

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2016  
5:30 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith, County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Present from the news media were Joe Taylor from the TSA (Technology Student Association) and Matt Gardner of the Baxley News Banner.

Commissioner Leggett led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Rentz gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no one present for Public Input.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Board commended employee Ronnie Spell for his 43 years of service to the county as he continues his service at the Appling County Road Department.

The Board also recognized Road Department employees Cecil Griffin, Kim Lott and Mickey Carter who were also in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Griffin has been an employee of the county for almost 37 years, Mr. Lott for 20 years and Mickey Carter for 10 years.

County Manager Lee Lewis read a letter written by Mr. Cecil Griffin in reference to his years of service as a Road Department Employee.

*As I sit down and write this letter I think about the hard times we had at the Road Department. We did not have anything with air conditioner. Our motor graders were Galion, John Deere and Caterpillar. We had five single axle dump trucks, manual tailgate latch, no air brakes and two rubber tire backhoe dragline. That is the way we loaded trucks and dug a pit. Our grass cutters were DEUT1 tractors single mowers. The bush cutter was a John Deere Tractor with no cab. The fuel tank was a pickup with a tank in the back of a bed and we had to pump fuel by hand. Boy that was a hard job. As years pass on and on, the equipment got better and better and so did the maintenance department. Today most equipment and work vehicles have air conditioners. There were a lot of dirt roads that are now paved. We have come a long way in life with still a long way to go. As we all work together, we can get things done.*

*We, employees have worked under a lot of good Commissioners and County Managers. Also, over the years, we have seen a lot of changes in County Commissioners, County Managers and Road Department Employees. We have the best equipment around in Appling County. There are a lot of good people in this county. I thank the Lord for all these good years. Today, we road department employees, have got it made and just don't realize how good it is.*

*To Tommy, Hayden and Ronnie, you all are the best group that I have ever worked with.*

*God Bless You All!*

*Thank you,  
Cecil Griffin*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GRAHAM LAND LEASE BID OPENING**

One bid was received for the three-year Graham Land Lease of forty-eight plus acres:

<i>Williams Farms (Nile Williams)</i>	<i>\$120/acre (\$5,760 per year)</i>
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A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the bid of \$120 per acre (\$5,760 per year) from Nile Williams of Williams Farms. Motion carried unanimously.

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT TRUCK PURCHASE**

County Manager Lee Lewis provided the Board with the state contract pricing for the Recreation Department Truck purchase:

<i>Woody Folsom Ford</i>	<i>2016 Ford F-150 4x2 regular cab, XL Series, 3.5 V6 engine</i>	<i>\$20,500</i>
	<i>Oxford White Vin #1FTMF1C86GKD20283</i>	

The funds for the purchase of this vehicle is in the Recreation Department's Budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to approve the purchase of the 2016 Ford F-150 under state contract price for \$20,500 from Woody Folsom Ford. Motion carried unanimously.

### **HB192 – PURCHASING AND CREDIT CARD AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to approve the HB192 Purchasing and Credit Card Agreement and to allow County Manager Lee Lewis and Accounts Payable Clerk Johnie Faye Waters to administer the county credit card. Motion carried unanimously.

### **GEBCORP PENSION PLAN PAYMENT**

The 2015 ACCG Defined Benefit Plan required contribution is \$72,630 and the recommended contribution is \$478,605.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the 2015 ACCG Defined Benefit Plan recommended contribution of \$478,605. Motion carried unanimously.

## 2016 BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIMES

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to keep the Board Meeting dates and times as it has been with one Regular Meeting the first Tuesday of every month with the meeting beginning at 5:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

## 2016 COUNTY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to appoint Robert Highsmith to serve as County Attorney for 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

## 2016 VICE CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to appoint Commissioner Rentz as Vice Chairman for 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

## ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

### ROADS

Road Project Manager Hayden Rozier reported that work has been completed on Barfield Break. He also reported that the pad for the Farmer's Market has been built.

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Construction on the new Health Department has began, the ground has been broke and the footers are expected to be poured this week.

## COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Lee Lewis reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming events:

- *January 13, 2016*      *Okefenokee Occasion*
- *January 18, 2016*      *MLK, Jr. Parade*
- *January 25, 2016*      *Recreation Banquet*
- *January 26, 2016*      *Chamber Banquet*

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to close Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Following Executive Session, there was no action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 2016  
5:30 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith, County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Present from the news media were Joe Taylor from the TSA (Technology Student Association) and Matt Gardner of the Baxley News Banner.

Commissioner Leggett led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Rentz gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 5, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no one present for Public Input.

**PUBLIC HEARING- ROAD ABANDONMENT**

There was no one present at the meeting to give input on the abandonment of:

- **Bush Howard Road** (*noted portion only*)
  - Begin at the intersection of Ursery Road to Norman Ursery Road.
- **Field Road** (*noted portion only*)
  - Begin at the intersection of Ursery Road to Norman Ursery Road
- **Ursery Road** (*noted portion only*)
  - Begin at the intersection of Bush Howard Road to Graham Zoar Road
- **Norman Ursery Road** (*noted portion only*)
  - Begin at the intersection of Faulk Road to Graham Zoar Road
- **Old Morris Road** (*noted portion only*)
  - Begin at the intersection of GA HWY 203 to Earl Paulk Road

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FORESTRY UNIT – SOUTHERN UNIT OF THE YEAR**

The Board recognized employees of the Appling County Forestry Unit for being the Southern Unit of the Year by the State of Georgia.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Resolution recognizing and commending the Appling County Forestry Unit on being named the Georgia Forestry Commission 2015 Southern Unit of the Year. Motion carried unanimously.

*(Insert Resolution)*

**HARRIS & COMPANY, INC – AUDIT REPORT**

Chris and Cale Harris of Harris & Company was present at the meeting for the audit review.

Chris Harris briefly reviewed the FY 2015 Audit. The auditors reported that the FY 2015 Audit went well and overall Appling County is in great standing.

**2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the 2016 Holiday Schedule as it is presented. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>DATES OBSERVED FOR HOLIDAYS</b>	
New Year's Day	01/01/16
MLK Jr's Birthday	01/18/16
Memorial Day	05/30/16
Independence Day	07/04/16
Labor Day	09/05/16
Veteran's Day	11/11/16
Thanksgiving Day	11/24/16
Day after Thanksgiving	11/25/16
*Christmas Eve	12/26/16
*Christmas Day	12/27/16

**ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

**ROADS**

Mr. Hayden Rozier reported that around March 1<sup>st</sup>, traffic will be detoured on Red Oak Road.

Mr. Rozier and County Manager Lee Lewis asked for the Boards consent on meeting with and assisting the City of Graham and the City of Surrency in submitting a CDBG grant application. The Board was in agreement to allow both Mr. Rozier and Mr. Lewis to meet and assist the two entities on submitting a grant application for the two cities.

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Work has started on the Health Department and is moving along quickly.

## COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Lee Lewis reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming events:

- *February 5, 2016 Ribbon Cutting-John & Dot Tillman Road*
- *February 17, 2016 District Day at Capital*
- *February 25, 2016 Health Fair from 10am-2pm*

County Manager Lee Lewis asked the Board members to stop by the old Shop building at the old Junior High School in their free time to look at possibly renovating the Shop Building to use for the Appaling County Food Bank. The building currently being used for the Food Bank is in much need of many repairs and the Food Bank needs more room for storage and to meet with clients.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to close Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Following Executive Session, there was no action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CALLED MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2016  
9:00 A.M.**

The Called Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, February 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Charlie Leggett, Sarah Boatright and Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Present from the news media was Jamie Gardner of the Baxley News Banner.

