

LONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

December 7, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Riddle with the following members present: David Richardson, Robert Parker and Clifton Deloach.
  2. Meeting led in prayer by Chairman Mike Riddle.
  3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Mike Riddle.
  4. Recognition of the 8U Class C District 2 All-Star Football Team for winning the State Football Championship game against Dooly County.
  5. Recognition of Ms. Deotha Johnson for years of service.
  6. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Riddle and carried to accept the minutes from November 7, 2017. Mr. Parker voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
  7. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Riddle and carried to accept the Resolution for The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Recreational Trails Program. Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Parker voted yea.
  8. Motion made by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to add Crawford Subdivision to Old Business item D to the agenda. Mr. Parker voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
  9. Motion made Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to draft a letter to Mr. Nutting stating that the County would create a list of the outstanding punch list items that need to be addressed prior to the County accepting the road network. Mr. Parker voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
  10. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to table Personnel Evaluation forms until the January meeting. Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Parker voted yea.
  11. Motion made by Mr. Deloach seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to adopt SOP for Animal Control. Mr. Parker voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
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12. Motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to table the Sidewalk Project until the January meeting. Mr. Parker voted yea and Mr. Riddle vote yea.
  13. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Ford Motor Credit. Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
  14. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to authorize Phillip Arp to open an account at the Ludowici Bank for the Probation Office, the signers will be Director Phillip Arp, the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Mr. Parker voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
  15. Motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to table appointment to Long County Health Department Board until the January meeting. Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Parker voted yea.
  16. Motion made by Mr. Deloach seconded by Mr. Parker and carried to reimburse Mrs. Deborah Ryals for damage to Comcast Cable wire caused by Long County Road Department. Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
  17. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Parker and carried to enter into Executive Session for Personnel and Potential Litigation. Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
  18. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to exit Executive Session. Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Parker voted yea.
  19. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Deloach to terminate County Administrator Frank Etheridge immediately. Mr. Riddle stated that if we terminate Mr. Etheridge it will be a breach of contract. Mr. Riddle voted nay and Mr. Richardson voted nay. The motion failed 2-2.
  20. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Parker and carried to pay bills. Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
  21. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to adjourn. Mr. Parker voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
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## DISCUSSION

1. PRICE CHAPMAN/NORTH MAIN STREET: Mr. Chapman discussed about the land behind his property, he would like to see the City and County work together on cleaning up this property.
2. BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENT: Search for someone to fill vacancy.
3. RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANT: Mr. Parker asked about the funds for the trail grant. Mr. Parker stated if you get a grant for \$150,000.00 and you have to spend \$37,500.00 you need to create a list for short term goals and long term goals. The recreation always needs things like safety nets installed for \$25,000.00 and Light fixtures repair before baseball season for \$30,000.00. There is 6.5 acres in District 1 that is designated for recreation and the board will be looking into this.
4. PERSONELL EVALUATION FORMS: Mr. Riddle stated around budget time we would work with the County Administrator and Department heads to be properly trained on how to complete evaluation forms.
5. CRAWFORD SUBDIVISION: Long County staff had a meeting with Mr. Nuttings staff and verbally explained that if they would fix the roads we would take them over. This would be sent out in letter form regarding the project.
6. ISO/CHRIS MOSS: Mr. Moss discussed how the ISO rating worked and the insurance company does not have to use the rating but most of them do. Instead of a five mile radius you have to have a five mile range. He discussed the need for three more stations, better water supply, emergency communications and more full time employees.
7. SOLS ROAD: Mr. Parker discussed how Sols Road has a dirt pit at the end of the road. The Simmons family requests that the road be moved due to safety issues and they will pay for it. Walt Rogers needs to be contacted regarding moving the roads.
8. EMS – SECOND UNIT: Mr. Parker discussed the need for another unit posted at the northern end of the county. The approximate increase would be up to \$700,000.00 for both units.
9. ANIMAL CONTROL: Mr. Riddle discussed the need for a dangerous animal hearing board. The Chief Magistrate training informed Judge Smith that the county would have to set up a separate board to hear potential dangerous dog cases. Mr. Parker stated the county does not have to have a dangerous animal hearing board, he feels that the board of commissioners can be this board. The statue permits this board to be appointed by the BOC. In many counties in the state Board of Health serves as the dangerous animal hearing board. The item was tabled to give Commissioners time to see if they can identify individuals willing to serve and to permit us time to talk with the board.
10. ANIMAL CONTROL SOP: The Board agreed to pass.

11. TRAFFIC COUNT UPDATE: Trent Long discussed his report with the Commissioners and gave them each a book with the speed limits listed.
12. SIDEWALK PROJECT: Tabled until January meeting.
13. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT VEHICLES: Sheriffs Vehicle Purchase Resolution was agreed upon.
14. FINANCIAL REPORT/BERNICE JOHNSON: Ms. Johnson reported that she has combined E911 Surcharge and Phase 1, accounts payable and payroll are working well. She stated that she and Mary Ann Odum review each one. Probation Office has opened a new checking account. Invoices are being sent to each department to be looked over. She also stated that expenditures are being sent out monthly. The general fund is being reconciled and adjustments are being made for the auditor. A special funds account and internal control are being worked on.

LONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

December 22, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Riddle with the following members present: David Richardson, Robert Parker and Clifton Deloach. Absent was Willie Frank Thompson.
2. Invocation led by Chairman Mike Riddle.
3. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Riddle and carried to enter Executive Session for personnel. Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
4. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to exit Executive Session. Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
5. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to hire John Bradley as the Code Enforcement Supervisor at the same salary he had prior to leaving Long County employment in August 2017 of \$32,880 with the following conditions: a six month probation period, start as any other new employee on vacation and sick leave, passing the ICC exam for the International Residential Code within the six months, and maintaining his other certifications (NPDES Level I field inspector, Mosquito Sprayer and GACE level II)
6. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to adjourn. Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Parker voted yea.