

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 7, 2016**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairman Clark Henderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 305 at the Crisp County Government Center. Commissioners present were A. James Nance, Wallace Mathis, and Sam Farrow with Larry Felton absent. 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.

MINTUES APPROVED

Motion was made by Mr. Farrow to approve the regular meeting minutes of 5/10/16 and the called meeting minutes of 5/16/16, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AMARION BRYANT, RICHARD THOMAS, BENJAMIN DENNIS AND FABIAN COLEMAN 2016 GRPA STATE CHAMPION TRACK-BOYS 8-UNDER 4X100 RELAY

Chairman Henderson read the Resolution Commending Amarion Bryant, Richard Thomas, Benjamin Dennis and Fabian Coleman, 2016 GRPA State Champion Track-Boys 8-Under 4x100 Relay with a time of One Minute Seven Seconds and proudly brought that honor back to Crisp County. Commissioners extended hearty congratulations to each boy for an outstanding 2016 season. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adopt the Resolution Commending Amarion Bryant, Richard Thomas, Benjamin Dennis and Fabian Coleman 2016 GRPA State Champion Track-Boys 8-Under 4x100 Relay, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.**

ADOPT RESOLUTION COMMENDING PEYTON BOZEMAN AS 2016 GRPA STATE CHAMPION TRACK – SOFTBALL THROW

Chairman Henderson read the Resolution Commending Peyton Bozeman, 2016 GRPA State Champion Track-Softball Throw with a distance of One Hundred Twenty Five Feet and proudly brought that honor back to Crisp County. Commissioners extended hearty congratulations to Peyton for an outstanding 2016 season. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adopt the Resolution Commending Peyton Bozeman 2016 GRPA State Champion Track–Softball Throw, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.**

ADOPT RESOLUTION COMMENDING REAGAN BOZEMAN 2016 GRPA STATE COMPIION TRACK – SOLFBALL THROW

Chairman Henderson read the Resolution Commending Reagan Bozeman 2016 GRPA State Champion Track–Softball Throw with a distance of One Hundred Nine Feet and proudly brought that honor back to Crisp County. Commissioners extended hearty congratulations to Reagan for an outstanding 2016

season. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adopt the Resolution Commending Reagan Bozeman 2016 GRPA State Champion Track – Softball Throw, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.**

RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CRISP COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES TO THE LOCAL FARMERS MARKET

Mrs. Leverett reported that this is an annual contribution from the Department of Agriculture in support of security for our market. The sheriff has met with Commissioner Black and they have agreed on the terms of the agreement for 2016. The sheriff has already signed the contract and she needs a motion to ratify the agreement. Sheriff Hancock advised that this is basically the same agreement we have had for the last several years; this is for funding of the deputies that work at the Farmers Market in June, July and part of August. **Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to ratify the Agreement between the Georgia Department of Agriculture and Crisp County for the provision of security services to the local Farmers Market, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

SHERIFF'S COMMENTS

Chairman and commissioners commended Sheriff Hancock and his staff on the excellent job they are doing. Sheriff Hancock advised that the men and women of the sheriff's department are working hard and doing some good things. He reported that they spent a lot of man hours last week starting with the robbery at the Waffle House that was solved, they were looking and found a guy that was breaking into cars, and also the drug task force took four people into custody, plus they had a gas drive off that took three individuals into custody in another county. He also advised that the Department of Natural Resources was replacing a boat, and with the help of Representative Hardin and Commissioner Williams, they were able to purchase that boat from the Department of Natural Resources with drug asset forfeiture funds. Now we will be able to work on burglaries and safety on the lake.

APPROVAL OF AIRPORT CONTRACT

Administrator Patton reported that they have an airport contract that incorporates the changes that have been made since the last approved contract in 1985. Mr. Cooper has looked at the contract and has approved the contract. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to approve the Fixed-Base Operator's Agreement between the Crisp County Board of Commissioners and Cordele Flying Service, Inc., seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Leverett reported that the first page of the financial report shows the monthly and YTD activity for the General and three major Special Revenue Funds. Combined for the month of May these funds are reporting YTD revenues at \$16.1 million and YTD expenditures at \$14.4 million providing positive 11% revenue over expenditure balance of \$1.6 million. In the Water Fund, monthly revenues and expenditures bring YTD totals to \$586,875 and \$500,833 leaving the Water Fund with a net income of \$86,042. Customer usage billed for the month was up slightly over last year at 6,380,000 gallons and the USDA Bonds are current at \$1.4 million. In the Landfill Fund, we are reporting \$1.8 million in accrued year to date revenue and just over \$1.1 million in accrued expenses leaving this fund with a net income of \$720,523. The total tonnage received for month was 4,192.46. Approximately 43% of that was delivered under the Advanced commercial contract, 11% under the City's free residential contact and 7%

under the County's residential curbside contract. The GEFA Loans are current at \$3.6 million. In the cash on hand report, we ended the month with \$10.1 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 a county wide total at 05/31/16 of just over \$20 million. \$8.2 million of that amount is reserved or restricted for special uses or projects. In the 2000 SPLOST Issue, we have spent \$18.2 million leaving us with just under \$125,000 to complete these projects and close out this issue. In the 2005 SPLOST Issue, we have total expenditures of \$21.8 million leaving us with \$2.9 million to complete the projects associated with this issue. 2011 SPLOST Issue, Distribution no. 40, representing April retail sales in the amount of \$310,980 is down 3% from May of 2015. The monthly average continues to drop and currently is over \$11,000 per month short of what is needed to fund our revised budget. As of May 31st, we have expended \$17.7 million on projects scheduled under this issue. Projects benefiting from our Special Local Option Sales Tax penny for the month of May were the Crisp County Airport, County Public Works, Solid Waste, Fire Department, Recreation, the Darton Project and the cities of Arabi and Cordele. Following that is an updated schedule on our L.O.S.T distributions. Just like SPLOST, this month's receipt of \$149,261 came in 3% under May of 2015. In the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund monthly report, we ended the month of May with a total outstanding balance of \$1.5 million for all these accounts. The final report is the revenues by fund and expenditures by department report from July 2015 through May 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 or below 92% of their annual allowances. Overall, as of this report, the preliminary numbers indicate the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds are at 95%, the Water Fund is at 79% and the Landfill Fund is at 84%.

AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR COPS GRANT

Mrs. Leverett reported that she has a request from the sheriff's department to authorize the sheriff and his staff to apply for the COPS Grant. Sheriff Hancock advised that they are asking for the same that they have asked for over the last couple of years, which is for three deputies and patrol cars to be funded by the COPS Grant; this would mean they would be funded at 100% for three years and after that we would have to pick up the expenses. He advised that they have not increased any deputies on the road in the last twelve years so this is a way for us to try to increase those deputies that are patrolling in the evenings and nights so that we can have better coverage in our community. He advised that they have applied for this grant for three years in a row and have been unsuccessful those years. **Motion was made by Mr. Mathis to authorize the sheriff to apply for the COPS Grant, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Patton reported that most of this month has been taken up with working on the budget; our annual dividend on our insurance program in the amount of \$26,097 will be applied as a credit on next year's premium; we are in the watermelon festivities and the man of the year this year will be Judge Pridgen, there will be a dinner in his honor on June 16th; the gliders are at the airport this week and they will have a dinner for them this week; and he and the chairman will meet with Gerald Mixon of River Valley Regional Commission to go over the comprehensive plan in the next few days.

UPDATE ON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Eric Bozeman, Director of the Recreation Department, reported that he has two more children here today that did a really great job at the state track meet. Jekyrhi Lewis metaled in four events and finished second in two of those and just missed a state title by a photo finish in 400 meters, and Ricky Johnson was a two-time state champion two years ago, and he also finished second in the 100 meters by a photo finish. He wanted to recognize them as well. Commissioners congratulated them on an outstanding season. Mr. Bozeman advised that they took 46 kids to Gwinnett and brought home 80 metals and finished 5th out of 30 teams; our kids performed well and we have a lot of talent. Registration for soccer, football and cheerleading is going on now until July 8th. Swimming pools are open, and they are offering swim lessons with the month of June already filled. They have 45 kids signed up for summer camp, and they are filled up for their adult senior water aerobics for this month. Ken Nance is going to do a basketball camp again this year that starts next week. The baseball and softball teams all stars are in warm up tournaments and will be going to district beginning June 25th. They do have some talented teams in this area as well. Also, they had a tough month of March with all the rains at our baseball/softball complex but April and May have bounced back and had some of their best numbers of teams for tournaments ever in those two months, and they have around 20 teams coming in this weekend. This year he thinks we will have at least 30 weekends with tournaments planned at the ball complex.

FISCAL YEAR ENDING 06/30/17 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Henderson opened the Budget public hearing at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Leverett reported that this the next to the last step in processing the FY17 county budget. It is a balanced budget, we may have a few tweaks before the adoption of the budget, but she doesn't think it will be anything material. She reported that the General Fund is balanced at \$13,977,052, the Law Library at \$36,000, the Jail Maintenance Fund at \$221,000, the D.A.T.E. Fund at \$43,000, E-911 Fund at \$914,254, TSPLOST Special Revenue Fund at \$732,400, CDBG 2014 Fund at \$487,460, Special Service District Fund at \$1,465,950, Hotel/Motel Tax Fund at \$40,000, Asset Forfeiture Fund at \$75,000, 2000 SPLOST Fund at \$100,000, 2005 SPLOST Fund at \$1,625,000, 2011 SPLOST Fund at \$3,700,000, TSPLOST Capital Projects Fund at \$312,747, Water Fund at \$621,400, Landfill Fund at \$1,717,152, CDBG Revolving Loan Fund at \$18,700 gives us a county-wide proposed budget for FY17 of \$25,282,364. She advised that the numbers do not reflect a tax increase; they have based these numbers on the county digest and the millage rate of last year. **By common consent, commissioners set a called meeting to adopt the budget at 1:00 p.m. on June 28, 2016.** Chairman Henderson asked for any comments from the public, there were none, so he closed the public hearing.

UPDATE ON ROADS

Carl Gamble, Public Works Director, reported that they have a bid opening at 2:00 p.m. today to secure the contractor to resurface fourteen miles of road sections dominantly in subdivisions which includes Arabi-Warwick Road from Raines Station to Hwy. 33, some roads in Sunny Acres, Cedar Lake, Timberland, Sunnybrook, Ramblewood, Green Acres, Bran Tre, Plantation, Lincoln Pinch Way and Lakeshore. Hopefully they will be complete by the fall of this year. They have been working on replacing some pipes and working on the 8th Street project as well. They have sent in some information to DOT for some other projects but they haven't heard anything back from them, and the DOT has let

the contractor on the Off System Safety striping and signs. He also mentioned that they are going to stripe the subdivisions this year at the request of citizens.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Nance to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried with all commissioners agreeing to go into Executive Session.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Nance to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried with all commissioners agreeing to come out of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m., seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.

Clark Henderson, Chairman

Tom Patton, Administrator