**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Ricky Crosby, Commissioners James Benjamin, Brad Crews, Hank Hobbs and Vann Wooten, Attorney Carla Powell, Administrator Keith Carter and Clerk Sherri Lytle.

Chairman Ricky Crosby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Commissioner James Benjamin gave the invocation. Chairman Crosby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Karen Edge asked the Board if they received a Summary Report from the Jeff Davis Service Center. It’s a report that list all the programs. She encourages the Board to get this information. Also, she commented on a having a dental clinic in our county.

Denise Hall requested Amanda Thomas Road be paved due to the condition it’s in. This road joins Barney Road and McEachin Landing Road. Administrator Carter stated “we may can use TSPLOST because it will fit in that category”. Commissioner Benjamin said “we will check into it”.

Rhonda Walsh stated that she’s been going to the city’s meetings and they receive revenue from utilities. She asked if the county received any revenues off utilities. Administrator Carter explained that it’s based on taxes and she needed to ask the Chief Appraiser Kathy Yawn.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 13TH**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes for August 13th.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

**APPROVAL TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS**

**Motion:** To pay monthly bills.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Motion Carried**

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT LEWIS – OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR A MINI EXCAVATOR**

Bids read as follows:

 Tidewater Equipment $55,510

 Appling Motors $96,765

 Yancey Bros. $64,037

 JCB Low Country $72,315

**Motion**: To accept the low bid from Tidewater Equipment for $55,510 assuming it meets all specifications.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Motion Carried 4 – 1** Commissioner Brad Crews abstained

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF PIERCE COUNTY TO THE SOUTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Motion:** To approve a Resolution authorizing the addition of Pierce County to the Southeast Georgia Regional Development Authority.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried**

Resolution read as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF

PIERCE COUNTY TO THE

SOUTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Jeff Davis County Board of Commissioners by Resolution dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 1995 authorized the County to activate and participate as a member of the Joint Development Authority of Jeff Davis, Jeff Davis and Jeff Davis Counties, which name was later changed to Southeast Georgia Regional Development Authority (the “Authority”); and

WHEREAS, Pierce County has petitioned to join the Authority, with the contribution to the Authority of 58.12 acres of land in its Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the addition of Pierce County to the Authority will promote trade, commerce, industry and increased employment opportunities for the public good and general welfare within this southeast Georgia region, in furtherance of the purposes of joint development authorities as established by the General Assembly of Georgia, and it is in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of Jeff Davis County to include Pierce County as a member of the Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVEDthat Pierce County, Georgia be included as a member of the Southeast Georgia Regional Development Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVEDthe Board of Directors of the Authority are authorized and directed to work out all terms, conditions and provisions for Pierce County to become a member of the Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon the adoption of similar resolutions by the Board of Commissioners of Appling County and the Board of Commissioners of Bacon County.

SO RESOLVED, this 10th day of September, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JEFF DAVIS COUNTY, GEORGIA

By:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Chairman

Attest:

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Clerk, Board of Commissioners [COUNTY SEAL]

Jeff Davis County, Georgia

**DISCUSS NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Clerk Sherri Lytle explained that a Pauper Burial Application was received this afternoon and after speaking with the coroner there’s family of the deceased that can pay for it. The coroner denied it but the Board needs to vote to approve or deny the application.

**Motion:** To deny the Pauper Burial Application that was presented.

**Proposed:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried**

Commissioner James Benjamin discussed a problem we have in our county when citizens are hauling trash off in pickup trucks and trash flying all over the roads. He said “we should require citizens to use a tarp on their pickup trucks or trailers when hauling trash off”.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** To go into Executive Session to discuss real estate at 6:30.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To enter back in regular session at 6:42.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Second:** Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

Chairman Ricky Crosby stated the Board discussed in executive session real estate but no action taken.

**ADJOURN – 6:43 P.M.**

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Sherri Lytle, Clerk Ricky Crosby, Chairman