Commissioner Boatright led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Rentz gave the invocation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to discuss at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**TRADITIONS HIGHWAY (HWY 15) RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Traditions Highway (Hwy #15) Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

*(Insert)*

**CURRENT FUTURE SPLOST PROJECTS**

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that the SPLOST Committee has met to discuss possible future SPLOST Projects which include:

<i>City of Baxley</i>	<i>*Wastewater Treatment Plant Debt Elimination/Solar Farm</i>
<i>Hospital Authority</i>	<i>*Doctor Office complex and hospital renovations</i>
<i>Development Authority</i>	
<i>Fire Departments</i>	<i>*Purchase suits, trucks and building repair</i>
<i>Appling EMS</i>	<i>*Purchase 3 ambulances</i>
<i>Recreation</i>	<i>*New indoor pool, youth ball complex, new fence</i>
<i>Sheriff Department</i>	<i>*Equipment and vehicles</i>
<i>Road Improvement</i>	<i>*Equipment and road improvements</i>
<i>New County Shop</i>	<i>*New facility at current site</i>
<i>Oak Street Improvement</i>	<i>*New brick façade for all Oak Street Buildings</i>
<i>New EMA/911 Facility</i>	<i>*New joint facility (FEMA Grant)</i>
<i>Library</i>	<i>*New exterior façade.roof/technology</i>
<i>Building Upgrades/Improvement</i>	<i>*Flooring: Courthouse, Courthouse Annex/HVAC</i>
<i>Community Building</i>	<i>*Renovate City Gym (CDBG)</i>
<i>Heritage Center</i>	<i>*Roof repair, lighting upgrade, HVAC upgrade</i>
<i>EJ Parker Park Building Renovation</i>	<i>*Food Bank, Boys &amp; Girls Club (CDBG)</i>
<i>Pineland Mental Health</i>	<i>*New Facility</i>
<i>Ag Center</i>	<i>*New Ag Center with Conference Room</i>

Commissioner Rentz expressed the need for a by-pass in Baxley in the near future.

Commissioner Wilkerson expressed the need for sidewalks on Brobston Street.

The SPLOST Committee will finalize SPLOST project recommendations and present them to the Board in an upcoming meeting.

SWEETWATER CREEK GOLF COURSE

Jamie Gardner addressed the Board requesting funding assistance for the Sweetwater Creek Golf Course through the Recreation Department as the Board did last year.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to allocate \$20,000 of Recreation funds to the Sweetwater Creek Golf Club. Motion carried unanimously.

DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS

Dale Ray has requested to be put on the Agenda for the March Regular Meeting to request that the Board grant permission to allow deer hunting with dogs on a portion of land in Appling County.

Mr. Ray is a member of a hunting club on the Appling and Wayne County line. The Wayne County portion of the hunting club has a permit for hunting deer with dogs and would like the Board to grant permission for hunting deer with dogs for the Appling County portion of the hunting club.

TRIANGLE ENGERGY CONCEPTS PRESENTATION

Representatives from Triangle Energy Concepts gave a presentation of services offered by their company and asked the Board to consider allowing their company to do an audit of various county expenditures to look for areas the county can save money such as retrofitting light fixtures to LED which will reduce monthly electricity bills and will also allow the county to receive rebates through Energy Efficiency Programs.

ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDSROADS

Road Projects Manager Hayden Rozier recommended that the Board may want to consider doing striping on the detour route for the upcoming bridge replacement on the Appling Pierce County Line. The approximate cost for the striping of nine miles will be \$52,000 which will include Lake Chapel Church Road and Piney Grove Church Road.

Mr. Rozier also reported that the cost of paving less than a mile on Harmony Church Road will be approximately \$12,000 with the county doing the grade work.

Mr. Rozier added that additional pipe needs to be installed on Moody Cemetery Road and Miles Beckworth Road. The cost is expected to be \$56,500 for the additional pipe to be installed by Southern Concrete.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that the Hospital has contacted him about utilizing the old Health Department Building as a business office once it is vacated when the new Health Department has been completed.

Mr. Lewis announced that the Senior Center Building plans should be complete in March and the bids for this project are expected to go out in April.

COUNTY MANAGER COMMENTS

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that the Health Fair for the Appling County Employees was a success.



