availability of inmate labor, the project was on time and where he expected it to be.

Commissioner Aldeen Davis pointed out the construction looks to be at a standstill. Mr. McCall stated that little progress has occurred at the library in the past weeks. He explained that a hold up on securing inmate crews to install the plumbing had delayed the work. Mr. McCall told Commissioner Davis that until the plumbing is done the library would not be any more than "just a shell with a roof on it."

Mr. McCall asked the board for permission to begin seeking a specialized company to replace the pressed tin ceiling in the NFC. Mr. McCall stated that he knew of only one company that did this type of work. The pressed tin ceiling must be used due to the NFC being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. McCall also stated that he would have to start looking for a concrete finisher.

Mr. McCall stated that Tommy Hatcher of the Rural Development said that funds are now available and can be drawn within a 60-90 days period with notice.

**J.) Pierce County MPC/NFC/Library Project Invoices-**Mr. McCall presented a total of \$43,381.02 in invoices for the MPC/NFC/Library Project. The breakdown was \$39,891.47 for the NFC/MPF, \$3,364.55 for the Library grant and \$125.00 for the county paid side of the Library. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve \$43,381.02 in invoices for the Pierce County MPC/NFC/Library Project. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**B.) Constance Cromely-Requesting paving of Homestead Road in front of Gates of Joy Christian Fellowship.** Mr. Tyrone Harris, a member of the Gates of Joy Christian Fellowship came before the board to ask that Homestead Road be paved. Mr. Harris stated that this road becomes a big "bog hole" when it rains and makes it also impossible to get in and out of the church parking area. Mr. Harris stated that this is a school route and will probably be used more when the Midway Elementary School is opened and is used as an alternate route into the industrial park when the train tracks are blocked. Mrs. Jean Bowen, a resident on Homestead Road, also spoke on paving the road. Mrs. Bowen stated that she had been promised that the road would be paved several years ago. She also stated that the church has a large congregation and that there is at least one business on the road. She stated that she was asking only that the board start the process to get this road paved.

Commissioner Mike Streat, who is the representative for that district, told the residents that the state is not giving any monies out for paving at this time. Commissioner Davis also stated that the state had only funded two projects in Pierce County over the past two years and that would be Guest Road and repairs to the Mershon Road Bridge.

Mr. Harris stated that he only wanted the board to look into paving this road in the near future as he knows that there are going to be problems in the future with the traffic from the Midway Elementary School.

Commissioner Neal Bennett stated that he would have Road Superintendent John Gill look at the road and see if the road department can do something to alleviate the problems.

**C.) Keith Dean-Requesting the week of March 7, 2010 be proclaimed Girl Scout Week.** County Clerk Mollie Howard read the Girl Scout Week Proclamation to the audience. Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to proclaim the week of March 7, 2010 as Girl Scout week. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **PLANNING & ZONING**

**D.) Wayne & Marlene Spradley-Requesting variance of 24.86 feet on the rear yard setback of 40 ft at the property known as 2782 Ware Street for the purpose of dividing the property.** Planning Commission recommends approval. Code Development Director Mary Clifton stated that the property had two out building that encroaches on the 40 foot rear setback and the property owners wanted to square up the property. Commissioner Neal Bennett made a motion to approve the request from Wayne & Marlene Spradley for a variance of 24.86 feet on the rear yard setback of 40 ft at the property known as 2782 Ware Street for the purpose of dividing the property. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**E.) Cobblestone Estates-Revision of plat for Cobblestone Estates Phase One combing a portion of lot 24 and lot 25.** Planning Commission recommends approval. Code Development Director Mary Clifton stated that Lot 25A will have .0192 acres moved to Lot 24. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the request to move .0192 acres from Lot 25A to Lot 24 at Cobblestone Estates Phase One. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**F.) Scottie Graham, Blackshear/Pierce County Recreation Director-Requesting \$2,000.00 in 2008 SPLOST funds to pay for improvements to the Recreation Department building.** Funds

are available. Mr. Graham was unable to attend due to evaluations for baseball season. Jordan Sasser, Athletic Director, came before the board requesting \$2,000.00 in 2008 SPLOST funds for improvement to the Recreation Department building to include paint, paint accessories, decorative pieces and fabric and material to update the furniture. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the request from the Blackshear/Pierce County Recreation Department for \$2000.00 in 2008 SPLOST funds for improvements to the Recreation Department building. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**G.) City of Patterson-Requesting \$760.00 in 2003 SPLOST funds to reimburse payment for repairs on Hyers Street Extension.** Funds are available. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the request from the City of Patterson for \$760.00 in 2003 SPLOST funds to pay for repairs on Hyers Street Extension. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **BIDS**

