

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chairman Clark Henderson called the meeting to order with Commissioners A. James Nance, Wallace Mathis, Sam Farrow, and Larry Felton in attendance. Others present were County Administrator Tom Patton, County Attorney Rick Lawson, Finance Director Sherrie Leverett, and Clerk Linda Finch. Sheriff Billy Hancock gave the invocation, and Administrator Patton led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Chairman Henderson welcomed all in attendance.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

**Motion was made by Mr. Felton to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 13, 2015 and the called meeting minutes of October 28, 2015, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

**VELESIA GRANT CONCERNS ABOUT CAMERAS AT RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Velesia Grant reported that she has concerns about the camera system and lighting at the Crisp County Recreation Department. She stated that on October 26<sup>th</sup> her vehicle was parked in the staff parking area and an unknown vehicle backed into her car causing her over \$2,600 damage to her vehicle. She met with Director Bozeman on the next day to view the camera footage and while viewing the footage, they were unable to see the accident because the camera is motion activated and when her vehicle was hit, it did not show the accident. It was also dark and there was no lighting in the staff parking area or the walkway area, and her concern is that that could have been anyone standing in the parking lot and could of got hurt, and it wouldn't have shown on the footage. The citizens are spending a lot of money at the recreation department to provide year round activities for children and adults, and she thinks they need better lighting and camera system to protect all people. She would like the commissioners to view the camera footage, and to also go the recreation department at night. Chairman Henderson stated that it is unfortunate that this happened, and that there are limitations as to what the county can provide. Administrator Patton reported that they are looking into the camera system since the accident but those cameras do have a limit of about 250' at night; they do have a better grade of camera on the parking lot. Those cameras were mainly put there to protect the building because of all the break-ins we have had there.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Sheriff Hancock reported that in October they served 130 warrants, 159 civil papers, 101 subpoenas, and had 85 prisoner transports from the sheriff's office to the courthouse. In the traffic division 764 citations were written, they gave out 105 warnings, 26 citations in Arabi, 2 in City of Cordele, 16 for Superior Court, 720 for Probate Court, and had 39 agency accidents. In inmate housing, the US Marshals had 2025 billable days, Cordele PD had 296 days, Warwick PD had 35 days, and Monroe County SO had 31 days. In the Detention Center report they booked 177 prisoners, released 180 prisoners, transported 158 prisoners, and at present they have 199 prisoners. In the animal control report, they picked up 46 animals, sent 28 animals to Cordele Animal Shelter, picked up 2 animals from inside the City of Cordele and 7 animals from City of Arabi, and had 48 animal assistance calls. In the E-911 report, Crisp County

Sheriff's office received 1,226 calls, Cordele Police Department 2,018 calls, EMS 455 calls, Crisp County Fire Department 61 calls, and Cordele Fire Department 31 calls. He gave the Finance Director a check for \$122,608.76 from the inmate fund and jail per diem accounts. Administrator Patton advised that last Saturday they had the veteran's ceremony at the state park, and the sheriff's office made a presentation of a military cross that will become a part of the military and law enforcement memorial. He and the commissioners thanked the sheriff and his staff.

#### **JUDGE HUGHES AND DRUG COURT COORDINATOR CHRISTI SCHIRACK**

Judge Hughes introduced the new Drug Coordinator Christi Schirack and advised that the reason they are here today is to let the commissioners know about the new drug court and to thank them for all that they have done for them in that process. Mrs. Schirack reported that they had their first drug court session on October 1<sup>st</sup> and have three to four participants so far. This is a rehabilitation program and an opportunity to keep them out of jail and get back on their feet. Also between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> they will have some classes in place for them to learn how to control their addictions, and learn how to have life skills. She thanked the administrator and crew for the office space and also the sheriff who has been very helpful. Judge Hughes stated that drug court was started in 1989 in Florida, Macon was the first drug court in the state of Georgia around 1994; the reason why the drug courts are becoming more popular is because they work in two ways 1) they save lives and keep people out of prison and our jail system, and 2) they save money. He advised that this is why Governor Deal is promoting the drug courts thought out the state of Georgia; the program is about an 18 month program.

