

**PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING,
TUESDAY, May 04, 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: James Dennison, Chairman

News Media Present: The Blackshear Times
Pierce County Press

PUBLIC HEARING: (6:30 PM)

**For the purpose of the adoption of the FY 2010 Budget
2010 Budget Breakdown**

No opposition or comments from the Public regarding FY 2010 Budget. Public Hearing closed at 6:45 PM EDT.

SCHEDULED MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chairman Bennett called the May 04, 2010 regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

INVOCATION/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mike Streat gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE FY 2010 BUDGET:

***Randy Dixon made the motion to adopt the FY 2010 Budget. Mike Streat seconded the motion.**

Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2010 REGULAR AND CALLED MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the APRIL 2010 regular and called minutes. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Contracts & Ordinances:

B) Satilla Community Services - Renewal of county participating contract and jail contract between PC and Satilla Community Services.

*** Mike Streat made the motion to renew the contract and jail contract between PC and Satilla Community Services. Aldeen Davis seconded motion.**

Motion carried 4-0.

C) Timber Ordinance – Consider adoption of an ordinance for the purpose of establishing procedures, rules, and regulations governing timber operations in Pierce County. ***STRICKEN FROM AGENDA***

Appointments:

D) Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging – SGRC is asking that Mr. Andy Velie be reappointed to serve another term of three (3) years to the Aging Advisory Council. Mr. Velie is willing to serve.

E) Concerted Services, Inc. - CSI is asking that Mr. Andy Velie be reappointed to serve another term to the board. Mr. Velie is willing to serve.

*** Mike Streat asked to include items D & E together as one vote since Mr. Andy Velie serves on both boards. Randy Dixon seconded the motion.**

Motion carried 4-0.

F) Pierce County Dept of Family & Children Services – PC DFC is asking Ms. Melba Deen be reappointed to serve another term, extending through June 30, 2015, to the DFC board. Ms. Deen is willing to serve.

*** Randy Dixon made the motion to reappoint Ms. Melba Deen on the Pierce County Dept of Family & Children Services. Mike Streat seconded the motion.**

Motion carried 4-0.

Planning & Zoning:

G) Sonny Bowen – Requesting 47.70 acres located off of Tornado Rd, 500' East of Youmans Chapel Road known as Fox Run Estates Subdivision, map/parcel 036-064, be rezoned from MF – SF.
Planning Commission recommends approval.

*** Aldeen Davis made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the rezoning of 47.70 acres from MF to SF. Mike Streat seconded the motion.**

Motion carried 4-0.

Elected Officials:

H) City of Blackshear – Requesting SPLOST funds for the following

1. Animal Control – Hasty's Communications - \$ 536.95
 2. Blackshear Drainage – EMC Engineering, Inc. - \$ 9,803.75
- Funds are available.

*** Mike Streat made the motion to provide SPLOST funds for the above listed items by the City of Blackshear, Georgia. Mollie Howard, County Clerk, stated funds are available. Aldeen Davis seconded the motion.**

Motion carried 4-0.

- I) **City of Patterson** – Requesting donation for annual Spirit of Liberty Festival to be held Friday, June 25 and Saturday, June 26.

* **Aldeen Davis made the motion to provide \$2500 donation to the City of Patterson, Georgia for the annual Spirit of Liberty Festival to be held June 25-26. Mike Streat seconded the motion.**

Motion carried 4-0.

Department Heads:

- J) **Bill Rozier, Tax Assessor** – Information concerning performance audit review.

* **County Attorney gave a brief summary on the proposed audit review of the Tax Assessors office. This audit will be comprised of three individuals who will review the structure and evaluations of property assessments in Pierce County and give a non bias review of such practices. Aldeen Davis also commented this should also help bring resolution to issues that have been brought to the commission’s attention by Mr. Joey Walker.**

- JA) **Ken Justice, EMA Director** – Requesting approval for three (3) Fire grants –

1. EMS Repeater System - \$100,000 total, 5% county match of \$5,000.00.
2. Brush truck - \$150,000 total, 5% county match of \$7,500.00
3. Regional radio/communication equipment - \$211,000 total, 5% match of \$10,550 to be divided: Pierce County - \$ 5,275, Patterson - \$2,638, & Blackshear - \$2,638.

* **Ken Justice, EMA Director, gave a summary of the regional grant. The deadline to apply for this grant is May 25, 2010, and Pierce County would not know the results until later in the year, possible next year. Pierce County would have to match 5% of the proposed grant if received. These grants would include EMS Repeater System, Brush Truck, and Regional radio/communication equipment. Total Grant would be around 466K. County match would be around 23K.**

Randy Dixon made the motion to provide 5 % match of the proposed Grant if received. Aldeen Davis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

ADDITION: Mike Streat also gave a report on how an additional access road needs to be constructed for the citizens who live behind Farris Furniture. There is only one access in and out of the neighborhood.

NFC/Library Project:

- K) **Invoices**

NFC invoices \$23,356.00

Library invoices \$191,787.57

***Mike Streat made the motion to approve payment of invoices regarding the two said projects. Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. High ticketed items on the Library project were in regards to HVAC equipment.**

Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business

- L) **Bulldozer** – Commissioners Randy Dixon and Mike Streat give recommendation.

Randy Dixon recommended the purchase of a John Deer 700J 2007 Model tractor (under 1200 hours) from Industrial Tractor with root rack with 363 days of warranty remaining for \$89,500. Mike Streat seconded motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

- M) **Fire Extinguisher Bid** – Ken Justice, EMA Director will give recommendation.

Ken Justice recommended to the board that ABC Fire Equipment remain the current vendor for Pierce County. Mike Streat made the motion and Randy Dixon seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Bids:

- N) **Hot Water Heater - PC Jail** – Proposals have been requested from three (3) companies for replacement of a hot water heater.

1. Hodges Plumbing Co. - \$5,095.00
2. Dixon – McIntosh – No bid
3. Arthur Sapp Plumbing – \$5,200.00

Randy Dixon made the motion to accept the bid from Hodges Plumbing Company \$5,095 for the replacement of the Hot Water Heater for the Jail. Mike Streat seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

- O) **Youmans Road and Mershon Bridge** – We will be accepting bids for the paving of Youmans Road and the replacement of Mershon Bridge

Information:

.245 miles of Youmans Road is to be advertised for the paving for the new school that is scheduled to open this summer. Pierce County also received notice from the state regarding the Mershon bridge replacement. Bids will be advertised and Bids will be awarded June 1, 2010.

Having no further county business, Acting-Chairman Neal Bennett adjourned the May 4, 2010, meeting at 7:40 PM EDT.

K. Neal Bennett, District 1

Mike Streat, District 2

Randy Dixon, District 3

Aldeen Davis, District 4