

PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 01, 2010 AT 6:30 PM

Board Members Present:

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

News Media Present:

The Blackshear Times
Pierce County Press

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Acting Chairman Neal Bennett called the June 2010 meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

Approval of the May 2010 Minutes: Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to approve the May 2010 minutes. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

A) Angie Bowen, Pierce County Transit Director-Lease agreement between Pierce County and Pierce County Transit. Angie Bowen, Pierce County Transit Director stated that Pierce County and the Pierce County Transit System needs to sign a lease agreement stating that the Pierce County Transit System leases 292 square feet located at 312 Nichols Street for one (1) year beginning July 01, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. The annual lease agreement will be for \$1,116.00 per month (\$13,392.00 annually). This will be reimbursed through the transit federal grant. Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to approve the lease agreement between Pierce County and Pierce County Transit. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

A-1) Georgia Intergovernmental Consultation Process-Intergovernmental Coordination Form-Exhibit 6-Mrs. Bowen stated that this is the Section 5311 program funds that will be used to fund the Pierce County Transit System. The total budget will be \$263,777.00 with \$131,888 coming from the federal grant and \$131,888 from the local matching grant. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the Georgia Intergovernmental Consultation Process-Intergovernmental Coordination Form- Exhibit 6 for \$263,777.00. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

A-2) Department of Transportation, State of Georgia and Pierce County –Supplement Agreement # 1 for the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA)-Mrs. Bowen stated that Pierce Transit is asking for a change in Article 1, Scope and Procedures to read “This agreement covers the obligations of the parties in connection with the acquisition of: Two (2) 12-15 passenger vehicles and two (2) wheelchair lifts; two (2) computers/printers; ten (10) office equipment; diagnostic equipment; upgrade; security camera; metal maintenance shelter. “ Mrs. Bowen stated that the total net project cost is \$180,050.00 and is solely covered 100% by the federal and state grants. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the Department of Transportation, State of Georgia and Pierce County –Supplement Agreement # 1 for the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION & ORDINANCES

B) Performance Review Resolution-Requesting a performance review of the Pierce County Board of Tax Assessors. County Clerk Mollie Howard read the Performance Review Resolution to the audience. Commissioner Aldeen Davis wanted the resolution to read that “any finding would be referred back to the county commission board for action”. County Attorney Franklin Rozier will revise the resolution. Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to approve the

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

C) City of Blackshear-Requesting 2003 SPLOST funds in the amount of \$6,995.00 for an invoice from EMC Engineering Services, Inc. for Blackshear street drainage. Funds are available. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the City of Blackshear’s request for 2003 SPLOST funds in the amount of \$6,995.00 for an invoice from EMC Engineering Services, Inc. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

NFC/LIBRARY PROJECT

D) Invoices-County Clerk Mollie Howard presented the May 2010 invoices to the board. The total of all invoices was \$233,392.82. The Library grant portion was \$7,347.83 and the NFC project totaled \$226,044.99. The two big ticket items was the roofing and the HVAC projects. Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to approve the May 2010 invoices for the NFC/Library Project totaling \$233,392.82. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Neal Bennett stated that the invoices will be submitted to the state this week.

E) Electrical Wire Bids-920 feet of THHN 500CM black wire. Three bids were received.

- 1. Winlectric Company- \$6,256.00
- 2. Coley Electric & Plumbing Supply, Inc-\$6,277.83
- 3. Reed’s Plumbing Electric Supply, Inc-\$7,157.60

Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to accept the low bid from Winlectric Company for 920 feet of THHN 500 CM black wires. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

BIDS

F) Mershon Bridge at Crooked Creek and Youmans Road -Bids were accepted until Friday, May 28, 2010 at 3:00 PM for the paving of Youmans Road and the replacement of Mershon Bridge AT Crooked Creek.

-Mershon Bridge at Crooked Creek-Bids were received on May 28, 2010 for the following work:

*PSC pilings, Test pile, Construction of bridge, Rip rap and plastic filler fabric.

Four bids were received.

1. BATIR BRIDGE COMPANY:	\$164,036.00
Piling PSC	24,700.00
Test Pile	8,000.00
Construction Bridge	110,424.00
Rip Rap	15,150.00
Plastic filter fabric	1,212.00
Remove existing structure	6,500.00
2. SOUTHERN CONCRETE COMPANY	\$208,810.00
Piling PSC	26,000.00
Test Pile	0.00
Construction Bridge	110,000.00
Rip Rap	19,695.00
Plastic filter fabric	1,515.00
Remove existing structure	0.00

Striping	1,200.00
Traffic Control	2,500.00
Grading complete	2,500.00
Graded aggregate base	1,500.00
Temp sediment barrier	2,400.00
Recycled asphalt 19mm	6,000.00
Recycled asphalt 25mm	3,000.00
Guardrail	12,500.00
Grassing	2,500.00
3. UNDERGROUND EXCAVATING, INC	\$156,438.00
Piling PSC	32,500.00
Test Pile	10,000.00
Construction of Bridge	100,000.00
Rip rap	13,635.00
Plastic filter fabric	303.00
4. ALPHA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC	\$371,787.00
Piling PSC	48,425.00
Test Pile	1,000.00
Construction of Bridge	284,487.00
Rip rap	36,360.00
Plastic filter fabric	1,515.00

