**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Doc Sumner called the regular session meeting of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Board of Commissioners present were, Commissioners Jimmy Parker, Commissioner John Nugent and Pixie Harrod. Commissioner Robert Griner was absent.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Ben Warren

**Pledge:** Commissioner Pixie Harrod

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner John Nugent made the motion to approve the August 7, 2018 Regular Session Minutes and the August 31, 2018 Special Called Meeting, seconded by Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to amend the agenda and add an Executive Session for Legal and Real Estate, seconded by Commissioner John Nugent. The motion carried unanimously.

**INVITED GUESTS:**

Terry Benefield – Mr. Terry Benefield ask the Board if they had made a decision on the rumble strips on Garner Road. He expressed his concerns with keeping the rumble strips and requested they be removed.

Donald Robertson – Mr. Robertson addressed the boards about designating a bike path in Berrien County. It said it could be as simple as a “Share the Road” sign. He also addressed the board about the wetland mitigation property located on Old Valdosta Highway and stated that it is causing flooding on his property which is adjacent. The Board explained the wetland mitigation property and told him that we cannot go on that property and do work.

R. M. Luke – Mr. Luke addressed the board about flood in and around Dixon Rd. He provided pictures. Ben Warren, Public Works Director, will go out and shoot a grade on the road and the Board will see if there is something we can do to assist.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Rumble Strips – Garner Rd. –** After discussion on options to either replace the rumble strips or do away with them, Pixie Harrod made a motion to go with the solar caution type light that we placed at Berrien Peanut Company and move them at least 25 feet from Hwy 37, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

**B.** **Agreement for Geographic Information System Services, - SGRC** - Administration received a request from Greg Nimmo, Chief Appraiser, to renew by Agreement the services provided by SGRC for GIS Services in the amount of $4,500.00 annually. This is a budgeted item. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the Agreement for Geographic Information System Services with Southern Georgia Regional Commission in the amount of $4,500.00, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Tire Acquisition – Road** – Administration received a request from Ben Warren, Public Works Department, to purchase two recapped grader tires in the amount of $1,100.00. Southeastern Tire is the only local vendor to get recapped grader tires. Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve the purchase using Southeastern Tire in the amount of $1,100.00, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Drug Testing Supplies – Drug Court**- Administration received a request to purchase drug testing supplies. They order these online from Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics Web Shop with this being the only quote in the amount of $6,734.00. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the purchase from Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics Web Shop in the amount of $6,734.00, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Ratification Items** – Administration requested ratification on the below listed items.

Cherokee Culvert – Road $ 6,879.99

Albany Industrial - Jail $ 1,592.39

Albany Industrial - Jail $ 660.50

Yancey Brothers - Road $ 1,798.55

Four Star Freightliner – Road $ 4,129.92

Spectra Computing – Tax Commissioner $10,369.60

R & S Sports – Recreation $ 1,179.45

Fausett Oil – Road $ 3,952.50

Layne’s Truck Parts, Inc. – Road $ 3,794.52

Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to ratify the purchase as listed, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS**:

**Ben Warren** – Ben Warren, Public Works Director, stated that some of his employees are questioning the health insurance. He stated they are having with medication costing more than in the past. Brenda Ferrell, County Administrator, explained the RX portion of the insurance.

**COMMISSIONERS’ ITEMS**: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**: **Commander, Larry Osheim with the American Legion** – Commander Osheim asked the Board for permission to have Airmen and Airwomen from Moody come in and repair the bathrooms at the old courthouse. This would be no charge to the county. Commissioner John Nugent made the motion to allow Moody personnel to repair the bathrooms at the old courthouse, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously. He also asked if they could trim the trees at the old courthouse. There was some discussion on the trees belonging to the city and that they hired an arborist to handle that. County Administrator, Brenda Ferrell, stated that she would call the City to find out their intentions on the trees and then call Commander Larry Osheim.

**Terry Benefield** – Stated that we patching asphalt, they need to put tack down first.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**:

Brenda Ferrell –

* Annual Area Officials Appreciation Dinner is Thursday, October 18, 2018.
* We need to find a representative to the Community Service Board. They meet once a month in Adel. There were no recommendations at this time.
* LMIG Project vs. TSPLOST – There was discussion on two of the roads submitted for LMIG and TSPLOST. The discussions were in reference to losing funding if we resurface the roads using LMIG Funds. County Administrator, Brenda Ferrell, will check into this situation.
* Brenda Ferrell, County Administrator, will be in School in Athens September 9th – 11th.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (Legal & Real Estate)

Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to go into Executive Session for Legal and Real Estate at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to move out of executive session and into regular session at 7:26 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

With no other business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pixie Harrod made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner John Nugent. Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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Chairman, Doc Sumner Commissioner, Robert Griner

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Commissioner, Jimmy Parker Commissioner, Pixie Harrod

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Commissioner, John Nugent County Clerk