**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need for Executive Session at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was adjourned.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION  
FOR THE NAMING OF  
THE HIGHWAY 15 AS "THE TRADITIONS HIGHWAY"**

At a meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners held in Baxley, GA, on February 26, 2016, the Board hereby finds as follows:

WHEREAS several local governments and interested parties along Highway 15 continue to work together and these parties have formed "The Highway 15 Coalition" to promote economic development and tourism along this important corridor, and

WHEREAS it is well known that the Highway 15 corridor traverses the state from the North Carolina state line to the Florida state line and is a traditional route for travelers to the Georgia coast, the Classic City (Athens/UGA) and on to northeast Georgia mountains, and

WHEREAS the Highway 15 corridor contains numerous features and stops promoted by both the State of Georgia Department of Tourism and "The Highway 15 Coalition" that may be enjoyed by travelers, and

WHEREAS it is the desire of "The Highway 15 Coalition" to stretch from state line to state line promoting this corridor for tourism and economic development,

WHEREAS, already several local governments and interested parties along Highway 15 Corridor believe that a common designation of the highway will increase the recognition of the highway as a traditional route used,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Appling County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Georgia State Legislature and the Georgia Department of Transportation take official action during the 2016 General Assembly Session to designate Highway 15 as "The Traditions Highway" in the counties that participate in the "The Highway 15 Coalition".

  
Lewis Parker, Chairman

2-26-2016  
Date

Attest:   
Chissy Harris, County Clerk



**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2016  
5:30 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith, County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Present from the news media were Joe Taylor from the TSA (Technology Student Association) and Jamie Gardner of the Baxley News Banner.

Commissioner Leggett led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Edwards gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 2, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITION**

Mr. Kendall Mills was presented a plaque by County Manager Lee Lewis on behalf of the Appling County Board of Commissioners in honor of thirty one years of dedicated service to the Appling County Tax Assessor Board.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Dale Ray and Mr. Jimmy Crosby were in attendance at the meeting to discuss the possibility of the Board granting permission to allow deer dog hunting on a portion of land in Appling County.

Dale Ray addressed the Board concerning deer dog hunting. Mr. Ray and Mr. Crosby are members of a hunting club on the Appling and Wayne County line. Mr. Ray explained that the Wayne County portion of the hunting club has a permit for hunting deer with dogs and would like the Board to grant permission for hunting deer with dogs for the Appling County portion of the hunting club.

After discussion on this issue, it was agreed that the Board would hold a Public Hearing to allow public input on hunting deer with dogs for the Appling County portion of the hunting club before a decision is made on this issue. The advertisement for the Public Hearing will include a map showing the land in Appling County that is part of the hunting club that the hunting deer with dogs permit is being sought.

## OLD BUSINESS

### ROAD ABANDONMENT

A Public Hearing was held last month to allow citizen's input on whether or not there was any opposition to the abandonment of a portion of the following roads/portions of road:

- **Bush Howard Road** (*noted portion only*)
  - Begin at the intersection of Ursery Road to Norman Ursery Road.
- **Field Road** (*noted portion only*)
  - Begin at the intersection of Ursery Road to Norman Ursery Road
- **Ursery Road** (*noted portion only*)
  - Begin at the intersection of Bush Howard Road to Graham Zoar Road
- **Norman Ursery Road** (*noted portion only*)
  - Begin at the intersection of Faulk Road to Graham Zoar Road
- **Old Morris Road** (*noted portion only*)
  - Begin at the intersection of GA HWY 203 to Earl Paulk Road

There was no opposition to the closing of the above roads/portions of road at the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to abandon the roads referenced above for the reason that the roads/portions of road serve no public purpose. Motion carried unanimously.

### DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS

Discussion on this item was held during the Public Input portion of the meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

### BOARD OF TAX ASSESSOR APPOINTMENTS

County Manager Lee Lewis asked the Commissioners to submit names for the appointments to the Tax Assessor Board. Mr. Lewis recommended that the number of Tax Assessor Board members be increased from three to five members, reserving one of the seats for a Tax Assessor Office employee. Mr. Lake Carter is presently the only active member on the Board due to the passing of Mr. R.L. Stone and the retirement of Mr. Kendall Mills. The Board will need to appoint three members to this Board.

The following names were submitted for consideration for the three open seats on the Tax Assessor Board:

- Elvira Russell
- Roger Branch
- Verlene Moody
- Eddie Cleland

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to appoint Verlene Moody, Elvira Russell and Roger Branch to the Tax Assessor Board. Motion carried unanimously.

## ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

### ROADS

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that there is a \$100,000 cash match for the CDBG Grant of \$600,000. Both the County and City of Surrency had anticipated on contributing \$25,000 towards the \$100,000. Mr. Lewis will be in contact with the City of Surrency to see if they will be able to contribute the remaining \$50,000. Mr. Lewis asked if the Board is in agreement to contribute the additional funds if the City of Surrency is not able to come up with the remaining \$50,000 so that the application can be submitted by the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

The Board was in agreement to contribute the \$50,000 in addition to the \$25,000 the County had anticipated on contributing if the City of Surrency is not able to come up with the additional funds so that the application for the CDBG Grant can be submitted by the application deadline.

#### **Safety Striping for Michael Road Bridge Detour**

Lake Chapel Church Rd	Begin: Michael Lake Rd	End: County Line Rd	5.70 miles	\$ 32,000
Piney Grove Church Rd	Begin: Michael Lake Rd	End: SR #15	3.50 miles	\$ 20,000

#### **Additional Roadway Striping**

Jekyll Rd	Begin: Hundred Road	End: Russell Rd	0.629 miles	\$ 3,700
Russell Rd	Begin: Jekyll Road	End: Poor Robin Rd	1.029 miles	\$ 6,000

*\*Current ongoing State LET contract prices with Mid-State*

#### **Base & Pave with TST/Sand Seal**

Harmony Church Rd 400' @ 21'	Begin: SR 144	End: Mile point 0.08		\$ 12,000
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*\*Current ongoing contract prices with Dykes Grassing*

#### **Additional Pipe Installations-11 lines**

Moody Cemetery/Miles Beckworth Rd				\$ 56,500
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**TOTAL: \$130,200**

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the safety striping for Michael Lake Road Bridge detour, the additional roadway striping, the base and pave and pipe installation as presented to the Board for a total of \$130,200 be paid out of TIA Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

## COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Lee Lewis reported that work is currently being done on the T-Ball Fields. Mr. Lewis asked if the Board if they would like to move forward with the construction of a third T-Ball at the cost of \$18,000 since contractors are there working on the other two.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to continue with the construction of the third T-ball field at the cost of \$18,000 to be paid out of SPLOST Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lewis informed the Board that he has received a salvage list from the Road Department with a minimum amount and this list will be advertised in the newspaper.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and land acquisition. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to close Executive Session and reopen meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Following Executive Session, there was no action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING/CALLED MEETING  
MARCH 29, 2016  
5:00 P.M.**

The Public Hearing/Called Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith, County Clerk Chrissy Harris.

Commissioner Wilkerson led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Rentz gave the invocation.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear from the public regarding Deer Hunting with Dogs in a 2,700 acre area on the east side of the county. Currently, deer hunting with dogs is prohibited in Appling County. The area in question is located East of Highway 121, West of County Line Road, North of DR Kennedy Break and South of the GA Power right-of-way.

County Manager Lee Lewis asked for a show of hands of those in attendance who are for, against or undecided regarding allowing deer hunting with dogs in Appling County.

The majority of those present at the meeting were against allowing deer hunting with dogs in Appling County.

Those present who addressed the Board with their concerns regarding Deer Hunting with Dogs were Landry Tillman, Roy Starling, Bill Bowers, Stanley Dean, HM Herndon, Mary Baxley, Derick Tillman and Carol Weaver.

Those who addressed the Board in support of allowing Deer Hunting with Dogs were Dale Ray and Jimmy Crosby.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Leggett not to allow deer hunting with dogs in Appling County. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2016  
5:30 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith, County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Present from the news media were Joe Taylor from the TSA (Technology Student Association) and Jamie Gardner of the Baxley News Banner. Commissioner Rentz was not present at this meeting.

Commissioner Boatright led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Edwards gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes of the Called Meeting held on February 26, 2016, Regular Meeting held on March 1, 2016 and the Public Hearing/Called Meeting on March 29, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Rentz was not present to vote at this meeting.