Acting Chairman Neal Bennett stated that the bids had some add ons and extras that were not called for in the bid packet and some of the bids included the demolition of the old bridge. Commissioner Mike Streat stated that he would like to go with Batir Bridge Company since they were still in the area finishing up TJ Smith Bridge. Acting Commissioner Bennett wanted to know if all the bidders had received the same set of specifications. County Clerk Mollie Howard replied that the specifications were drawn up by engineers with the GA Department of Transportation and everyone had received the same set of specifications. Commissioner Streat pointed out the Batir Bridge Company had included demolition and therefore was the better option. Commissioner Randy Dixon stated that Underground Excavating was a local company located in Patterson, GA. Commissioners Randy Dixon and Aldeen Davis both stated that the county needed to follow the specifications. County Attorney Franklin Rozier advised the commissioners to follow the spec that were advised. Commissioner Aldeen Davis stated to let Underground Excavating give a price on the removal of the bridge structure and to answer questions about the price quoted on the plastic filter fabric. Acting Chairman Bennett instructed County Clerk Mollie Howard to contact Underground Excavating for clarification on the demolition question and a price quote on material that was out of line with the other bids. Acting Chairman Bennett stated that the board would continue with the agenda until Mrs. Howard could get in touch with Underground Excavating.

-Youmans Road-Project No. S013022-PR-Bids were accepted on May 28, 2010 for the following work:

- * Base bid-Provide base, paving and striping for 1,250 L.F. of roadway.
- *Additive alternate bid-Provide base, paving and striping for an additional 3,388 L.F. of roadway.

Five bids were received for the project:

1. Ricketson Construction Company:	Base bid	\$ 86,112.00
	Additive Alternate	224,093.42
2. Everett Dykes Grassing Co.	Base bid	\$128,895.00
	Additive Alternate	307,076.40
3. Allen Owens Construction Co.	Base bid	\$ 85,867.40
	Additive Alternate	223,690.90

4. J. Hiers Company	Base bid	\$ 78,544.00
	Additive Alternate	204,959.14
5. Dixie Roadbuilders	Base bid	\$ 77,532.90
	Additive Alternate	201,492.76

Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to accept the low bid for paving 1,250 L.F of Youmans Road from Dixie Roadbuilders for \$77,532.90. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

G) Heat Pump-PC Jail-Proposals have been requested from three (3) companies for replacement or repair of a 10 ton heat pump.

1. Conley Sheet Metal Works-No bid

2. John’s Heating and Air, Inc.

Replacement: 10 ton Carrier Packaged Heat Pump (R-410A) - material and labor- \$7,350.00

Repair: Material/Labor to repair with replacement of the condenser fan motor with fan cycle switch, reversing valve and repair the shorts in voltage wiring-\$3,384.00

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3. Waycross Heating & Cooling

Replacement: 10 ton Carrier 2 Stage Heat Pump, 460 volt, 3 phase-material and labor \$11,000.00

Repair: Replace reversing valve and fan motor-\$1500.00

Acting Chairman Bennett stated that the present unit has to be at least 13 years old and probably needs to be replaced.

Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to replace the heat pump at the Pierce County Jail with the low bid from John’s Heating and Air, Inc. with a 10 ton Carrier Packaged Heat Pump (R-410A) - material and labor for \$7,350.00. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

H) Walkerville Fire Department Building-The Pierce County Board of Commissioners gave final approval on the construction of a new fire station located at the corner of Dogwood and Walkerville Roads by a motion from Commissioner Aldeen Davis and a second from Commissioner Randy Dixon. Roy E. Bass Company was awarded the bid in December 2009 and will honor his original bid price of \$72,214.00. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

I) County Maintenance Shop-The board agreed to ask Mr. Roy Bass to give the county some guidance on plans for a county maintenance shop for the Road Department.

J) Pierce County Industrial Development Authority-Commissioner Aldeen Davis asked the board to vote on adding this item to the agenda. All Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Aldeen Davis stated that he could not find in any of the minutes where the board had voted on the funds for the Pierce County IDA and he stated that “we need to give them the money that we promised them.” Commissioner Mike Streat stated that the budget had to be approved before the fund to the Pierce county IDA could be paid. The line item will be for a total of \$108,000 per year or \$9,000 per month. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve payment to the Pierce County Industrial Development Authority for \$108,000 as approved in the 2010 budget and to pay retroactive to January 2010. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Neal Bennett called for a ten minute recess at 7:35PM. The board was reconvened at 7:48PM.

Mershon Bridge bid-The board readdressed the bids for the Mershon Bridge repair. Mrs. Howard stated that Underground Excavating would honor the bid price. Acting Chairman

Bennett stated that the board would have to issue a change order for the demolition of the old bridge.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to accept the bid from Underground Excavating Company for the bid price of \$156,438.00 for the replacement of Mershon Bridge over Crooked Creek. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. Commissioners Bennett, Davis and Dixon voted aye. Commissioner Mike Streat voted nay. Motion carried.

Commissioner Streat thanks all the people who had offered prayers during the surgery of his daughter.

Commissioner Aldeen Davis stated that he would like to see the Road Department work on the box culverts at the smaller bridges and get ahead on the bridge projects.

Commissioner Aldeen Davis would like for the board to look at a county policy regarding the practice of county vehicles being driven home by county employees. He would like to see this placed on the July 2010 agenda.

Commissioner Mike Streat stated that he would like to see the Road Department start working on the building up of roads.

Having no further county business, the June 2010 meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

K. Neal Bennett, Acting Chairman

Mike Streat, District 2

Randy Dixon, District 3

Aldeen Davis, District 4