

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, John Nugent called the regular session meeting of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Board of Commissioners present were, Commissioner Robert Griner, Commissioner Steve Sumner, and Commissioner Doc Sumner. Commissioner Jimmy Parker was absent.

Invocation: King Bridges, Recreation Director
Pledge: Deputy Waldo Warren

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Doc Sumner made the motion to approve the January 12, 2016 Regular Session Minutes, the January 28, 2016 Special Called Meeting Minutes and the February 2, 2016 Work Session Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election – Discussion – During the Work Session there was discussion on contracting with Christina Allen to be the Certified Election Official at least until the Election Supervisor position is filled and trained. County Attorney, Jennifer Herzog, prepared the contract if the board chooses to move forward with it. Commissioner Steve Sumner made the motion to approve and accept the contract with Christina Allen as the Certified Election Officer and date it February 1, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Equipment Acquisition – Recreation – Administration received a request from Recreation Director, King Bridges, to purchase a scoreboard. He provided two quotes: Varsity Scoreboard (4X8) \$2,787.03 and ElectroMech Scoreboard (5X3) \$3,381.00. There is an installation fee of \$1,100.00 from South GA Graphics. Commissioner Robert Griner made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Doc Sumner. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Equipment Acquisition – Recreation – Administration received a request from Recreation Director, King Bridges, to purchase baseball and softball equipment as listed in the quotes provided. He provided two quotes: R&S Sports \$7,745.15 and BSN Sports \$8,091.13. Commissioner Steve Sumner made the motion to approve the purchase of baseball/softball equipment from R&S Sports in the amount of \$7,745.15, seconded by Commissioner Doc Sumner. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Equipment Acquisition – Recreation – Administration received a request from Recreation Director, King Bridges, to purchase a new zero turn mower. He has provided two quotes on different sizes of mowers. The quotes are:

Nashville Tractor	New 60 inch Kubota	\$7,500.00
	Used 60 inch Kubota	\$6,750.00
	New 54 inch Kubota	\$7,200.00
	Used 48 inch Kubota	\$6,600.00
Powerhouse Outdoor Equipment	New 60 inch Exmark	\$7,314.23
	New 52 inch Exmark	\$6,929.23
	New 48 inch S Series	\$7,468.23
	New 48 inch Exmark	\$6,698.23

Commissioner Steve Sumner made the motion to approve the purchase of a 60 inch Kubota from Nashville Tractor in the amount of \$7,500.00, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

E. **SPLOST RESOLUTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT** - Administration requested the board approve the Resolution Approving a SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement and Authorizing the Chairman to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the County, the Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Berrien County, Georgia Imposing a County One Percent Sales and Use Tax as Authorized by Part I of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Specifying the Purposes for Which the Proceeds of Such Tax are to be Used; Specifying the Period of Time for Which Such Tax Shall be Imposed; Specifying the Estimated Cost of the Facilities to be Funded from the Proceeds of Such Tax; Requesting the Board of Elections to Call an Election of the Voters of Berrien County to Approve the Imposition of Such Sales and Use Tax; Approving the Form of Ballot to be Used in Such an Election and for Other Purposes and an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds From the 2018 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Capital Outlay Projects. County Administrator, Brenda Ferrell, stated that she made the changes that Ray City and Enigma requested on their projects. Nick Lacey asked the Board if this will be a new tax. No it is not a new tax. It is a replacement of the 1 cent that will go away at the end of the current SPLOST. Commissioner Steve Sumner made a motion to approve the 2018 SPLOST Resolution and the Intergovernmental Agreement as presented, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steve Sumner made the motion to approve the resolution to authorize the Chairman and the County Administrator to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement with the municipalities and the county, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

F. **Equipment Acquisition – EMS** – Administration received a request from EMS Director, Daryl Lancaster, to purchase two Smart Power Complete Kits (batteries) for the stretchers. The cost is \$1,997.98. Commissioner Steve Sumner made the motion to approve the purchase of the Smart Power Complete Kits from Stryker in the amount of \$1,997.98, seconded by Commissioner Doc Sumner. The motion carried unanimously.

G. **Intergovernmental Agreement w/BOE – Fuel Farm** – Administration is requesting the Board review the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Berrien County Board of Commissioners and the Berrien County School District – Fueling Station. Term of agreement is one year with it automatically renewing for four successive one year terms for a total of five years. There is a 90 day termination clause in the Agreement. County Administrator stated that Danny Hayes left a message that said they were not ready to sign the agreement yet and that they had more questions. The Board felt we can approve it and then make a revision next month if we need to. Commissioner Steve Sumner made the motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education on the Fuel Farm, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

H. **Ratification Items** – Administration is requesting ratification on the following items:

West Plumbing and Electrical Service (hot water heater for jail)	\$35,500.00
Tri-State Technical & TLC Equipment Co.	\$ 1,189.43
Physio Control	\$ 1,680.20

Commissioner Robert Griner made the motion to ratify the items as listed, seconded by Commissioner Steve Sumner. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS: None

COMMISSIONER’S ITEMS:

John Nugent –

- Commissioner Nugent asked the Board when we have Ben Warren, Public Works, to clear the land for the fire stations, do we want to go ahead and authorize overtime. Commissioner Steve Sumner made a motion to authorize Ben Warren to use necessary overtime for completion of fire station lots, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

Doc Sumner –

- Commissioner Doc Sumner stated that the Wycliff Roberts Rd striping is getting really bad. Commissioner Steve Sumner suggested preparing a list of roads within each Commissioner’s District with the mileage on those roads which we need to address the striping.

Robert Griner –

- Commissioner Griner said that Jerry Stokes has cleaned the carpets in the past at the FSA Office. He would like the board to give the approval to allow him to clean the carpets. It should run less than \$500.00. The board was in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Larry Osheim – Mr. Osheim advised the board that there will be a Korean War Memorial Saturday. There will be a 21 gun salute at 10:30. The Commissioners were updated on plans to present a 1948 American Flag that was flown during WWII to the Berrien County Historical Foundation by members of VFW Post 5978. Larry Osheim, USAF Retired and VFW/American Legion Color Guard Coordinator, shared details about the flag and plans for a Welcome Home Vietnam Memorial Service tentatively scheduled for April 2. Commissioner Steve Sumner and Commissioner Doc Sumner thanked Mr. Osheim for his service and what he does every day.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Brenda Ferrell –

- Wes Hand completed the surveys for the four fire substations. They are in my office. Please take a minute to review and if everything is correct, he will record them for us.
- Rodney Stone, Maintenance, provided a quote for stripping and waxing the floors in five county buildings. The board recommended getting one additional quote. Commissioner Steve Sumner made a motion to approve the Chairman and County Administrator selecting the best quote and move forward with having the floors stripped and waxed, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

With no other business to come before the Board, Commissioner Robert Griner made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Doc Sumner. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Chairman, John Nugent

Vice Chairman, Steve Sumner

Commissioner, Jimmy Parker

Commissioner, Robert Griner

Commissioner, Doc Sumner

ATTEST _____
County Clerk