**RECOGNITION**

**R.L. STONE-CHIEF TAX ASSESSOR**

The Board presented a plaque in honor of the late Chief Tax Assessor R.L. Stone to his widow Diane, accompanied by his son and daughter n law, Scotty and Jessica Stone.

The Board expressed their appreciation for Mr. Stone and his dedication as an employee of Appling County. The Board also expressed that Mr. R. L. was not only an employee but a friend to all and will be greatly missed.

**FIRST RESPONDER GRADUATES**

Mr. Jimmy Twiggs reported that nine people graduated from the first responder program and each will be provided with a first responder bag. Mr. Twiggs thanked the Board for their support of the program.

**PROCLAMATION-CRIME VICTIMS WEEK (APRIL 11-15, 2016)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the Crime Victims Week Proclamation proclaiming that the week of April 11-15 as National Crime Victims Week. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Rentz was not present to vote at this meeting.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no Public Input at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to be discussed at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS**

County Manager Lee Lewis reported the following:

The individuals listed below are currently serving as members of The Baxley and Appling County Hospital Authority. Their current terms will expire June 30, 2016. One is willing to serve an additional three year term and the other two individuals are not:

- Paul Rentz** – *Willing to serve an additional term.*
- Steve Mequiar** – *Not willing to serve an additional term.*
- Steve Worthington** – *Not willing to serve an additional term.*
- John Glenn** – *Resigned*

Mr. Lewis asked the Commissioners to be prepared to submit nominations to this Board at the next meeting.

**PICTOMETRY COMPARISON MAPPING**

County Manager Lee Lewis provided the Board with the following quote and information from Pictometry for a quote for flight imagery overlay and cross over to assist the Tax Assessor office in identifying landowners with property changes. This technology would detect changes to the property by eliminating the need for someone to physically locate the changes which would not only be safer but would save the County time and money.

**Pictometry ChangeFindr Quote for Appling County, GA**

3/23/16

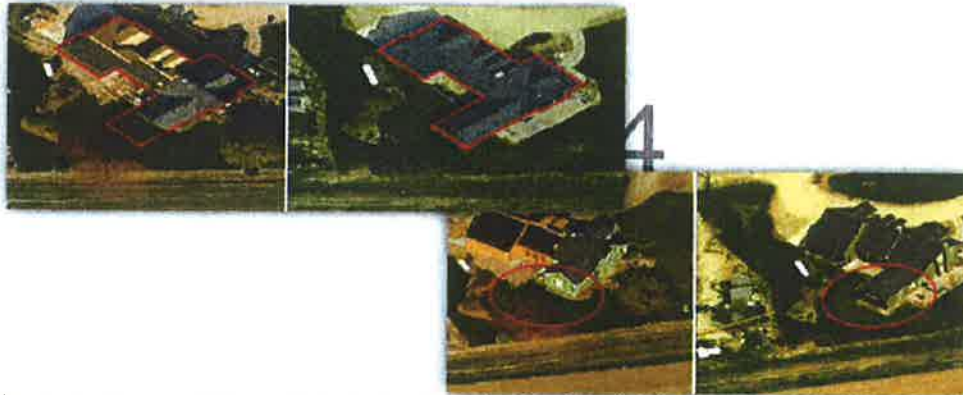


**ChangeFindr**

Number of Parcels	Analysis Type	List Price	Subtotal
12,106	Change Detection & Outlines	\$0.75	\$9,079.50
0	Pool Finder	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Total ChangeFindr Project Estimate: \$9,079.50**

*\*After the first flight in a Multi-Flight deal all other ChangeFindr Projects will be Analysis Only at the following price per flight: \$4,842.40*



The following structures of 150 square feet or larger and 3 pixels wide or larger (based on imagery with 12 Inch GSD or better) are targeted by the ChangeFinder process:

- \* Residential, Commercial and Industrial Buildings
- \* Attached Decks and Porches with a roof or railing
- \* Isolated Garages, Mobile Homes and Sheds
- \* Greenhouses and Silos
- \* Other features with a roof

**Deliverables Available With ChangeFinder Project**

- \* Building Outlines: An ESRI File Geodatabase containing building outlines as a polygon feature class
- \* Length of Buildings: A polyline shapefile including the lengths of building sides
- \* Regional Status Report: Shows statistical information by region as defined by customer
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There was no action taken at this time.