**H.) T J Smith Bridge-Bids were received for the replacement of T J Smith Bridge until 11:00 a.m. February 23, 2010.** Bids were for the bridge to be widened to 20 feet. County Clerk Mollie Howard announced that three (3) bids had been received. Batir Bridge Company, Inc bid \$58,150.00; Southern Concrete Construction Company, inc. bid \$60,780.00(24' bridge) and Underground Excavating, Inc. bid \$68,000.00. Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to accept the \$58,150.00 bid from Batir Bridge Company, Inc. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**I). Midway Elementary School-Pierce County Board of Education is asking for approximately 30,000 sq. feet of paving.** Assistant Superintendent Cleve Tyre came before the board asking for paving of Youmans Road. Mr. Tyre told the board that it was imperative for the road to be paved before the Midway Elementary School is opened in August of 2010. Mr. Tyre explained the school board can pave entrance and exit roads and parking lots, but cannot pave public roads. Mr. Tyre stated that the school board would like to see all .9 of a mile paved, but would settle at this time for 1,240 feet of paving. He estimated that the cost would be \$75,000 to \$100,000. Mr. Tyre said that the Board of Education would be willing to offer any assistance to the board that they needed including their engineering specs and assistance with drafting the request for proposals.

Commissioner Aldeen Davis wanted to know how the county was going to pay for this project. County Clerk Mollie Howard stated that the commissioners had \$729,409.38 in the 2008 SPLOST funds that are committed for existing road projects including paving Guest Road and repair to the Mershon Road Bridge. Commissioner Davis stated that there was no money in the general fund this year for road paving projects. Commissioner Randy Dixon stated that he would like to pave the whole road, but the county just could not do that right now.

Mr. Tyre suggested that the county seek money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to pay for the work. Mr. Tyre stated that this is 'a shovel ready project' and the state has already given Pierce County money for the Jot 'Em Down project.

Commissioner Randy Davis made a motion to proceed with paving 1,240 feet of Youmans Road at the Midway Elementary School and to allow the Pierce County Board of Education to prepare the request for proposal packets and for Pierce County to seek financial aid for the project. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel and Legal**

**Executive Session-** Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:50 PM. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

The regular board meeting reconvened at 9:52 PM with a motion from Commissioner Randy Dixon and a second from Commissioner Aldeen Davis. Commissioner Neal Bennett announced that no decisions had been made and no action was taken.

**NFC/Library Project: Plumber for project**-Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to add this to the agenda due to the time frame for the project. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

The bid for the plumber at the NFC/Library Project in for rough-in plumbing only with the county to supply the materials. Only one (1) bid was received. Arthur Sapp Plumbing bid \$4,250.00. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to accept the bid from Arthur Sapp Plumbing for \$4,250.00. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**Budget Work Session:** Delayed due to the time frame of the regular meeting until the end of the called meeting on March 23, 2010.

Commissioner Neal Bennett announced that called meeting will be held March 23, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. and a budget work session would follow the meeting.

**Adjourn:** Having no further county business, the March 09, 2010 regular monthly meeting was adjourned at 9:58 P.M. by a motion from Commissioner Mike Streat and a second from Commissioner Randy Dixon. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

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K. Neal Bennett, District 1

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Mike Streat, District 2

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Randy Dixon, District 3

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Aldeen Davis, District 4

**PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CALLED MEETING, MARCH 23, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Board Member Present:

K. Neal Bennett, District 1  
Mike Streat, District 2  
Randy Dixon, District 3  
Aldeen Davis, District 4

News Media Present:

The Blackshear Times  
Pierce County Press

**CALL TO ORDER:** District 1 Commissioner Neal Bennett called the March 23, 2010 called meeting to order, in the absent of Chairman Jim Dennison, at 6:30 P.M.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Jason Deal gave the invocation and Commissioner Mike Streat led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Neal Bennett called for a motion to move the Executive Session to later on the agenda and to process with items A, B, and C and to add approval of an invoice for the repair of ambulance M-3 under section G.

Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to move the Executive Session to later on the agenda and to process with items A, B, and C and to add approval of an invoice for the repair of

ambulance M-3 under section G. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CONTRACTS & RESOLUTIONS**

**A.) Franklin Rozier: Resolution to appoint officers and department heads that serve directly for the Board of Commissioners-**County Clerk Mollie Howard read the resolution to appoint officers and department heads that serve directly for the Board of Commissioners to the audience. Commissioner Mike Streat stated that the County Auditor position be removed from the resolution due to the fact that the County Auditor is on a three (3) year contract. Commissioner Streat also wanted to know if Chairman Dennison had seen the resolution. County Clerk Mollie Howard stated that Chairman Dennison had received all the meeting information in his agenda packet. Commissioner Aldeen Davis wanted to know if this was just a housekeeping issue. Commissioner Streat replied that the Commission office did not have this resolution on file. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the resolution to appoint officers and department heads that serve directly for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**B.) Franklin Rozier: Resolution concerning County Manager form of government.** County Clerk Mollie Howard read the resolution concerning County Manager form of government to the audience. Commissioner Bennett stated that with the county manager the chairman's position will go to part-time and the county manager will be approved by the board.

**Discuss on part-time chairman's salary-**Commissioner Mike Streat stated that he was in favor of a salary around \$20,000. Commissioner Aldeen Davis stated that he had spoken with Dave Wills from ACCG and he suggested that the salary be about twice the amount of the highest paid county commissioner. That would put the salary range at about \$17,000. Commissioners Mike Streat and Neal Bennett stated that they could though that the figure should be around \$18,000. Commissioner Randy Dixon stated that the chairman would still get the benefits mandated by the state. Commissioner Streat stated that if the salary was lower, the incentive for the job would be gone. Commissioner Bennett asked Commissioner Davis to get in touch with Mr. Wills with the ACCG and County Attorney Franklin Rozier to discuss job duties and to get a job description for the county manager. Commissioner Bennett said that it would be better for the county if the county manager could be in place by November or December 2010.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to adopt the resolution concerning County Manager form of government for Pierce County based on the salary of \$18,000 for the position of a part-time county chairman and to hire a county manager to take effect on January 01, 2011. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

County Attorney Franklin Rozier stated that legislation will now be introduced in the Georgia General Assembly to ratify the change in the style of government.

**C.) Angie Bowen: Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the GDOT and the US DOT for a grant for public transportation assistance under Section 5311 of the federal transit laws.** Transit Director Angie Bowen stated that this was the yearly authorization for the filing. She also stated that a copy of the FY 2011 budget was included in the agenda packet. Commissioner Davis wanted to know what line item was for the salary in the Commissioner's office. Mrs. Bowen stated that it was listed under the bookkeeper salary. County Clerk Mollie Howard stated that the same amount had been deducted from the salary in the financial accounting side of the general budget. Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to prove the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the GDOT and the US DOT for a grant for public transportation assistance under Section 5311 of the federal transit laws. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONELL**

Commissioner Neal Bennett called for a motion to adjourn into executive session. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:06 PM.

Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Mike Streat left at 8:45 due to work issues.**

Called meeting reconvened at 9:25 PM. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to reconvene the called meeting at 9:25 PM and to continue the executive session later in the meeting due to the time frame on the other items on the agenda. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCES**

**E.) Ken Justice, EMA Director: Review an ordinance to prohibit overcharging for goods, materials, services, and housing during a state of emergency.** Ken Justice, EMA Director stated that the Georgia Emergency Management Agency recommends that all counties have this ordinance in place. Mr. Justice stated that is ordinance will be operative only during a period of declared state of emergency. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve an ordinance to prohibit overcharging for goods, materials, services, and housing during a state of emergency. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**F.) Ken Justice, EMA Director: Review an ordinance authorizing the imposition of curfews during times of emergency or disaster.** Ken Justice, EMA Director presented the ordinance to the board stating that one correction will have to be made. Section 1, paragraph 2, the word unincorporated will be struck from the final ordinance. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the imposition of curfews during times of emergency or disaster. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**G.) Ken Justice, Fire Director: Requesting approval to purchase a package deal from Blackshear Auto Parts-NAPA for \$3,500 to include:**

**1 model F-7500 D Generator**

**1 model F-9000 RC Generator**

**1 model FTP volume water pump with a 1 year manufacturer warranty**

Mr. Justice stated that this purchase will be for the Hacklebarney VFD and this has been discussed with Chairman Dennison. The money will be used from the 2003 SPLOST-Public Safety. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the purchase package from Blackshear Auto Parts-NAPA for \$3,500 to include 1 model F-7500 D Generator, 1 model F-9000 RC Generator and 1 model FTP volume water pump with a 1 year manufacturer warranty. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**H.) Ken Justice-EMS Director: Requesting approval of a quote from Waters Ford for \$2,480 for repair of 2006 ambulance M-3.** Commissioner Bennett stated that he had talked with Mr. Justice about this repair. M-3 is one of the ambulances that is in service and will need to be repaired. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the repair to M-3 ambulance by Waters Ford at \$2,480. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **MIDWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**I.) Pierce County Board of Education: Superintendent Cleve Tyre- Review proposal and estimates for paving Youmans Road.** Mr. Tyre came before the board to review the issue on paving Youmans Road. Mr. Tyre stated that at least 1,250 feet of paving needs to be do for buses and staff to exit off Midway Church Road onto Youmans Road for access to bus loading and unloading and staff parking. Mr. Tyre stated that the Pierce County Board of Education suggested that Pierce County procure engineering services from EMC Engineering Services, Inc., for economy reason use the Pierce County road department to provide all road construction

except paving, and have engineering service provider develop the RFP which will ask for paving 0.9 mile of road with a 6" base and 2" of asphalt and an alternate for paving 1,250' of paving. Mr. Tyre said that a private contractor estimates the cost of paving and striping 0.9 miles of road at \$218,000 and the 1,250' at \$58,000.

**J.) EMC Engineering Services, Inc.: Review proposal/agreement for providing professional engineering services associated with paving Youmans Road in Pierce County-**Mr. Tyre presented the proposal from EMC Engineering Services, Inc. for engineering services associated with Youmans Road. The proposal for basic engineering services is \$19,500. Commissioner Aldeen Davis stated that he was under the impression that the Pierce County BOE would cover the cost of the engineering services. Mr. Tyre stated that the BOE cannot pay for engineering services that is involved in the paving or construction of a county road, but he would present it to the board.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve using EMC Engineering Services, Inc. to provide professional engineering services associated with the paving of Youmans Road in Pierce County. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

### **NFC/MPF/LIBRARY PROJECT**

**K.) a. Rusty McCall-Low Voltage Bid:** Mr. McCall had received permission to research the second lowest bidder on the low voltage as the first bidder was disqualified due to a major portion of the work not being bid on during the March 09, 2010 regular meeting. Mr. McCall explained to the board that MetroPower, Inc. dba MetroServices at \$221,140 was the second lowest bidder and he had researched their bid and they had also left out a major portion of the work. Mr. Call is seeking permission to disqualify the second lowest bidder, MetroServices, and research the third lowest bidder, Ace Technologies, LLC for \$201,955 and if Ace Technologies, LLC meets all the bid specifications to award the bid to that company. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to allow Rusty McCall to disqualify the second lowest bidder, MetroServices, and research the third lowest bidder, Ace Technologies, LLC for \$201,955 and if Ace Technologies, LLC meets all the bid specifications to award the bid to that company. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**K.) b. Porches-**Mr. McCall reported that the materials and beam supports for four porches at the library will have a savings of \$12,000 over the original estimates. Job supervisor J.C. Wallace can secure and oversee inmate crews to help with that aspect of the work.

**K.) c. Invoices-January 2010:** Mr. McCall stated that the invoices he presented at the regular March meeting were for February 2010 and these invoice amounts are for January 2010. The total amount is \$168,026.67, with \$97,724.06 going to the NFC/MPF building, \$70,036.01 going to the Library and \$266.00 for the county paid portion of the Library project. Mr. McCall also gave a report on the project budget. He stated that the total amount spent to date on the Library project is \$714,853.95 and the total spent on the NFC/MPF project is \$962,239.32. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to accept the January 2010 invoices for the NFC/MPF/Library Project. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. McCall and Mr. J.C. Wallace, Project Supervisor present a material list to the board. This is a list of the materials that will have to be bid out now and in the near future.

The Pierce County Library material list that is being bid out now includes: metal studs, drywall, acoustical ceiling tile, mortar/sand, electrical materials, porch columns, bricks and light fixtures. Materials to be bid out later include paint, caulk and stain. The current subcontract bids are: stucco, metal soffits, fascia, aluminum cornices, metal roofing, flashing, gutters/downspouts, glass and glazing/aluminum storefront and concrete slab. Materials to be bid out in the future include: VCT, base, carpet, toilet partitions, marker boards, tack boards, flagpole, signage, fire extinguishers and toilet accessories. Future subcontract bids include: concrete curbs and gutters/tactile warning surfaces, brick pavers, paving/grading, landscaping/irrigation, quarry tile,

terrazzo tiles, privacy windows, cabinet work ,shutters, blinds, furniture, artwork, plumbing fixtures and fountain.

