

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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, September 13, 2016, at 6:03 p.m. Members of the Board of Commissioners present were, Commissioners Jimmy Parker, Steve Sumner, Robert Griner and Doc Sumner.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Robert Griner

PLEDGE: Chairman John Nugent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Jimmy Parker made the motion to approve the August 9, 2016 Regular Session Minutes and the September 6, 2016 Work Session Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Commissioner Steve Sumner made the motion to add Items H through K to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

INVITED GUESTS:

A. Wayne Gulley - Mayor Gulley, from the City of Ray City, addressed the board about annexing the SRI property known as Beaver Ridge Subdivision into the City. He will be sending a formal request and came before the board just to let them know the plans and answer questions if the board had any. Commissioner Steve Sumner stated he would just like to make sure it does not need to go before the Planning Commission. There are some things that will have to be worked out on the collection of taxes. Commissioner Doc Sumner commended Mayor Gulley on his efforts in this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. K-9 Unit – Sheriff – Administration received a request from Sheriff Paulk to purchase a K-9 Dog from the City of Alapaha for \$6,000.00. The purchase of the dog also comes with equipment and a cage valued at approximately \$4,000.00. Mayor Paulk stated that this is something that the Sheriff's Department really needs to help be proactive on the war against drugs. Commissioner Steve Sumner made the motion to approve the purchase of the K-9 dog in the amount of \$6,000.00 from the City of Alapaha, seconded by Commissioner Doc Sumner. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Vehicle Acquisition – Code Enforcement – Administration received quotes for a new Code Enforcement truck. This is a budgeted item with the revenue coming from insurance premium tax. We received three quotes from two vendors.

Mike Burch Ford	\$21,375.00
Mike Burch Ford	\$22,295.00
Martin Motors	\$22,915.00

Commissioner Robert Griner made the motion to approve the truck purchase from Mike Burch Ford in the amount of \$21,375.00, seconded by Commissioner Steve Sumner. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Equipment Acquisition – Administration Building – Administration is requesting the repair of the key pad assembly in the stairwell going to the courtroom. A quote was provided through All South Door & Hardware, Inc. who is the company that provided the lock services for the Administration Building. The quote was \$1,829.50. Commissioner Steve Sumner made the motion to approve the

purchase of the key pad assembly from All South Door & Hardware, Inc. in the amount of \$1,829.50, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Alapaha Boat Ramp – Discussion – Dennis Adams, Code Enforcement, received confirmation that there is a 150 foot right-of-way from the center of the bridge. The ramp should be located within the right-of-way. Commissioner Jimmy Parker made the motion to approve the repair to the Sheboggy boat ramp, seconded by Commissioner Doc Sumner. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Solid Waste Contract – The Board discussed the Solid Waste Contract. Brenda Herring gave notice that she does not want to continue operating the transfer site. Greenway Services approached the board about taking over the site. The board chose not to bid the operation of the site and award it to Greenway Services, Inc. Commissioner Steve Sumner asked how much notice do we need to give Rest EZ and how soon can Greenway take it over. Greenway stated they could assume the site immediately. Commissioner Steve Sumner made a motion to notify Mrs. Herring that her agreement ends no later than November 1, 2016 or as soon as it is cleaned up, seconded by Commissioner Robert Griner. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Equipment Acquisition – Bid Opening – Bids were opened during the work session for a Wheel Loader. We received bids from three different vendors all with several financing options. Commissioner Steve Sumner stated he thought we talked about purchasing and not leasing equipment. He strongly recommends a purchase and not one of the leasing options. Commissioner Steve Sumner made the motion to purchase the John Deere Wheel Loader from Flint Equipment with the option of \$0.00 Balloon, sell price of \$154,862, trade of \$33,000, net price of \$121,852, buyback 5-years/5000 hours \$102,765, total cost \$19,087 at 2.25% interest rate with an annual payment of \$25,842.84, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously. (bids are attached)

G. Ratification Items – Administration requested ratification on the following items:

DaysTransmission – Road Dept.	\$1,000.00
Mike Burch Ford- EMS Dept.	\$3,687.50
Southern Designs – Recreation - Football Jerseys	\$4,349.00
R&S Sports, Inc. – Recreation - Football Equipment	\$3,498.45
In-Kind Services – Industrial Park – Ec Development	\$35,000.00 (\$52,800.00)