#### **MARTY FORE WITH FORESTRY REPORT**

Marty Fore, Chief Ranger with Crisp-Dooly Forestry Commission, reported that they had a pretty good year this past year, they participated in a good many school education programs, and there were 15 wild fires in Crisp County that they assisted in and the average acres per fire burned was one acre. They still have their seedlings nursery with several type trees for sell, and he wanted to make sure that people remember that it is a state law that you have to get a permit to burn, and the permit is only good for natural vegetative materials. This law is not to hurt people but to protect the citizens and land. He also advised that their employees have been out to California, Montana, and Texas to help with fire suppression. He also applauded Fire Chief Lunsford, who will be missed, and the county fire department as they also get along well with them.

#### **ADOPT PROCLAMATION FOR FAMILY CONNECTION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MONTH**

Chairman Henderson read the Family Connection Community Partnership Proclamation making a commitment to improving resources for children and families and proclaiming the month of November, 2015 as Family Connection Community Partnership Month in Crisp County. Patricia Williams accepted the proclamation, and Chairman Henderson advised that the commissioners appreciate everything that her department does to assist these children and families. Mrs. Williams thanked the commissioners and the administrator for assisting them in everything that they do. She advised that the Family Connection partnership has been in Crisp County for over 20 years, they have grown tremendously, and they are housed at the Dowdy Family Resource Center. She is excited about the work the judge is doing in our community to try to address drug issues as that is one of the areas they address. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adopt the Family Connection Community Partnership Month Proclamation,**

**seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.** Mrs. Williams accepted the proclamation and thanked them on behalf of Sherrie Evans, Director.

**PUBLIC HEARING – REQUEST FROM CRISP COUNTY-CORDELE IDA TO REZONE 70 ACRES OF PROPERTY**

Mrs. Youngblood reported that Grant Buckley, IDA Director, and Brian Tankersly are here to present the rezoning request from the Industrial Development Authority (with the property owner’s authorization) to rezone 70 acres of property from RR (Rural Residential) to I (Industrial) for the purpose of constructing a Peanut Shelling and Warehouse/Storage Facility for Georgia Top Choice Peanuts, LLC. Property is located east of 3543 Old Penia Road. Chairman Henderson opened the public hearing. Mr. Buckley stated that he and Mr. Tankersly, CEO of Georgia Top Choice Peanuts, are requesting 70 acres be rezoned from a cotton field to a peanut shelling facility. The authority has been working with Mr. Tankersly and his company; they are excited about the project, which will be about a \$30 million investment with about 56 jobs. Mr. Tankersly stated that he has had the opportunity to work with some outstanding growers not only from Crisp County but around the region, and he stated that their company is designed to be a farmer owned peanut shelling facility, and they look forward to having almost 125 growers that will be involved in this program in about 15-20 surrounding counties. He stated that they appreciate the opportunity to be here and are excited about being in Crisp County and appreciate them entertaining their request. He introduced some of their board representatives and Freddie McIntosh, who will be their plant manager. He advised that they will be handling about 70,000 tons of peanuts; they will be shelling the peanuts, and selling them on behalf of the growers. They are trying to increase and add value to the farmer’s peanut crops. Georgia is number one in peanut production in the country. He advised that they feel real good about the opportunity to strengthen the community and the economic base. Chairman Henderson welcomed them to our community; this will be helping our farmers as well as creating jobs. He asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the request. Carolyn Hemby stated that she would like to speak in favor of Mr. Buckley and Georgia Top Peanuts; she thinks it is an excellent opportunity for some people in the community to be able to get a job with their company. Rob Greene, on behalf of the board, stated that when they evaluated where they would like to locate this company, they were looking for some competitive advantages, and they felt like the site that they have, also working with the Development Authority, will give them some advantages with the Inland Port, the strategic location, etc.; they are real excited about that. Mrs. Youngblood advised that this project did create a DRI, development regional impact, as the county’s threshold is 175,000 square feet and their building will be 235,000 square feet, and in order for the county to stay a qualified local government agency, we did complete the DRI process and it was favorable with no comments from the surrounding counties. She will have that in her report for the decision meeting next month. Chairman Henderson asked if anyone wanted to speak in opposition to the request, there was none so he closed the public hearing and advised that the decision will be made at the next regular monthly meeting in December.

