

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 12, 2016**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairman Clark Henderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 305 of the Crisp County Government Center. Commissioners A. James Nance, Wallace Mathis, Sam Farrow, and Larry Felton were in attendance. Others present were County Administrator Tom Patton, County Attorney Rick Lawson, Finance Director Sherrie Leverett, and Clerk Linda Finch. Carl Gamble 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Felton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2016, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK 2016 PROCLAMATION

Belinda Griffin, Victim Advocate from the District Attorney's Office, along with Jamel Meja, Early Outreach Victim Advocate, thanked commissioners for having them today and for adopting the proclamation. Chairman Henderson read the Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation advising that National Crime Victims' Rights Week of April 10-16, 2016 is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime are offered accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime. Mrs. Griffin invited everyone to the Community Clubhouse tomorrow evening for a Candlelight Vigil that will honor victims and recognize the families of the victims. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adopt the Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.**

ADOPT CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Chairman Henderson read the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation proclaiming April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Crisp County and urging all citizens to protect Crisp County's children thereby strengthening our communities. Linda Rollins, Interim County Director of the Crisp County Department of Family and Children Services, thanked her staff present for the work they do which included Natasha Colby, case manager, Lachelle Bishop, assistant, Mattie Burnham, investigator, and Comeshia Royal, investigator. She advised that they have been noted as one of twenty-three counties in the state of Georgia that had the highest number of child deaths of children sleeping with their parents and as a result they are in a campaign of teaching our families how to appropriately lay a baby down and insuring that the babies do not sleep in the bed with parents; also the state provided them with several pack and plays to give out to parents that do not have one or a baby bed in their home. They want to make the public aware of what their services are. They are also pushing to get more foster homes here as they have approximately eighty children in foster care in Crisp County, and they only have two foster homes. **Motion was made by Mr. Felton to adopt the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES REPORT

Mrs. Rollins reported that they are staying very busy, DFACS spent about \$10 million in food stamps and around \$2 million for temporary assistance to needy families last year, and our community continues to see a lot of poverty and as a result they can see that in the expenditures and the number of families that they serve. During the year 2015, they had fifty-eight children in foster care, and today they have almost eighty children in foster care.

ABANDON PROPERTY ON SCENIC ROUTE

Connie Youngblood, Planning Director, reported that she had received a request from adjacent property owners to consider an abandonment of a strip of land adjacent to their property on Scenic Route between 878 and 886 Scenic Route. She advised that when the subdivisions were developed in the 1940's around the lake, they left 30' to 40' for proposed boat slips for future use. The property owners, Leisa and Derrick Easom and Holly Black have requested that the county abandon the strip between them. If you approve the abandonment, it is the property owners' responsibility to have the land surveyed and have it recorded. The county has no rights to these strips of property as we have never owned the property, the power commission and public works advised that there is nothing on this property that will prevent the county from abandoning the property. **Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to abandon the property on Scenic Route between 878 and 886 Scenic Route giving the property owners sixty days to have it surveyed and recorded at their expense, seconded by Mr. Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF GDOT CONTRACT FOR CRACK SEAL AND REMARK AIRFIELD PROJECT

Mrs. Leverett reported that we need a formal approval from the Georgia Department of Transportation Grant Contract to provide the crack seal and remark airfield project at the airport. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$335,116; the county's portion will be \$39,272.50 which will be paid from SPLOST funds. **Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to approve the airport project and grant contract APO16-9029-29(081), Crack and Seal Remark Airfield Project, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

APPOINT LINDA FINCH AS COUNTY CLERK

Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to name Linda Finch as the Crisp County Clerk, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Leverett reported that the financial report which shows the monthly and YTD activity for the General and three major Special Revenue Funds as of March 31, 2016, combined, bring YTD totals to \$14.6 million in revenues and \$12.5 million in expenditures providing a positive 14% revenues over expenditures of just under \$2.1 million at the end of the third quarter of this fiscal year. YTD revenues total \$479,772 for the Water Fund and YTD expenditures \$432,182, increase this fund's net income to \$47,590. We billed a total of 1307 customers for the usage of 5,096,000 gallons of water. The USDA Bonds are current at \$1.4 million. In the Landfill Fund YTD accrued revenues are at \$1.5 million and expenditures at \$963,694, leave this fund with a net operating income at the end

of nine months of \$616,335. The total tonnage received for the month was 4,531.98. Approximately 47% of that was delivered under the Advanced Environmental commercial contract, 14% under the City's residential contract and 7% under the County's residential contract. The GEFA Loans are current at just over \$3.6 million. In the Cash on Hand Report, we ended the month with \$10.3 million in the General and Special Revenue Funds combined, \$3.3 million in the Proprietary Funds, and \$7.1 million in the SPLOST & TSPLOST Funds giving us a county wide total at 3/31/16 of \$20.8 million. Of that amount, \$13.7 is restricted or reserved for special purposes or investments. For the 2000 SPLOST Issue there was no change from last month; we still have about \$130,000 available to finish out this issue. In the 2005 SPLOST Issue, to date we have total expenditures of \$21.6 million leaving us with just over \$3 million to complete the projects included. Distributions continue to drop for the 2011 SPLOST Issue as this month the amount of \$295,211 is down by about 6% from this time last year. To date we have collected \$16.3 million in revenue under this issue and expended or encumbered \$17.5 million. Projects benefiting from our Special Local Option Sales Tax penny for the month of March were Crisp County Airport, Crisp County Recreation, County Buildings, the Darton Project and the cities of Arabi and Cordele. This month's L.O.S.T. distribution of \$141,695 is approximately 6% less than last March. In the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Fund monthly report, we ended the month with a total outstanding balance of \$1.5 million for all these accounts. The final report included in your packet is the revenues by fund and expenditures by department preliminary report for the nine-month period of July 2015 through March 2016. The summary report shows the expended percentage of appropriations for each individual department and the total for each fund. All departments and divisions should be at 75% of their annual allowances. Overall, the preliminary numbers indicate the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds at 83%, the Water Fund at 69% and the Landfill Fund at 72%.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Carl Gamble, Public Works Director, reported that 1) they are continuing to clip the shoulders, clean the and replace drainage structures on the road projects commissioners agreed to repair last fall and hope to put these roads out to bid by the end of the month; 2) he has received a letter from the Department of Revenue that all of the county's trucks that weigh over 15,500 pounds will have to be registered with the state and we will have to pay a fee each year for these vehicles; 3) they have removed the old house and cleaned up around Loran Williams Park; 4) they are working on the ballfields at Reid Park; 5) they are continuing with their regular road work; 6) the landfill is going good other than being wet; and 7) they had a fire hydrant hit by a big truck.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Patton reported that 1) he has had a few more calls on the roads due to the rains but most of our citizens understand that we are doing the best we can to get them repaired as soon as possible; 2) the old house at Loran Williams Park is down and public works did a great job on getting that down and cleaning up around the park; 3) the managers and IDA Director talked with several potential prospects last month; 4) they are aggressively looking at trying to get another grocery store; 5) weather has been a big factor for the county last month; 6) Reid Park ballfield is going to be just similar to the ball fields at the ball complex; 7) they are looking at turning two of the upper ball fields at the complex into ball fields that they can use in tournament programs. They were laid out to be high school size, and they don't play many of those at the complex; and 8) a building on Eighth Street will be taken down by a contractor at no cost to the IDC.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Felton to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrow with all Commissioners 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. Nance with all Commissioners agreeing to come out of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m., seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.

Clark Henderson, Chairman

Tom Patton, Administrator