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

H. Administration received a request from EMA to approve the fire districts. These districts were redrawn after the new stations were completed. They will not be active districts until we place trucks and equipment in the stations. Commissioner Robert Griner made the motion to approve the fire districts as presented, seconded by Commissioner Steve Sumner. The motion carried unanimously. (District Map Attached)

I. Retirement Plan – Administration is requesting the Board give direction on changing the county retirement plan. Tom Thomas presented a plan through Axa at the work session. Commissioner Doc Sumner made the motion to approve the cancellation of the GebCorp 401a and 457 Plans and adopt the Axa retirement plans provided through Tom Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Supply Acquisition – Jail – Administration received a request from Eston Connell to purchase 50 mattress pads for the jail. It has been several years since we purchased any. We have received two quotes; Charm-Tex for \$1,695.00 and Bob Barker \$2,045.00. Commissioner Robert Griner made the motion to approve the purchase of 50 pads from Charm-Tex for \$1,695.00, seconded by

Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

K. Bridge Naming – Buckholts Bridge – Administration received a request from Patricia Padgett to name the bridge on the Chaserville Road between Cook and Berrien County as the Buckholts Bridge. Cook County already named that side of the bridge as the Buckholts Bridge. The family knows they are responsible for the purchase of the signs. Commissioner Steve Sumner made the motion to approve the bridge naming on Chaserville Rd going from Berrien County into Cook County as the Buckholts Bridge, seconded by Commissioner Doc Sumner. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS: None

COMMISSIONER’S ITEMS:

John Nugent –

- The City of Alapaha has given us permission to install the door for the EMS Alapaha Station at our cost to assist with the heating and cooling in that building.
- Alapaha is giving permission to the County to use one of the city trucks in the Alapaha Fire Station 2 as long as the county pays for the maintenance and insurance on the truck and no modifications to the truck. Chairman Nugent said that it probably will not pass the pump test because it only holds 250 gallons. We are waiting on approval from ISO before a definite decision is made. The Board has no problem paying for maintenance costs and insurance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Linda Mixon – Commissioner Steve Sumner stated that during work session last week Ms. Mixon addressed the board about digging a pond for the dirt. The Board asked that Ben Warren, Public Works Director, attend the meeting tonight and he is here for any questions or direction. Ben Warren stated that he told Ms. Mixon that they would dig a borrow pit for the dirt to save from having to purchase or haul dirt when they are working on that end of the county. He stated he explained to Ms. Mixon that it may take six months or longer before they would be completed with digging and she indicated that would be fine. Mr. Warren also stated that he told her that she would have a greater chance of hitting water if they dug towards the back of her property but she did not want the digging there and chose the location to dig. Ms. Mixon stated that she called Mr. Warren and even took a letter to him and he did not return her calls. Mr. Warren stated that he received the letter the day she dropped it off and called that day and spoke with her. He stated that is the only time she called to address this. Ms. Mixon stated she just wants the hole filled back in. Commissioner Steve Sumner asked Ms. Mixon if she still wants the pond would it be acceptable to dig in the back of the property and use that dirt to fill the current hole in. She asked if the hole would fill with water. Commissioner Steve Sumner asked that Soil & Water be contacted to see if they can give an opinion on that. Everyone was in agreement that we would proceed with Soil & Water and if they feel we will hit water digging on the back of the property then we will start digging and fill in the other hole.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Brenda Ferrell –

- Administration received a request from WWALS Watershed Coalition, Inc. wanting permission to place signs on four areas in Berrien County along the Alapaha River Water Trail. They also would like to know if the County would be willing to purchase/donate for the signs. The approximate cost of the signs would be \$600.00. The locations are:

Shebogy Landing at US 82,
11004 Highway 82
Alapaha, GA 31622

Nashville Landing at GA 135
10921 Highway 135
Nashville, GA 31639

Berrien Beach Landing at GA 168
12496 Highway 168
Nashville, GA 31639

Ray City Landing at GA 37
1 Highway 37
Nashville, GA 31639

Commissioner Robert Griner made the motion to approve them putting signs on the county property at their cost, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

- Gladys Ln. – This was brought up last week during work session by Tommy Barber asking the county to maintain this lane. County Administrator was given the directive to find out who owns the lane. The adjacent property owners Boggs/Hall each own part of that lane. No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURN

With no other business to come before the Board, Commissioner Jimmy Parker made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Steve Sumner. Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Chairman, John Nugent

Vice Chairman, Steve Sumner

Commissioner, Jimmy Parker

Commissioner, Robert Griner

Commissioner, Doc Sumner

ATTEST _____
County Clerk