**PUBLIC HEARING – REQUEST FROM HOMEQUIP, LLC SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Chairman Henderson opened the public hearing stating that this is a request from Homequip, LLC for a Special Use Permit to locate a Borrow Pit in an RR (Rural Residential) zone district. Property is located at 762 South Coney Road. Joe Dent stated that he is representing Homequip, LLC and Griffin-Folsom Construction. He stated that this is a Borrow Pit that has been in existence since 1994, he delivered a letter to the Commissioner’s Office yesterday and to the Clerk today to preserve their rights both on the zoning decision as well as the Special Use Permit decision. Starting in 1993, the Borrow Pit has been

permitted by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for a mining permit since 1999 and most recently in June they got a mining permit that covers the entire acreage, and as he understands the status of the zoning in Crisp County is there is no record that can be found of the beginning of the pit in 1994. They will be doing an Open Records Request to the Department of Natural Resources because it would be his presumption that in order to grant a mining permit that they would require that the property owner meets the local zoning requirements, and since it has been going on for 21 to 22 years, it is their position that this property was originally operated within the zoning ordinance of Crisp County. When the county-wide rezoning was done in 2000, that county-wide rezoning rezoned the property from RR to RS1 & RS2, and it is their position that the property was a non-conforming use at that time being operated as a Borrow Pit and has continuously been operated as a Borrow Pit, therefore their position is that the rezoning is not required but they think that if the county wants it's records to be reflective that it should approve that rezoning. He advised that on the plat can see a 40' wooded buffer that prevents anyone from seeing the Borrow Pit and it also prevents what they are doing and no environmentally vegetative impact from the standpoint of any concern about any environmentally inappropriate material; they are actually digging out the sand clay mix that they use in their construction business, and when it is all done, they are bonded with the state to bring in top soil and grade the property and in all likelihood it will be some form of a green space or planted in pine trees or something of that nature. With regard to its Special Use Permit they think they have been operating within the guidelines already, over 21 years, as a non-conforming use since the change in the zoning as that goes they believe that they are legally allowed to go up to the 40' buffer that is required as part of their mining permit. They don't believe that there should be any limitations to how deep they can go to the west, and with regard to traffic concerns, the Borrow Pit is going to operate as it has been over the last 21 years so there is really not going to be any significant increase in any kind of truck traffic that hasn't been out there already. He and Bill Goff, with Griffin-Folsom, will be happy to answer any questions. There is a 40' buffer around the property already and they are talking about the west end is what is left and that is what the new permit gathered in when it permitted the entire 34 acres. It has been permitted in stages, the original permit was for 17 acres, they added 8.42 acres in 2005, and the new permit allows them to add the additional 8 acres. Chairman Henderson asked when the subdivision was developed, and Mrs. Youngblood advised that the subdivision was approved in 1999. She stated that she would like to add something to Mr. Dent's statement about the mining permit as she read the letter from EPD that was sent to Mr. Folsom on June 19, 2015 which stated "compliance with the provisions of Georgia's Surface Mining Act of 1968 as amended as expected of the permittee, also the issuance of this permit does not relieve the permittee of any obligation or responsibility for complying with the provisions of any other laws or regulations of any federal, local, or additional state authority". Mr. Dent stated that it was their contention that that language is dealing with they have to follow the rules of the Environmental Protection Division in regard to any hazardous material as it goes well beyond just the zoning, it is their position that in issuing the permit that would have required proper zoning before they just issue a permit, which has been his experience in filing these type permits for other clients. He stated that they are going to investigate that as he was just retained last week and hopefully we will have some information on that later. Mrs. Youngblood advised that in 2005 there was an amendment to the original 17.06 acreage and we have no documentation, and the 2015 permit that was permitted, nothing was sent to the county in reference to issuing that permit in reference to the zoning. Chairman Henderson advised that at the rezoning public hearing, we had property owners that were present, and he thinks those property owners, in his opinion, deserve some consideration. The Borrow Pit was there prior to the sale to the property owners, as most people would not want a 20-30 foot excavation within 40' of their property line. Mr. Dent stated that the property is graded where they have already completed borrowing and begun to grade back out, so it is not that when they get done up to that 40'

