

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 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, June 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Board of Commissioners present were Pixie Harrod, Ronnie Gaskins and Robert Griner. Commissioner John Nugent was absent.

Invocation: Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins

Pledge: Commissioner Pixie Harrod

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021 Regular Session Minutes and the May 13, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes, seconded by Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

INVITED GUEST:

Chase Studstill, District Attorney – Mr. Studstill asked the board to sign the Resolution that refers to state employees and some positions that receive funding from the county. This resolution is in place currently but is requesting a more recently executed resolution.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION – DISTRICT ATTORNEY - Administration received a request from Chase Studstill, District Attorney, to update a Resolution that is currently in place. There are no changes; he is simply requesting a more recently dated copy. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

B. SPECIAL CARE GIVER APPLICATION – LENORA CONE - Administration received Special Care Giver Application request from Lenora Cone. Ms. Cone is currently battling lung cancer and CPOD and is in need of additional help. Ms. Cone's granddaughter, Heather Stephens, would like to move a temporary mobile home close to her to help with her medical needs and any emergencies that may arise. The Planning Commission is recommending approval. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the Special Care Giver Application, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

C. EQUIPMENT REPAIR – ROAD - Administration received a request from Ben Warren, Public Works Director, to paint and sand the hood to a truck. They provided one quote from Rick's Body Shop in the amount of \$1,200.00. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

D. DRUG COURT SUPPLIES - Administration received a request from the Drug Court Administrator to purchase Drug Court testing supplies. The items are purchased on-line with only one quote provided from Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics Web Shop in the amount of \$4,055.80.

Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

E. **NOTICE OF AWARD & CONTRACT AGREEMENT – FY 2021 LMIG** - Administration received a recommendation from Watkins & Associates to enter into an agreement with Reames and Son Construction Co for the FY 2021 LMIG Roadway Resurfacing in the amount of \$931,041.60 and approve the Notice to Proceed. There were three bids with Reames being the lowest bid.

QUOTES:	Reames and Son Construction Co.	\$931,041.60
	East Coast Asphalt	\$1,020,511.69
	The Scruggs Company	\$1,030,038.87

Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made a motion to approve the Notice of Award and Contract Agreement from Reames and Son Construction Co. in the amount of \$931,041.60, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

F. **NOTICE OF AWARD & CONTRACT AGREEMENT – FY 2020 TIA Project** - Administration received a recommendation from Watkins & Associates to enter into an agreement with Reames and Son Construction Co for the FY 2020 TIA Project in the amount of \$1,778,878.55 and approve the Notice to Proceed. There were three bids with Reames being the lowest bid.

QUOTES:	Reames and Son Construction Co.	\$1,778,878.55
	The Scruggs Company	1,832,320.10
	East Coast Asphalt	\$2,012,775.03

Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to approve the Notice of Award and Contract Agreement from Reames and Son Construction Co. in the amount of \$1,778,878.55, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

G. **ROUNDABOUT – DOT PROJECT** - Administration received a request from GDOT to receive a Letter of Support for the Roundabout Project on SR 122 & SR 125. We previously voted down a Letter of Support and again voted down the agreement to the cost of the lighting and pole maintenance. They are asking the board to consider approving the cost. They are willing to schedule a meeting to discuss. Lowndes and Lanier Counties verbally agreed to provide a Letter of Support. After discussion the board is not in favor of the roundabout. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to deny the Letter of Support or contributions to the lighting, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

H. **RATIFICATION ITEMS** - Administration is requesting ratification on the following items:

Lanier Municipal Supply	\$1,152.00
Bob’s Athletics – Recreation	\$2,864.95
Southern Designs – Recreation	\$1,242.00
Tifton Winsupply – Road	\$1,692.00
Ray City Fire Department	\$258.00
Yancey Brothers – Road	\$3,859.10
Snap on Tools – Shop	\$2,800.00
Kingline Equipment – Road	\$1,299.00
Siemens – Admin Bldg	\$9,491.00

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: None

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS:

Pixie Harrod – Asked the Sheriff if he will visit the trailer company on Ray City Highway again. They were using a 4 wheeler to pull a trailer across the road. The Sheriff said he would go back out there. He also stated that GDOT is supposed to provide some signs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Janet Studstill – asked if there is going to be any kind of official opening of the boat ramp. Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins said that there is nothing scheduled at this time. He shared that a picture of the ramp with about 15 boats launching was sent to DNR and they were very pleased.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Brenda Ferrell –

- Administration received three PO requests from the Road Department after the agenda was put together. They were for:

Beall Tire	\$1,240.00
Southeastern Commercial Tire	\$1,488.00
Ag-Pro Companies	\$1,039.74

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

- The Annual Audit is complete. The Board would like for Pat Ashley to come to the next meeting and give a quick overview of the audit.
- The 2021 Safety Action Plan was awarded to us in the amount of \$ 90,000.00. There is a 10% match. The board asked that we move forward with the advertising the bid.
- Administration asked the Board to approve getting the exterior doors in the Administration Building rekeyed. The Sheriff supports this for safety reasons. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Legal & Personnel)

Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made a motion to move into executive session for legal and personnel at 6:19 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Robert Griner made a motion to move out of executive session and into regular session at 7:09 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Parker asked if the board noticed the piles are getting higher at Halls Salvage. The board said it needs to be moved to the back of the property so it cannot be seen or move it completely.

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 7:11 p.m.

Chairman, Jimmy Parker

Commissioner, Ronnie Gaskins

Commissioner, Pixie Harrod

Commissioner, Robert Griner

Commissioner, John Nugent

ATTEST: _____
County Clerk