## **ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

### **ROADS-HAYDEN ROZIER**

Mr. Rozier reported that the Road Department is in need of a few part time workers for seasonal work such as following mowers etc.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to approve to advertise for three part time positions at the Road Department for seasonal work. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Rentz was not present to vote at this meeting.

## **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

County Manager Lee Lewis reminded the Board of the upcoming Annual ACCG Meeting and the Crime Victims Week Ceremony.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Rentz was not present to vote at this meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to close Executive Session and reopen the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Rentz was not present to vote at this meeting.

Following Executive Session, there was no action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 3, 2016  
5:30 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Lewis Parker on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Ronnie Rentz, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker. Also present was County Manager Lee Lewis, County Attorney Bob Highsmith, County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Present from the news media were Joe Taylor from the TSA (Technology Student Association) and Jamie Gardner of the Baxley News Banner.

Commissioner Boatright led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Rentz gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 5, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**PRESENTATION-APPLING COUNTY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM-RAY LEADBETTER**

Ray Leadbetter of Appling County Healthcare System updated the Board on the recent renovations and improvements made at Appling Healthcare System.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TRIANGLE ENERGY CONCEPTS-JAIL LIGHTING**

Triangle Energy Concepts is a company with services that include auditing various expenditures to look for areas to save money, such as retrofitting light fixtures to LED which will reduce monthly electricity bills and will also allow for rebates through Energy Efficiency Programs. An audit was performed and based on the potential savings, retrofit would pay for itself in 3 years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to approve Triangle Energy Concepts to perform the work at the Jail and to look for potential financing options. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS**

County Manager Lee Lewis reported the following:

The individuals listed below are currently serving as members of The Baxley and Appling County Hospital Authority. Their current terms will expire June 30, 2016. One is willing to serve an additional three year term and the other two individuals are not:

**Paul Rentz** – *Willing to serve an additional term.*  
**Steve Mequiar** – *Willing to serve an additional term.*  
**Steve Worthington** – *Not willing to serve an additional term.*  
**John Glenn** – *Resigned*

The following names were presented as nominees for appointment/reappointment to the Hospital Authority Board:

**Nominee**

**Paul Rentz:**

1. Paul Rentz
2. Wally Sapp
3. Gary Hanson

**Steve Worthington**

1. Cindy Tomberlin
2. Perry White
3. Gerri Wiggins

**John Glenn:**

*\*Names for the seat held by John Glenn will be submitted at the next meeting.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to approve the nominees as submitted for the Hospital Authority Board for the seats presently held by Paul Rentz and Steve Worthington. Motion carried unanimously.

**PAUPER BURIAL REQUEST**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Pauper Burial Request in the amount of \$600. Motion carried unanimously.

**P/T SEASONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKER(S)**

This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

**ROADS-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

**ROADS-HAYDEN ROZIER**

Mr. Rozier reported that work on Red Oak Road Bridge is moving along and work on Tyre Bridge will begin around the first of June. The Road Department has been busy mowing and spraying and the public auction held a few weeks ago has helped generate income and space by getting rid of unused equipment and items.

Mr. Rozier informed the Board that the soil mixer at the Shop has not been used in a few years and the wheel loader is in need of repair. Mr. Rozier asked if the Board would allow him to auction the soil mixer and wheel loader at the road department, the income generated would allow for the purchase of a new wheel loader.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to amend the Agenda to include the purchase of a new wheel loader by allowing Mr. Rozier to auction the soil mixer and wheel loader at the road department and use the funds towards the purchase of the new wheel loader. Motion carried unanimously.

### **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

County Manager Lee Lewis reminded the Board of the following:

*May 5<sup>th</sup> -National Day of Prayer*

*May 16<sup>th</sup>-Blue Star Memorial Marker*

*May 17<sup>th</sup>-Called Meeting*

*May 24<sup>th</sup>-Election*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to close Executive Session and reopen the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Following Executive Session, a motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to hire Karl Rogers and Rebecca Bass as part time seasonal workers at the Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.