buffer that will leave just a drop-off, they are bonded and the state will come in and check to make sure it is graded to a three to one slope. Commissioner Nance stated that this board will remain objective at this point until we can hear all the facts, and then we will consider after that. Mrs. Youngblood also stated that EPD had also sent her a letter where Homequip had a notice of violation in 2013, EPD as a standard practice does not forward that information to the counties so we were not aware of the violations at that time. She read the letter advising that "on December 19, 2013 the Ga. Environmental Protection Division EPD Surface Mining Unit visited the Cedar Creek Borrow area to conduct a comprehensive compliance inspection in response to a complaint received December 19, 2013. At the time of the inspection, the SMU documented that mining activities had been conducted beyond the permitted acreage on the western side of the site. Mining activities are also being conducted in a buffer area adjacent to the two graves cemetery site". She stated that it then went on to say what he would need to do if he continues with his mining operation. Mr. Dent stated that for the record that was all done by the property owner. Chairman Henderson asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the request. Herbert Gladin advised that he would like to speak in favor as at the last meeting Mr. Folsom invited the entire public to come out and view this operation, he went out and looked at the site, and he would highly recommend that anybody, if they have any doubts about the Borrow Pit operation, to go out and make themselves familiar with it. It is very difficult to understand all the technicalities of the buffers and additional slope to be restored, but it is not difficult to understand if you go out there and stand on the land and look at it. It looks to him like these people are operating within all the boundaries of reason and law and need and consideration of all parties, adjacent property owners and themselves, and it seems to be a viable business that is not doing any harm. He also took the trouble to talk to some other landowners that didn't show up here, and he talked with a property owner whose house faces the pit and they said that they had no objection and no problem with the operation; there was some noise but not very often and other property owners didn't know where the shots were coming from as there is a field on the other side of the pit. He cautions the board that there are a lot of other people to be considered out there and there are a lot of things to be seen that may be better understood if people go and look at it instead of trying to put together these statistics and figures in their mind. Chairman Henderson stated that this board is not of the mind to try to close down the Borrow Pit as they know the company has three projects right now that they are working on. No one else spoke in favor of the request. Chairman Henderson asked if anyone wanted to speak in opposition. Charles and Renee Jones spoke in opposition. Mrs. Jones read a letter from Johnny and Sharon Hallford, whose property abuts the Borrow Pit. They cited health issues, safety issues, property damage issues, decrease of property values issues, noise nuisance issues, natural habitat issues, noncompliance issues, increase in catastrophic occurrences issues, and rendering the established homes and lots unmarketable devastating the property owners in this area. She also read a letter she sent the commissioners requesting them to consider not to rezone 762 S. Coney Road from RS1 & RS2 to RR in order to operate a Borrow Pit. First, rezoning the property will negatively impact their residential area and the value of neighboring property and it would be detrimental to many of them to have their home values further reduced plus the additional damages in the form of noise, dust, degradation of environment, health issues, safety issues and visual intrusions on peace and privacy which would occur in varying degrees to the use of their properties. She and her husband moved here 1 ½ years ago and they bought the property, they saw the pit and they were told by the realtor that they bring dirt in and out and they used it to construct the area but the area was basically constructed at that time. It is their understanding that the Borrow Pit has continued to operate illegally without proper zoning, not operating up to surface mine codes or proper permission from the commissioners. She reiterated what Roy Gibbs had presented at the October 13<sup>th</sup> hearing. She wanted to focus on three points from her letter, the value of the homes, degradation of the environment, and operating illegally. She also doubts that they have