The Pierce NFC/MPF material list that is being bid out now include: mortar/sand, waterproofing for MPF, metal studs/drywall, acoustical tile ceilings/grid system, tin ceiling at NFC (this is a sole source item) and electrical material. Materials to be bid out later include paint, caulk and stain. The current material list includes brick and light fixtures. The current subcontract bids include: stucco (MFC), simple saver insulation system (MPC), metal roofing, flashing, gutters and downspouts (MPF), glass and glazing/aluminum storefront (NFC/MPF). The future material bids will include: VCT, base, carpet, multi-purpose flooring, marker boards, tack boards, toilet partitions, flagpole, signage, fire extinguishers, rolling counter shutters and toilet accessories. The future subcontract bids will include: concrete curbs and gutters/tactile warning surfaces, brick pavers, paving/grading, landscaping/irrigation, quarry tile, terrazzo tiles, kitchen equipment (NFC/MPC), cabinet work , shutters/ blinds (NFC), plumbing fixtures (NFC/MPF)and hand rails-outside.

**K.) d. Breakers for Electrical Panels: Review bids for breakers for NFC building panel boxes-**

Mr. McCall stated that Mr. Wallace had solicited three (3) telephone bids for the breakers. Winlectric Company bid \$5,000; Coley Electric & Plumbing Supply, Inc. bid \$5,053.34 and Farmers & Builders did not return a bid. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to accept the bid for breakers for electric panels from Winlectric Company for \$5,000. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**K.) e. Arthur Sapp Plumbing/Fleming Milledge, Brick Mason-**Mr. McCall stated that he would like to use Mr. Sapp for any plumbing change orders and Fleming Milledge for brick work on the NFC/MPF/Library project and to follow up and repair any problems after the buildings are finished. Mr. McCall stated that the inmate crew was scheduled to do this work, but they have been sent to work in Forsyth.

**K.) f. J.C. Wallace, Project Supervisor-**Mr. Wallace explained that the timeline is catching up with the building and he was having a hard time coordinating all the bids and material that he needs to order for the project. Mr. Wallace stated that he would like to have more leeway to authorize work and to order materials without having to come before the board each and every time. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to authorize Mr. Wallace to proceed at his discretion on purchases up to \$2,500. Commissioner Randy Davis seconded the motion.

Mr. Wallace also stated that he needs some direction and some authorization on how to proceed on items in the \$500.00 to \$2,500.00 range. He stated that he usually goes to Chairman Dennison, but since he is out whom can he go for permission to proceed on purchasing items.

Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to rescind his motion to authorize Mr. Wallace to proceed at his discretion on purchases up to \$2,500 once it was noted that Mr. Wallace usually went to Chairman Dennison for permission on purchase over \$500.00. Commissioner Randy Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to appoint Commissioner Neal Bennett as acting Chairman until Chairman Jim Dennison can return to office. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

This will allow Commissioner Bennett, along with the other board members, to approve purchases up to \$2,500.00 without calling a board meeting. Any purchases over \$2,500.00 will still have to be bid out.

Mr. Wallace stated that he will have to have a forklift and that it would be cheaper to buy one than to rent one. The board told Mr. Wallace to get forklift specification and to proceed with bidding out the forklift.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**L.) T J Smith Bridge: Ratify the amendment of the bid accepted from Batir Bridge Company for the replacement of T J Smith Bridge from \$58,150 @ 20 ft to \$60,000 @ 24 ft.**

Commissioner Aldeen Davis stated that he had received a call from Mr. Jerry Smith concerning the width of T J Smith Bridge. Commissioner Davis stated that Mr. Smith said the 20' width with the 36" high sides would not accommodate most farm equipment. Commissioner Davis stated that even at the bid price from Batir Bridge Company for \$60,000 for a 24' width bridge, they are still the low bidder. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to ratify the amendment of the bid accepted from Batir Bridge Company for the replacement of T J Smith Bridge from \$58,150 @ 20 ft to \$60,000 @ 24 ft. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Neal Bennett called for a motion to reenter into executive session. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to reenter into executive session at 10:43 PM. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Called meeting reconvened at 12:50 PM by a motion from Commissioner Randy Dixon and a second from Commissioner Aldeen Davis. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**D.) Appointments:** Community Development Director-Marty Clifton  
County Attorney-Franklin Rozier  
County Clerk-Mollie Howard  
EMS Director/EMA Director/Fire Chief-Kenneth Justice  
911 Director-Leonard Roberts  
Recreation Director-Scottie Graham  
Road Superintendent-John Gill  
Transit Director-Angie Bowen

Acting Chairman Bennett announced that the commissioners had discussed various problems and issues with each department head. Mr. Bennett also stated that he would like to remind everyone that department heads serve at the pleasure of the board.

Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to re-appoint all department heads as a group. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Neal Bennett announced that a Budget Work Session will be held on March 30, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

Having no further county business, the March 23, 2010 called meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Neal Bennett at 12:52 AM.

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K. Neal Bennett, District 1

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Mike Streat, District 2

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Randy Dixon, District 3

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Aldeen Davis, District 4