**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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, November 6, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Board of Commissioners present were, Commissioner Pixie Harrod and Commissioner Robert Griner. (Commissioners Jimmy Parker and John Nugent were absent).

**Invocation:** Robert Griner

**Pledge:** Pixie Harrod

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Pixie Harrod made the motion to approve the October 2, 2018 Regular Session Minutes, the October 2, 2018 Executive Session Minutes, the October 22, 2018 Special Called Meeting Minutes and the October 22, 2018 Executive Session Minute, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

**INVITED GUESTS:**

Wendell Spells – Mr. Spells asked the board to consider reimbursement for a windshield that was broke with a rock when a mower from the Recreation Department hit it. Mr. Spells stated that the inmate apologized for the damage. The window cost was $280.00. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to reimburse Mr. Spells $280.00 for the window, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

Charlotte Johnson – Dangerous Dog – Mrs. Johnson addressed the Board about a dog that attacked and killed her dog. The Sheriff Department completed reports on the dogs. Animal Control is aware of the attack. The board advised Mrs. Johnson that they will have Animal Control check into the situation to see about getting the dog deemed dangerous.

Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to move into Public Hearing for Migrant Housing at 6:08 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod.

**PUBLIC HEARING**: Migrant Housing

Amanda Thacker, Code Enforcement, addressed the board about a text amendment to the Land Development Ordinance. She presented the amendment that the Planning Commission recommended. There were no public comments. Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to go out of public hearing and back into regular session at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Text Amendment – Migrant Housing – Administration is requesting the board approve a text amendment to the Land Development Ordinance as it was presented during Public Hearing. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the text amendment as presented, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Drug Testing Supplies – Drug Court – Administration received a request to purchase drug testing supplies from Siemens Healthcare Diagnostic Web Shop in the amount of $5,598.00 and Medicus Health in the amount of $2,175.00 for a total of $7,773.00. Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to approve the purchases, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Equipment Repair – Recreation – Administration received a request from Jennifer Cole, Recreation Director, to repair the John Deere Gator. Two quotes were received: Lasseter Equipment $1,146.69 and Fender Motors $1,350.35. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to make the repairs using Lasseter Equipment in the amount of $1,146.69, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Uniform Purchase – Recreation – Administration received a request from Jennifer Cole, Recreation Director, to purchase Soccer All Star uniforms. Four quotes were received:

Dixie Sales (Nashville) $32.50 ea X 32 = $1,040.00

Arrow Screening (Valdosta) $21.75 ea X 32 = $ 696.00

Southern Design (Adel) $34.00 ea X 32 = $1,088.00

R & S Sports (Valdosta) $21.75 ea X 32 = $ 696.00

$19.00 ea X 32 = $ 608.00

Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the purchase from R & S Sports in the amount of $696.00, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Board Appointment – Solid Waste – Administration received notification that Chairman Doc Sumner resigned from the Deep South Solid Waste Management Authority. This board meets quarterly. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to appoint Robert Griner to the Deep South Solid Waste Management Authority, seconded by Chairman Doc Sumner. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Text Amendment – Sec. 50-32. Penalties (Unlawful Dumping) – Administration is requesting the board approve a text amendment on Sec. 50-32. Penalties. This penalty is for unlawful dumping. County Administrator, Brenda Ferrell, discussed with Magistrate Judge Beth Carter the fines that are in place and what those fines need to be. It was recommended that the fine be $500.00 plus cost of removal and any add ons required by law. Wayne Barker presented the board with a petition with 200 names on it supporting the solid waste fines to try to get the County cleaned up. He also said that we need to make sure our Trash vendors secure their loads so trash does not fall out of their trucks. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the text amendment of $500.00 fine plus cost of removal and any add ons required by law, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Authorizing Resolution – Transit – Administration requested approval of the Authorizing Resolution for the Transit Program. This Resolution is authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation for a grant for public transportation assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Laws under Chapter 53 of Title 49 U.S.C. Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to approve the Authorizing Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Resolution – Homer C. Sumner Memorial Parkway - Administration received a request for a Resolution to rename a portion of SR 125, from Lenox-Alapaha Hwy and extending it to the Tift County line as the “Homer C. Sumner Memorial Road”. A Resolution was presented for this in 2010 at which time it went before Legislature (House Resolution 718) and was passed for the portion of SR 125 beginning at Coy Hancock Rd. and ending at Morris C. Sumner Road to be named as the “Private Homer C. Sumner Memorial Road”. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to table this item, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Ratification Items - Administration is requesting ratification on the following items:

Albany Industrial (Jail) $1,784.00

Southern Trophy (Recreation) $1,942.50

Southern Tire (Road) $2,500.00

Southern Tire (Road) $1,411.16

Mingledorff’s (Ag Barn) $3,564.00

Custom Truck & Body Works (Ambulance – Fire Replacement) $104,856.00

Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the ratifications, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS**: None

**COMMISSIONERS’ ITEMS**: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**:

Marvene Mathis – Ms. Mathis addressed the board about concerns with junk being piled at an addressed. She feels Code Enforcement is not doing anything about it. She also addressed the Board about the school bus not having a place to turn the bus around. The Board will check into both items.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**:

Brenda Ferrell –

* We received the renewal quote on the Firefighter Cancer/Disability Insurance. It renews at a rate of $187.00 per firefighter which is what the guaranteed rate was. This is a total of $19,448.00. Houston & Company administers this policy. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the renewal rate with Houston & Company, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.
* TSPLOST Project Application - Will have Watkins & Associates let this project and oversee it. We need to go ahead and submit the application and just wanted to make sure the Board will still in favor of using Watkins & Associations. The board was in favor.
* Hog Show Donation – The Board will donate $50.00 from their own personal funds to support the Hog Show. No county funds will be used.
* Ribbon Cutting for McDonalds is Thursday at 4:45. They requested that Commissioners be there.

**ADJOURN**

With no other business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pixie Harrod made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 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