been paying the proper taxes through the years as what it has been operating as. They think that the county should think of a few of the concerns if the property owner is grandfathered in, which was mentioned in the last meeting, as this would set a precedent that the property owners can operate illegally in the county, they won't be fined, and they won't have to pay the appropriate taxes. They would like to think that the county would not want to set that type of precedent. She said another property owner that had also written a letter to the county advising that they are adamantly opposed to changing the zoning from single family residential because a Borrow Pit in this area has many detrimental effects, operation is noisy, puts dust and dirt throughout the area, unsightly, and puts heavy equipment on the road with limited site distance and was not built for this purpose. She thanked Commissioner Felton for coming out and looking at the property as she is not sure that anyone else has looked at the property, and while he was there they did notice that there were some erosion. She has also seen dust clouds on occasions come from that property which is a form of wind erosion, which can create public safety hazards. They do not think 40' of buffer is enough, and she would like to ask the commission to not rezone this, she would like the property to be restored in a five year period and the property owner be required to have soil tested yearly by a third party industrial hygienist selected by the commissioners and have air samples and up winded downwind samples taken, and plant trees and maintain a protective cover on the soil so that there is no more erosion. Also, they appreciate all the commissioners' hard work and thank them for considering their request to keep the RS zone for the future. She also had signatures of 43 people opposing rezoning of the property; they did not have anyone in the area to tell them that they were for the rezoning. Chairman Henderson asked if anyone else wanted to speak, there were none. Mrs. Youngblood read the ten standards for the Review Checklist for the Special Use Request. Chairman Henderson closed the public hearing.

#### **APPROVE REZONING REQUEST FROM HOMEQUIP, LLC**

**Motion was made by Mr. Nance to rezone the entire 34 acres of property located at 762 South Coney Road from RS1 & RS2 to RR, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.** Commissioner Nance stated that looking at both sides of the issue, the Borrow Pit being used for many years, he thinks it is correct in the fact that we have to strike a balance for the property owners as well as for the people that utilize it; first of all we have to rezone it before we can get into the Special Use conditions. Commissioner Farrow advised that he has looked at this, it is something that was started years ago and it is what it is, it is a Borrow Pit. A local construction company is important to this county, but on the other hand we have to protect our residents that have moved in that area; he wants the residents to realize that to get this situation under control, it is going to have to go back to RR and set the criteria of the operation of it and the eventual closing of it down the line.

#### **APPROVE SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH CONDITIONS FOR HOMEQUIP, LLC**

Mrs. Youngblood read the eight standards of the Review Checklist for the Rezoning Request from Homequip, LLC. **Motion was made by Mr. Farrow to approve the Special Use Permit for Homequip, LLC with the condition that on the last 8.4 acres we draw a 175 ' boundary on the west end of the property line north and south, and that they install tree buffers with 20' high trees, seconded by Mr. Mathis for discussion purposes.** Mrs. Youngblood asked if they were going to put any conditions on the cemetery that had been disturbed on this property. Attorney Lawson advised that this would be a condition in addition to the authority that the Planning Director already has to require a Cemetery Disturbance Permit. Mrs. Youngblood stated that if Homequip chose not to work in the original 13 acres, that part is over, but if they chose to continue working in that first part the state requires a

Cemetery Disturbance Permit, and they will have to list it on the Historical Preservation Register. Mr. Goff advised that this area is not on the historic site, and asked if they had to get the permit would they be shut down until they received that permit. Commissioner Nance asked if the site was on the historic register, and Mrs. Youngblood advised that the last time she talked with the Historic Preservation, they are still reviewing it. Commissioner Nance stated that he would need the facts on everything before he could make a good decision. Mrs. Youngblood advised that the way she understands it is that if you apply for the Cemetery Disturbance Permit then that puts it on the Historical Preservation list because you will have to have an archeological study. Mr. Goff stated that they have been sent a letter from the Planning Department to cease working in the original 13 acre property and now they cut a line across the material that is left in the back of the pit, the material between where they cut and the first 13 acre permit is down to sand and not usable for their purposes and the material they can still use is between the cemetery and the road, which has a cease and desist order on that. Mrs. Youngblood advised that the cease and desist order is only until they apply for a Cemetery Disturbance Permit, which is usually about a fifteen day process. She says what she understands is that the county can be fined if we do not follow the procedures. Commissioner Mathis asked if they could cut out a part for the cemetery where that portion is not a part of the rest of the acreage. Mrs. Youngblood said if they cut that portion out they would have to amend their Surface Mining Permit. Mr. Goff said surveying and deeding that portion out would not be a problem. Attorney Lawson advised that Mrs. Youngblood is correct in that the state gives the authority to the county to regulate cemetery permits, and it is unclear about what property we are talking about around that known cemetery, which may have some unmarked graves in it; right now they are talking about an 80' X 80' buffer, which is a fraction of an acre which is within the authority of the Planning Director to say that is enough and not require a full-blown permitting process for that. Chairman Henderson stated that the county could approve this without having to go through further process as long as we feel confident that the graves have not been disturbed. Attorney Lawson advised that they could give Mrs. Youngblood, with their action, approval to allow some buffer, probably larger than 80' X 80', to protect that cemetery area; we are restricting it more, not restricting it less. Mrs. Youngblood said her only caution is the unknown graves an issue with the county. Attorney Lawson advised that they went up to 80' already, and if they have disturbed it they have already disturbed it plus they have already done the slopes. **Motion was made by Mr. Farrow to amend the motion to approve the Special Use Permit for Homequip, LLC, to operate a borrow pit at 762 Coney Road South with the following conditions: 1) maintain a 175 foot buffer from the west property line north and south and maintain 20' trees in height in that buffer, and 2) survey out a new one acre square buffer around the existing buffer of the cemetery as shown on the plat and delivered to the Crisp County Planning Department, Mr. Mathis seconded the amended motion, motion carried unanimously.** Mrs. Youngblood asked if when she gets the new survey from Homequip, can she lift the stop order, and Attorney Lawson replied yes.

#### **APPROVE BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF PRIMROSE BRIDGE**

Public Works Director Carl Gamble reported that they have duly advertised and had the bid opening for the replacement of Primrose Bridge on Primrose Bridge Road, which is a 160' long bridge, and they only had one bid of \$710,067 from Southern Concrete Construction. Their bid meets all the requirements. **Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to approve bid of \$710,067 from Southern Concrete Construction for the replacement of Primrose Bridge, seconded by Mr. Farrow, motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Gamble reported that Southern Concrete will have 90 days to complete the project from the day they get the notice to proceed. He also stated that has been in touch with GDOT and since the county is willing to proceed with this project, GDOT is willing to put an additional \$200,000 in this project. **Motion**

**was made by Mr. Mathis to approve Georgia Department of Transportation award of \$200,000 for this project and approval of required paperwork, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried**

#### **APPROVAL OF 2016 LMIG**

Mr. Gamble reported that they have completed the proposed 2016 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant request that will need to be submitted to GDOT. It consists of 14.64 miles of road work, the county's estimated cost will be \$2,582,500 which well exceeds our 10% match from LMIG and when we submit this, we will have \$412,940.84 from the GDOT to go toward the funding of this, which leaves approximately \$2,169,000 that will be paid out of SPLOST funds. He advised that this grant will have twelve sections which will consist of several subdivisions that have been needing road work for a good while. Commissioner Mathis asked when the work would be done, and Mr. Gamble replied that the paperwork must be submitted by the end of December to GDOT, they will then send the check back for the \$412,940.84 and that will give us the notice to proceed saying they have accepted our projects. We will then begin getting all the paperwork together, and it will probably be bid about April or May. **Motion was made by Mr. Farrow to approve the 2016 Local Maintenance and Improvement projects, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.**

#### **ADOPT THE CRISP COUNTY PARKS ORDINANCE**

Administrator Patton advised that when we decided to set the closing hours of the county parks from sunset until 6:00 a.m., we realized that we didn't have a park ordinance, and now this will provide an ordinance for all the county parks which will set the hours along with other information. If someone has an event that will last longer than the hours set, they will need to get with the recreation director and he can take care of that. Commissioner Felton asked when the baseball field was going to be fixed at Reid Park. Administrator Patton reported that if we do that field comparable to the other baseball fields that will be about \$20,000. Commissioner Felton advised that the kids and parents are complaining about not having a baseball field in that area as a lot of the kids can't get to the other baseball field; he thought we had said we had SPLOST money to repair this field. Administrator Patton stated that the SPLOST was set specifically to certain fields. Mrs. Leverett advised that the total SPLOST funds left in the recreation budget is \$1.8 million, she stated that she could have the detail for him next month, and if they wanted to, they can shift money from one account to another to make a formal adjustment as we have to adhere to what was voted on. **Motion was made by Mr. Farrow to adopt the Crisp County Parks Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.**

#### **APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CRISP COUNTY BOC AND IDA**

Mrs. Leverett reported that this is the formal documents that are needed to transfer the money in the form of a forgivable loan of up to \$500,000 to the Industrial Development Authority on the Intermodal Railroad Spur project. **Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Crisp County Board of Commissioners and IDA for the transfer of money in a forgivable loan of up to \$500,000 on the Intermodal Railroad Spur project and give the chairman the authority to sign the paperwork, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

**RATIFY COOPERCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FOR COUNTY WIDE SECURITY CAMERAS AND CCSO PHONE SYSTEM**

Mrs. Leverett reported that she has two contracts that need ratification from the board. The first one is in the amount of \$26,648 for the security camera maintenance contract on all of our security cameras with CooperCraft that covers the Courthouse, Government Center, E-911 center, Sheriff's Office, and the Recreation Center. This is an annual contract. **Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to ratify the security camera maintenance with CooperCraft for \$26,648, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried unanimously.** Mrs. Leverett reported that we have a second contract for \$2,580.72 with CooperCraft for the maintenance contract on the phone system at the Detention Center. **Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to ratify the maintenance contract with CooperCraft on the phone system at the Detention Center in the amount of \$2,580.72, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/15 FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Mrs. Leverett reported that she has the annual end of year budget adjustments for FY2015. The summary adjustments include General Fund original budget \$12,645,872 with end mid-year and yearend adjustments leaving final budget of \$12,741,361; Law Library original budget of \$50,000 with yearend adjustment leaves final budget of \$49,000; Jail Maintenance Fund original budget of \$214,000 with yearend adjustment leaves final budget of \$238,300; DATE Fund original budget of \$30,000 with yearend adjustment leaves final budget of \$22,375; E-911 Fund original budget of \$793,595 with mid-year and yearend adjustments leaves final budget of \$798,645; CDBG 10 Northside Water & Sewer original budget of \$0 with yearend adjustment leaves final budget of \$200; CDBG 12 Stella Jones EIP original budget of \$0 with yearend adjustment leaves final budget of \$500,000; CDBG 14 CL/SP Sewer original budget of \$0 with yearend adjustment leaves final budget of \$29,200; Special Service District original budget of \$1,519,394 with mid-year and yearend adjustments leaves final budget of \$1,435,194; Hotel Motel Tax Fund original budget of \$13,000 with yearend adjustment leaves final budget of \$45,650; SPLOST 2000 original budget of \$530,000 with yearend adjustment leaves final budget of \$877,575; SPLOST 2005 original budget of \$455,000 with yearend adjustment leaves final budget of \$458,650; SPLOST 2011 original budget of \$3,804,000 with yearend adjustment leaves final budget of \$4,764,275; TSPLOST original budget of \$716,955 with mid-year and yearend adjustments leaves final budget of \$378,462; Water Fund original budget of \$575,559 with mid-year and yearend adjustments leaves final budget of \$608,109; Landfill Fund original budget of \$1,252,510 with mid-year and year end budget adjustments leaves final budget of \$2,948,160; CDBG RLF original budget of \$18,00 with yearend budget adjustment leaves final budget of \$265,025; Asset Forfeiture Fund original budget and final budget of \$53,000; Dare Fund original and final budget of \$25,000; making total Crisp County Board of Commissioners original budget of \$22,696,085 with mid-year and end of year adjustments leaves the final budget of \$26,238,161. **Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to approve the fiscal year ending 6/30/15 final budget adjustments, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVE 2005 SPLOST PROJECT BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Mrs. Leverett reported that she has the 2005 SPLOST Project Budget Adjustment where we are reducing the Judicial Center budget by \$177,202, increasing the EMS budget by \$877, increasing the Public Safety budget by \$14,000, increasing the Detention Center budget by \$21,535, decreasing Contingency by \$357,000, increasing the Recreation Department budget by \$3,168, increasing the Crisp County SO by \$4,622, increasing City of Cordele budget by \$450,000, increasing the City of Arabi budget by \$40,000,

with final 2005 SPLOST budget of \$24,744,683. **Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to approve the 2005 SPLOST Project Budget Adjustments, seconded by Mr. Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

