

LONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 6, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Riddle with the following members present: Mr. Thompson, Mr. Walker, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Deloach.
2. Invocation led by Pastor D. Allan Pierce, Jones Creek Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Thompson.
4. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried to approve the minutes for May 2nd, 9th and 22nd. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
5. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to add Alice McGowan to the agenda under appointments. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
6. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to table Briarcrest Subdivision, Phase 4 Final Plat until the next meeting on July 11, 2017. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Thompson voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
7. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried to reappoint Mr. Ray L. Howard to the Coastal Regional Commission Council as a Non- Public Representative for Long County. The City of Ludowici coincides with this reappointment. The term will begin July 1, 2017 and end on June 30, 2018. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
8. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to reschedule the regular scheduled meeting to Tuesday, July 11, 2017 due to the Independence Day Holiday on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Thompson voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
9. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to operate under the FY:16-17 county budget until the FY:17-18 budget is adopted. Mr. Riddle voted yea. Mr. Walker voted nay and Mr. Richardson voted nay. The motion passed 3-2.
10. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried to accept a budget amendment for the vehicle purchase for the road department in the amount of \$29,700.00 to be moved from the contingency fund to the road department budget. Mr. Richardson voted yea

and Mr. Thompson voted yea. Mr. Riddle opposed and stated the Road Department does not need a larger truck to transport workers, a mid-size truck would be suitable to their needs and would be more cost efficient. The motion passed 4-1.

11. Motion made by Mr. Riddle to give all county employees a fifty cent raise. Motion falls to the floor, for failing to receive a second.
12. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried to rescind the previous additional holidays that were passed during the May meeting; to include Presidents Day, Good Friday, a second day added to Columbus Day break and second day added to July 4th. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Thompson voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted nay. The motion passed 4-1.
13. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel and Potential Litigation. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Thompson voted yea.
14. Motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to exit executive session. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Walker voted yea.
15. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to pay bills. Mr. Walker voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
16. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to adjourn. Mr. Walker voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.

DISCUSSION

1. FIRE CHIEF CHRIS MOSS AND CAPTAIN HUNTER GOSSECK: Presented a progress report; discussed a smoke detector grant they were going to receive for the residents of Long County, stated that they were in the process of conducting a commercial fire plan for local businesses. Also, they stated the need for more volunteers; the Fire Department will check smoke detectors, July 1, 2016 until today the Fire Department has had 946 calls and Mr. Moss stated they are still working on the Communication Radio System.
2. EMPLOYEE HOLIDAYS: Mr. Deloach discussed how costly the additional holidays would be to the county and Mr. Riddle stated that it wouldn't cost but \$4860.00.
3. SPLOST UPDATE: SPLOST Election will be held on November 2017. Long County Commissioners and the Ludowici City Council have signed the SPLOST agreement.
4. ROBERT WALKER: Discussed the job application package, the newly hired County Administrator had put a reference sheet in his file after he had been hired. Mr. Riddle stated that all the applications were left in the Commissioners Office for all the

Commissioners to view. Mr. Burns, Mr. Deloach, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Riddle conducted the interviews. Mr. Deloach stated the reference sheet was in the application packet during the time of the interviews.

5. ALTON BERRY: Stated his concern for the integrity and safety of his home being jeopardized due to the county officials not having a qualified and licensed Code Inspector during the construction period. Chief Code Inspector John Bradley stated that Eric Petoff is a International Code Inspector and working under his license, Mr. Petoff will receive his certificate for Level 1 inspector in September 2017.
6. SCOTT STAFFORD/BRIARCREST SUBDIVISION: Mr. Stafford stated that he was in compliance with the ordinance in 2008 that stated plastic culverts could be installed, due to the amendment to that ordinance he is currently using cement culverts. Mr. Stafford stated he is in compliance and the Homeowners Association will be mowing the grass in Briarcrest Subdivision. Mr. Riddle informed Stafford that he made a motion to accept the subdivision at the May 2nd meeting but it failed. Mr. Riddle said he was informing the board that he would be making a motion to rescind this measure at the July regularly scheduled meeting.
7. FRAZIA BRUNO/BURNT PINES SUBDIVISION: Stated there was a huge pothole in the road in the first phase. The County Commissioners advised to contact Dennis Waters, Mr. Waters is responsible and the owner of Burnt Pines Subdivision. Mr. Walker stated we have a responsibility to the citizens of Long County not a liability.
8. BILL NUTTING/MURRAY CROSSING SUBDIVISION: Mr. Nutting presented Phase 4 for the final plat approval. Code Enforcement has the documents for approval; Letter of Credit and Deed of Dedication. Mr. Bradley stated Mr. Nutting was in compliance with The Corp of Engineers.
9. DOUG DILLER: Mr. Diller presented a quarterly report and stated Excelsior has had 508 calls and 172 of those went to District 1. Mr. Diller also stated they have a trauma grant that will allow them to conduct blood draws in the county at no charge, as of today they have conducted 27 for the county and 18 for Georgia State Patrol. Mr. Diller also discussed the idea of a facility on Highway 261 at the Fire Station but the annual Haunted House would be a challenge, He stated he would work up the figures for another unit and facility in that area.
10. LELAND BEECHER: Mr. Beecher discussed access to the Family Cemetery. Sheriff Nobles stated if Mr. Beecher would call the people who leased the land they would let him go to the cemetery at a certain time, due to safety reasons. Sheriff Nobles stated there is numerous cemeteries in Long County that people do not know about. County Attorney James Smith said he would check into an ordinance for cemetery access.

11. ALICE MCGOWAN: Mrs. McGowan discussed the County paying one of her light bills. The invoice was delivered to accounts payable by mistake. Mr. Riddle stated we have counseled the employee who made the mistake.

12. BERNICE JOHNSON: Ms. Johnson gave a update on finances and discussed the budget amendment for the Road Department vehicle. Ms. Johnson advised Mr. Walker she would look over the short term/long term disability.