

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 25, 2010**



**STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE COURTROOM
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Dean Scarborough, Harold Andrews, Jonesy Haygood, J B Hudgins, Jr., and Stanley London; County Administrator John Rutan; County Clerk Beth Rider; County Attorney Brian Ranck; and Finance Director Phyllis Ayers

Chairman Dean Scarborough called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. and welcomed those present. Richard Adams gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Haygood, seconded by Commissioner London to approve the agenda with changes and additions under new business to add new Item #10 and Item #11.

Item # 10 to read: MOTION FOR BOARD TO DECLARE STEPHENS COUNTY AS A FEDERAL RECOVERY ZONE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION; Item # 11 to read: MOTION FOR BOARD TO ADOPT BORROWING RESOLUTION FOR RECOVERY ZONE BOND FINANCING WITH FIRST CITIZENS BANK & TRUST FOR PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE. **Motion carried unanimously.**

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. MAY 11, 2010 REGULAR MEETING -

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to approve minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. MOTION FOR BOARD TO AWARD EASTANOLLEE FIRE DEPARTMENT BID TO DAWSON CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,400.00 LESS \$750.00 FOR STEEL DOOR JAMBS TO BE PAID FROM SPLOST V FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Haygood to award bid to Dawson Construction and authorize Administrator to sign contract. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FY 2010 FOR BUILDING & GROUNDS; COUNTY AGENT; TAX COMMISSIONER; CODE ENFORCEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve budget amendments. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. MOTION FOR BOARD TO AWARD COURTHOUSE LAWN REPLACEMENT BID TO CLS EROSION CONTROL AND LANDSCAPING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,500.00 FROM SPLOST IV FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN CONTRACT

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to award bid to CLS Erosion Control and Landscaping and authorize Administrator to sign contract. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. MOTION FOR BOARD TO AWARD LANDSCAPING BID TO CLS EROSION CONTROL AND LANDSCAPING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,773.00 FROM GENERAL FUND FOR FLOWER LANDSCAPING AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN CONTRACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudgins, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to award landscaping bid to CLS Erosion Control and Landscaping for flower landscaping. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. MOTION FOR BOARD TO AWARD OAKBROOK TRAIL PAVING TO ALLIED PAVING CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,782.00 FROM SPLOST V FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN CONTRACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Haygood to award bid to Allied Paving Contractors and authorize Administrator to sign contract. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE NEW APPLICATION FOR BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR PURE MART, INC. LOCATED AT 2117 BROOKHAVEN CIRCLE, TOCCOA

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to award beer and wine license to Pure Mart. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPOINT SANDRA SHORE TO THE STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to appoint Sandra Shore to the DFACS board. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE OR DENY REIMBURSEMENT TO JANE RANDALL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,437.00 FOR RELOCATION OF POWER LINES BECAUSE BUILDING IS BEING CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE POWER LINE EASEMENT

Tony Taylor with Smoking Hot BBQ stated he had gone through the proper guidelines as far as getting permits to make sure everything was ok. Tony stated when they had the roof trusses on Mr. Krul told him to check with the power company about the power lines. They came the next day and had to raise the lines in the spot that had been approved for him to build, the cost was \$1,437.00. Mr. Taylor stated he felt they had done the right thing and not pointing fingers, they had been approved to build in that spot. Brian Ranck asked Mr. Taylor if the structure was spotted on the plat or just the land. Mr. Taylor stated it was not on the plat. Administrator John Rutan asked if the utilities were shown and identified on the plat and were utilities marked. Mr. Taylor stated they looked on the computer to see if anything was underground, but it was all above ground. Commissioner London made a motion to approve reimbursement up to \$350.00 to cover his permit fee; Commissioner Hudgins seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Haygood stated under code, Georgia Power, and EMC have easements you have to sign before they will set a pole or have power. This is left up to the homeowner, to check this out. They will not let you build under a power line. Chairman Scarborough stated the motion on the floor was to approve reimbursement up to \$350.00. **Motion denied 1-4. Commissioners Hudgins, Haygood, Scarborough, Andrews voted no.**

9. MOTION FOR BOARD TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT TO ASSIST IN RENOVATIONS OF OLD COUNTY JAIL FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to authorize Chairman to sign grant application for animal control facility. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10. MOTION TO DECLARE STEPHENS COUNTY AS A FEDERAL RECOVERY ZONE AND TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

County Attorney Brian Ranck stated to qualify for the recovery zone bond allocation that was allocated by the State for our County which was \$178,000 in this category. The governing authority has to declare a portion of the county or the entire county as a recovery zone. Mr. Ranck stated after discussing with bond counsel and looking at the economic status of our entire county, we qualify to designate the whole county as a recovery zone. A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Haygood to declare Stephens County a Federal Recovery Zone and adopt resolution. **Motion carried unanimously.**

11. MOTION TO ADOPT BORROWING RESOLUTION FOR RECOVERY ZONE BONDS FINANCING WITH FIRST CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST FOR PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to adopt borrowing resolution for Recovery Zone Bonds with First Citizens Bank and Trust to purchase ambulance. **Motion carried unanimously.**

V. INVOICES OVER \$5000

ACREE OIL - \$19,077.94

A motion was made by Commissioner Haygood, seconded by Commissioner London to pay invoice.
Motion carried unanimously.

VI. MATTERS FROM DEPARTMENTS

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT –

FINANCE REPORT – Phyllis stated the first budget hearing will be the first meeting in June.

DEPARTMENT REPORT –

MARSHAL – Wayne McFarlin introduced himself and stated he was looking forward to working with the Commissioners and Administrator.

VII. MATTERS FROM CITIZENS – TIME LIMIT OF THREE (3) MINUTES

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Potential or Threatened Litigation

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to enter into Executive Session at 9:26 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to exit Executive Session at 10:40 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner London to reconvene the meeting at 11:04 a.m. to hear insurance proposal from broker.

Ron Christopher, Jo Stone, Blue Cross Blue Shield brokers and Chuck Matthews from CMA were present to discuss insurance coverage and /brokerage details. Mr. Christopher stated a broker goes and gets the most competitive rates and benefits. They normally do it every year because of the competitive prices. The broker has an insight to his clients and gets the best rates. Mr. Christopher explained the process of client communication at open enrollment. Mr. Christopher stated he and Jo were both licensed insurance counselors and he was licensed in 18 states. A broker represents his client. Mr. Christopher talked about the savings we have had over the past several years. Mr. Christopher state in April they received renewal and called and got an appointment with John and Patsy. There was a 7% increase and stated if you changed to a POS the rates would stay about the same. Going to a POS – Point of Service, the doctors are basically the same as a PPO; the difference between the PPO and Point of Service is a POS gets a better discount, the dollar you are spending in premiums are less dollars in claims. Mr. Christopher and Jo Stone discussed the proposals from the insurance companies that provided quotes. Chairman Scarborough stated for clarification, leaving all details the same, copays and just switching to POS if we stay in network prices remain the same. Jo Stone stated yes, the deductibles,

the copays, co-insurance would stay the same. Jo Stone stated they recommend having two plans the PPO or POS that the employees can decide which plan they would like to take.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2010

Dean Scarborough, Chairman

Attest:

Beth Rider, County Clerk