### **APPROVE 2000 SPLOST PROJECT BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Mrs. Leverett reported that she has the 2000 SPLOST Project Budget Adjustments which increases the airport budget by \$1,887, increases county roads budget by \$171,461, and decreases City of Cordele budget by \$173,348. **Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to approve the 2000 SPLOST Project Budget Adjustments, seconded by Mr. Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Leverett reported this financial report is preliminary report for the period of July through October, 2015. In the General and three major Special Revenue Funds, combined these funds are reporting YTD revenues received of \$4.4 million and YTD expenditures at \$4.9 million leaving us with a -4% net shortfall after the first four months of the fiscal year of just under -\$2 million. This is actually up about \$1.4 million from the 10/31/14 reporting period. To date we have received about 5% of the 2015 Ad Valorem Tax. With \$224,662 in YTD revenue and \$184,583 in YTD expenses, the Water Fund ended the period with a small net profit of just over \$22,000. Water consumption billed for the month was 4.8 million gallons and the USDA Bonds principal balance is current at \$1,466,077. In the Landfill Fund, we are reporting accrued YTD revenue of \$753,510 and YTD expenses at \$ 421,845 leaving this fund with a net income of \$331,665. The total tonnage received for the month of October of 7,736.38 is up considerably over last year but, mostly attributable to a one time specific project. Of the total tonnage received, 25% was received from Advanced under their commercial contract, 7% under the city's residential contract and 4% under the county's curbside contract. The principal balance on the GEFA loans is current at \$3.8 million. In the Cash Report, the General and Special Revenue Funds combined ended the month with \$5.7 million, the proprietary funds with \$2.4 million and the SPLOST funds at just over \$7.9 million bringing our County wide total to \$16.2 million which is up, just over \$2.0 million from October 2014. We have spent just over \$18 million on projects associated with the 2000 SPLOST Issue and, almost \$20.8 million on projects approved under the 2005 SPLOST Issue. Distribution no. 45 of the 2011 SPLOST Issue in the amount of \$293,125 is down 7% from the distribution received in October of 2014. It does bring issue to date collections to \$14.8 million but drops our monthly average down to \$328,936, -\$7,500 per month short of what is needed to meet the revised budget. That equates to a total shortfall of over \$200,000. To date, we have expended \$14.8 million. We spent \$263,508 in Special Local Option Sales Tax dollars during the month of October. Projects benefiting were Crisp County Buildings, Public Safety, Recreation, Solid Waste, Public Works, Darton College and the Cities of Cordele and Arabi. The Local Option Sales Tax Distribution of \$140,687 is also down 7% from this same period last year. In the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund monthly report, we remain at seven outstanding loans with a total balance due of \$1,557,675. The last report included is the revenue by fund and expenditures by department report. The summary report shows the expended percentage of appropriations for each individual department and the total for each fund. The expenditures should be below 33%. As of this report, the General & Special Revenue Funds Combined are at 33%, the Water Fund is at 29% and the Landfill finished the period at 32%. She also reported that the auditors are finished with the field work and it looks like everything is fine, but they will be here sometime after the first of the year to give a report on the finances of the county.

**GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion was made by Mr. Nance to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried with all members agreeing to go into Executive Session.**

**COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion was made by Mr. Felton to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrow, motion carried with all members agreeing to come out of Executive Session.**

**APPOINT ZONING BOARD MEMBERS**

**Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to approve the appointment of Ray Cromer to replace Jerry Carney on the Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiring 12/31/18 and to reappoint J. C. Clark to a five-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiring 12/31/20, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

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**Clark Henderson, Chairman**

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**Tom Patton, Administrator**