

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Jimmy Parker called the regular session meeting of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Board of Commissioners present were Pixie Harrod, Ronnie Gaskins, Robert Griner and John Nugent.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Jimmy Parker

**Pledge:** Commissioner John Nugent

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the January 5, 2021 Regular Session Minutes, the January 13, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes and the January 13, 2021 Executive Session, seconded by Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to move into public hearing at 6:01 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. County Administrator, Brenda Ferrell, read the request from

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mr. Suggs who would asking approval for allow himself, his son & partner to use an existing accessory building located on his property at 2186 Chaserville Rd. Nashville as a location to manufacture and recast ammunition. Mr. Suggs contacted the ATF and has their approval. Chairman Parker asked if anyone present was against the item. No one was against it. Commissioner Pixie Harrod asked Mr. Suggs how much ammunition would be on the property at one time. He said less than 50 pounds, stored in 1" X 1" box FPH Standards.

Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to move out of public hearing at 6:03 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod.

Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to approve the location for manufacturing and recasting ammunition, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Regional Transit System** - Administration received a request from South GA Regional Commission requesting us to withdraw our individual transit application and opt to go with the regional transit system. We have a letter to submit as well as a resolution that needs to be adopted. At this time, they would operate it as we do now with no local match. This item needs to be ratified as it was acted on due to time restraints. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to ratify the opt out letter for the transit grant, seconded by commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Shaun Suggs Rural Home Occupation: Ammunition**

**Manufacturing/Recasting** - Mr. Suggs is requesting that the Planning Commission review and recommend approval for his request to allow himself, his son & partner to use an existing accessory building located on his property at 2186 Chaserville Rd. Nashville as a location to manufacture and recast ammunition. Mr. Suggs has already contacted the ATF and they have approved it. The Planning Commission is recommending the approval. Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Advanced Auto	\$2,526.60
Yancey Brothers – Road	\$1,231.16
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Yancey Brothers – Road	\$2,507.82
Tuckers Service Station – Enigma FD	\$1,113.88

Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to ratify the items listed, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS:** James Watson, East Berrien Fire Department, asked the board for direction on their 1987 front mount pumper truck. Something in the gear box is broken. It will cost \$1,000.00 to tear it apart to see what is wrong. Repairs could be anywhere from \$2,000.00 to \$10,000.00. It has a 2500 gallon tank on it and could be used on another truck if the board wanted to purchase a truck instead of fixing it. He said he found a truck in Florida for \$15,000.00. After discussion, Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to give the Chairman authority to purchase the fire truck up to \$15,000.00 when it becomes available, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

He also mentioned that the Forestry Grant which was a 50/50 grant was approved for all stations with the exception of Enigma. We have not received a letter of award or denial at this time for Enigma.

**COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS:**

Ronnie Gaskins –

- The Radio Grant is in process and will be submitted by the deadline.

Pixie Harrod –

- The Recreation Department is in need of approximately 1000 feet of chain link fence at the ball park. Joe Barkman is getting some quotes and will have it at the March board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor Ben Davis, City of Alapaha, was at the meeting and introduced himself.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

Brenda Ferrell –

- Received a call from our area engineer with GDOT asking if Berrien County would agree to pay for the power bill and maintenance for the lighting for the roundabout in Ray City. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.
- The Nashville EMS Garage Door needs to be replaced. One quote was received from All Star Garage Doors for \$1,705.00. Commissioner Pixie Harrod feels that is a good quote. Commissioner Robert Griner would like maintenance to contact Mike Harper and get a quote. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to give the Chairman authority to approve the purchase after contact with Mike Harper, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.
- The Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization is holding a public comment period for amending the Draft Participation Plan. That plan is a federally required document that outlines the efforts the VLMPO will undertake to educate and involve the public in the ongoing transportation planning and decision-making process.
- Received a letter from GA Department of Revenue stating the new LOST Certificate of Distribution is due by December 30, 2022.
- Appointment to the Southern GA Regional Commission Committee. This is a seat the Chairman is appointed to her he can appoint another board member. Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins will continue to serve on this board.
- Baseball/Softball Equipment – 3 bids received lowest bid was R&S \$5,124.28. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the purchase from R&S in the amount of \$5,124.28, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made a motion to move into executive session for personnel at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to move out of executive session at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to provide a \$4.00 per hour wage adjustment to two mechanics in the shop, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to approve a temporary part-time position of 16 hours per week and if Election Supervisor needs to be off additional time as needed at \$12.00 per hour for the remainder of the fiscal year, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

**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 7:05 p.m.

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Chairman, Ronnie Gaskins

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Commissioner, Jimmy Parker

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Commissioner, Pixie Harrod

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Commissioner, Robert Griner

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Commissioner, John Nugent

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk