

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2017**

Chairman Sam Farrow, Jr. called the meeting to order with Commissioners A. James Nance, Larry Felton, and J. R. Dowdy, III in attendance. Others present were County Administrator Tom Patton, County Attorney Rick Lawson, Finance Director Sherrie Leverett, and County 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 Farrow welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Nance to approve the July 18, 2017 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF HANCOCK'S REPORT

Sheriff Hancock stated that they received six new Alco Sensor's sobriety machines from the Georgia Office of Highway Safety, and they will also receive thirty body cameras and microphones free of charge from Motorola. In the sheriff's report, last month they served 143 warrants, 192 civil papers, 94 subpoenas and wrote 687 citations; the county should receive about \$102,000 next month in inmate housing. Sheriff Hancock presented a check for \$84,531 in inmate housing from last month, and a check for \$20,660 from the Department of Agriculture, which completes the balance of handling the security at the market for this year. He thanked the Commissioners for the amount of pay that they were able to help with some of the salaries in his department.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Carl Gamble, Public Works Director, reported that they finally got the official notification regarding the Drayton shoulder paving so they can proceed with putting together the resurfacing project advertisement to go out for bid on the 6.5 miles of resurfacing plus the 3 miles of shoulder paving for Drayton Road. They are still dealing with FEMA and still have a good bit of work to complete on the storm; also they are almost finished with the soccer field project.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Michael Postell, Assistant Fire Chief, reported that they ordered a new fire truck the latter part of July, it is progressing well and hopefully we will receive the truck sometime in November, and they have hired their first part-time female certified firefighter. He also reported that Fire Chief Windham is resting well after his illness over the weekend and should be home within a couple of days.

APPROVE RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2017 AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATE

Mrs. Leverett reported that this is the final step for the board in order to complete the process of setting the millage and putting together the digest packet for the Tax Commissioner to take to the Department of Revenue for approval for our 2017 taxes. She advised that the inflationary growth of the digest is a negative number and the rollback number is .012130, which is what we have in the resolution. She read

the resolution stating that the County Millage Rate for Non Duplicate Services necessary without consideration of Joint Sales & Use Tax is .015168, the County Millage Rate, which if levied, would produce an amount equal to the Joint Sales & Use Tax received during the preceding year is .003038, making the County Millage Rate .012130, the Unincorporated District Special Service Millage Rate is .001144, and the School Board Millage Rate is .017450. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to approve the 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Levy Resolution, seconded by Mr. Dowdy, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Leverett reported that the first report is the financial report for the General and three major Special Revenue Funds. Because we have a 30 day lag in most of our revenues, this report is showing only \$128,931 in YTD revenue for these funds; that combined with just over a million in expenditures leaves us with a -6% shortfall of expenditures over revenues after the first thirty days of FY 18. Cash reserves are sufficient to carry us through until we that gap closes. In the Water Fund, numbers are at \$58,476 for revenue and \$36,251 in expenses leaving this Fund with a preliminary net income of \$22,225 after the first month of the year. Customer usage billed for the month was 7,146,000 gallons and the USDA Bonds are current at \$1.4 million. In the Landfill Fund, we are reporting \$140,849 in accrued year to date revenue, \$103,794 in expenses, leaving the landfill fund with a preliminary net income of \$37,055 at July 31, 2017. Total tonnage received for the month was 4,257.88. The GEFA Loans are current at \$3.1 million. In the cash on hand report, we ended the month with \$9.4 million in the General and Special Revenue Funds combined, \$4.3 million in the proprietary funds and \$5.7 million in the SPLOST & TSPLOST funds giving us a county wide total of \$19.4 million. Over \$6 million of that balance is reserved or restricted for special projects or uses. In the 2000 SPLOST Issue, we had no changes to report. In the 2005 SPLOST Issue, expenditures have reached \$24.3 million leaving us with \$441,428 to complete the remaining projects included in this issue. In the 2011 SPLOST Issue, Distribution no. 66, received in July representing June retail sales, in the amount of \$336,223 is down almost -3% from this same period last year. We have now collected \$21.3 million in revenue under this issue and expended or appropriated just over \$19 million. Next is an updated schedule on our L.O.S.T distributions. This month's distribution of \$161,380 is also down just under -3% from July 2016. The CDBG Revolving Loan Fund monthly report, which includes the balance and status of all our CDBG Revolving Loan Fund Accounts, shows nine loans with a total outstanding balance of \$2.6 million at July 31st. The final report is the revenues by fund and expenditures by department preliminary report for the first month of FY18. All departments and divisions should be at or below 8% of their annual allowances. Overall, the numbers indicate the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds at 7% and the Water and Landfill Funds at 6%.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Patton reported that he attended several meetings last month, and he met with IDC Director Grant Buckley and a new prospect that wants to start a new industry in the unincorporated area of the county, and they also are still talking to another prospect and trying to find them a location as well.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Felton to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation and property, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried with all commissioners agreeing to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Wallace Mathis was in attendance for the Executive Session.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

AMEND DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S BUDGET

Motion was made by Mr. Nance to amend the budget to align the District Attorney's budget up a \$1,000.00 a month, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT MEMBER TO TOURISM BOARD

Motion was made by Mr. Nance to appoint Eric Bozeman to the Tourism Board to replace Michael Pomirko, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE REQUEST FROM TITAN HOSPITALITY

Motion was made by Mr. Nance to grant the request from Titan Hospitality RLF Loan regarding the release of the lien of two parcels of property along with their attorney to draw up the paperwork, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m., seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.

Sam Farrow, Jr., Chairman

Tom Patton, Administrator