



PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 03, 2010, AT 6:30 PM.

Board Members Present: K. Neal Bennett, District 1 (Acting Chairman)
Mike Streat, District 2
Randy Dixon, District 3
Aldeen Davis, District 4

Board Members Absent: None

News Media Present: The Blackshear Times
Pierce County Press

SCHEDULED MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chairman Bennett called the August 03, 2010, regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Aldeen Davis gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Aldeen Davis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the JULY 2010 minutes. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Earl Lawson, Auditor – 2009 Audit Report

Comments:

Mr. Earl Lawson, County Auditor, gave a summary of the ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009, for Pierce County Government. According to the report, PIERCE COUNTY is in good financial shape. Mr. Lawson credited the current and past commission for having insight on preparing for current economic conditions such as the one we are in now. Mr. Lawson did indicate that the economy's recovery and its pace will determine the future of the financial stability of the county's balance sheet. In regards to Mr. Lawson's report, he indicated the economy will appear to take 5-7 years for recovery.

Commissioner Mike Streat asked the question; "Is the county in great financial shape?" Mr. Lawson's response, "The Audit shows Pierce County in good shape by good sound management."

Commissioner Neal Bennett indicated that the local SPLOST was very instrumental in allowing Pierce to continue to operate more "soundly" and allow current projects to continue. Mr. Lawson stated that if the current economic indicators do not begin to change and the people begin to spend money instead of saving, that future projects and county services would have to be reviewed.



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Mr. Lawson also indicated during his presentation that Pierce County is very fortunate that it is not borrowing funds against anticipated tax receipts to continue to operate such as is happening in neighboring counties. Mr. Lawson stated that the State of Georgia should follow the guidelines and accounting practices/procedures that Pierce County is using in its day to day management.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

B) Rev. Morris Pate, Session Hill Community Action Group –

Comments:

Commissioner Neal Bennett indicated that Mr. Pate had contacted him about tonight's meeting. Mr. Pate indicated that he would reschedule his appearance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

C) City of Blackshear – Requesting \$1,468.22 & \$300.00 in SPLOST funds to pay an invoice from Statewide Engineering, Inc. for GDOT Transportation Enhancement. Funds are available.

Comments:

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

D) City of Patterson – Requesting reimbursements from 2003 SPLOST for the following invoices: \$6100.00, Lights, \$ 355.75, Dixie Redi-Mix, \$5,966.11, \$632.41, & \$3,887.45, Coley Electric & Plumbing Supply. Total request of \$16,941.72. Funds are available.

Comments:

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

NFC/Library Project:

E) Invoices –

Comments:

Item struck from Agenda because of missing spreadsheet with invoices details for some of the commissioners.

Resolutions, Ordinances, & Contracts:



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F) Resolution 2010-XX, City of Blackshear proposes an agreement to gradually reduce funds for dispatching services.

Comments:

Commissioners discussed the City of Blackshear resolution and several items were mentioned regarding consolidation of services.

Commissioner Aldeen Davis stated "We need to review and determine what concerns would need to be reviewed regarding the level of services provided to our citizens".

Commissioner Mike Streat stated that the City of Blackshear has already conducted a consolidation study and one would not need to be initiated.

Commissioner Neal Bennett stated he would contact Mayor Tom Davis regarding this study.

G) Franklin Rozier, County Vehicles – County vehicles resolution.

Comments:

Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion.

After several minutes of discussion of the proposed policy, commissioners directed County Attorney Franklin Rozier to clarify on the County Vehicle Resolution on who would actually be allowed to drive county vehicles home. This would include all personnel who would be on call and these individuals must have BOARD approval.

Commissioner Aldeen Davis indicated that the current policy as stated has too many "grey" areas.

Commissioners Mike Streat and Randy Dixon rescinded their motions to allow new language to be added and modifications to the proposed policy. Commissioners will revisit this item at their next scheduled meeting.

Department Heads:

H) Ken Justice, EMA Director –

1. Walkerville Fire Station invoice approval, \$72,774.00.
 2. Hacklebarney Fire Truck repair, \$ 6,800.00.
 3. Patterson EMS roll up door, \$ 3,128.65.
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Comments:

Items H.1 and H.2 - Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. Motion carries.



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Item H.3 – Ken Justice explained that the roll up door at the Patterson EMS Station was in need of replacement. Quote was received from Overhead Door. Unit has been repaired over the years and has been in operation since 1988. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. Motion carries.

I) Leonard Roberts, 911 Director – Request bids be taken for a truck for 911/EMA.

Comments:

Leonard Roberts came before the commission to request permission to begin soliciting bids for a new truck for 911/EMA. Current truck is a 1999 model.

Commissioner Randy Dixon indicated that the following items need to be included in the model of the truck that the county would be soliciting: Gas operated, 4-wheel drive, crew cab and extended 4 door crew cab options, F250 model. Budgeted item is 30K.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the request to begin taking bids for the truck. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Bids:

J) Yellow Line Pavement Marking – Bids were accepted until 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 29, 2010.

Comments:

Item struck from agenda

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

ADDED 1.0 – Added request from GPC to send two (2) individuals to school in locating utility lines regarding Projects in Pierce County.

Comments:

Commissioner Neal Bennett stated that this was to Heighten Awareness.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. Motion carries.

ADDED 2.0 – CDBG GRANTS – BLUE LAKE PROJECTS



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Comments:

Information

RE-ADDED ITEM E – NFC INVOICES

Comments:

Item E added back to agenda by a motion from Commissioner Mike Streat and seconded by Commissioner Aldeen Davis. Motion carried.

Commissioner Neal Bennett explained some of the items on the checklist were high dollar items such as mechanical and elevator services.

County Clerk Mollie Howard indicated that the list was not received from Rusty McCall until August 2, 2010, 03:49 PM. Items need to be approved if they were to be paid on the August 10, 2010 AP Process.

Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to approve pay request. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. Motion carries.



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Having no further county business, Acting-Chairman Neal Bennett adjourned the August 3, 2010, meeting at 7:40 PM EDT.

Adjourn

PIERCE COUNTY, GA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

K. Neal Bennett, Acting Chairman

Mike Streat, District 2

Randy Dixon, District 3

Aldeen Davis, District 4