

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairman Sam Farrow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 305 of the Crisp County Government Center with Commissioners A. James Nance, Wallace Mathis, 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. John Wiggins 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. Felton to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 14, 2018, seconded by Mr. Dowdy, motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT RESOLUTION HONORING PHIL STREETMAN

Administrator Patton advised that it was an honor for him to present this resolution to Phil Streetman, longtime radio and television personality. He read the Resolution recognizing Mr. Streetman as a "friend, supporter, and promoter of Crisp County" and proclaiming September 11, 2018 as Phil Streetman Day in Crisp County. Commissioners thanked Phil for all the work he has done for this community. Mr. Streetman thanked Commissioners and is grateful this community took him in many years ago; he is now going to concentrate on his family and his church. **By common consent, Commissioners approved the Resolution Honoring Phil Streetman.**

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Major Al Smith advised that the sheriff had a call he had to attend to this morning and asked him to come in his absence. He reported that for the month of August they served 186 warrants, 241 civil papers, 169 subpoenas, and was in court 371 hours. In the traffic division there were 470 citations written with 17 of those in Arabi and 1 in the City of Cordele and they worked 24 accidents. In inmate housing the US Marshals housed 2567 days and the Cordele PD had 94 days housed last month. In the Detention Center, they booked 233 prisoners and released 255 prisoners, and the animal officer had 73 animal assistance calls. Also, E-911 had 3,244 service calls last month. Commissioners thanked Mr. Smith for bringing the report and for the work they do for the community.

APPROVE BID FOR LMIG ROAD PROJECT

Public Works Director Carl Gamble reported that on August 30th they opened bids on the nine miles of paving of Lakeshore Drive. They received three bids and the apparent low bid was from Reeves Construction at \$606,712. He advised that Reeves will not be able to begin on this project until March, 2019 and should be finished by the end of April, 2019. **Motion was made by Mr. Dowdy, to accept the bid of \$606,712 from Reeves Construction for the paving contract on Lakeshore Drive, seconded by Mr. Nance, motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Gamble also reported that they have approximately 59.3

years left of the MSW part of the landfill and 8.5 years left in the C&D part of the landfill; they are also working with DOT on the widening of Hwy. 280 where the water line is going in, and he and Attorney Lawson are working on the CDBG project and a couple of other roads that have never been opened.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Jonathan Windham reported that his department had a slow month in August; they had zero structure fires, one vehicle fire, assisted with four motor accidents, one grass/woods fire, 22 medical calls, 9 alarms/other, and five special details/public safety making a total of 42 calls. They helped in the night out school event at Watermelon Park, assisted Ashburn fire department with a funeral detail, and taught two CPR/AED classes. Also, they do have a person interested in buying the land on Cown Road.

RATIFY E911 FEE RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Leverett reported that we have the Resolutions on the E911 charges; we need to adopt these one at a time. The first one will be reaffirming the resolution we have in place already on the Prepaid Wireless Telecommunication fees; it will remain at \$.75 per retail transaction from September 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2018. The current resolution ran out in September, so we will have to renew this one to carry us thru December. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adopt the Resolution Reaffirming the necessity of E911 charges of Prepaid Wireless Telecommunication Connections within Crisp County, Georgia from September 1 thru December 31, 2018, seconded by Mr. Dowdy, motion carried unanimously.** The next one is reaffirming the resolution that is currently in place, it also runs out in September, and this is on E911 other than the prepaid wireless telecommunication at \$1.50 per month. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adopt the Resolution Reaffirming the E911 charges of Landline, Wireless and Voice Over Internet Protocol Telecommunication Connections within Crisp County, Georgia from September 1 thru December 31, 2018, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried unanimously.** Mrs. Leverett reported that the next resolution is resulting from the new 911 Authority that the General Assembly set up in the last session; this resolution sets the prepaid wireless fees effective on January 1, 2019 at \$1.50 per transaction. The prepaid wireless is already being collected by the state and the state will continue to collect the fees and send it to the counties. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to adopt the Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Crisp County, Georgia Updating and Authorizing 911 Charges on Prepaid Wireless Services; Providing an Effective Date; Repealing Prior Resolutions in Conflict; and for Other Purposes and setting the fee at \$1.50 beginning January 1, 2019, seconded by Mr. Dowdy, motion carried unanimously.** The last one is a resolution on 911 fees on all phone services other than prepaid wireless and this fee will be set at \$1.50 per month, this is the same fee as where it is now but the difference in this is the state will begin collecting these fees and then distribute to the county. This is part of the 911 authority recommendations, and the state feels that they can enforce the cell phones companies to pay easier than counties. **Motion was made by Mr. Dowdy to adopt the Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Crisp County, Georgia Updating and Authorizing 911 Charges on Telephone Services and Wireless Enhanced 911 Charges Other Than Prepaid Wireless Services; Providing an Effective Date; Repealing Prior Resolutions in Conflict; and for Other Purposes and setting the fee at \$1.50 per month beginning January 1, 2019, seconded by Mr. Mathis, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Leverett reported that today's financial report is for the first two months of FY 19. In the report of revenues and expenditures for the General and three major Special Revenue Funds, combined, these funds are reporting YTD revenues of \$1,741,404 and YTD expenditures at \$3.2 million leaving a -8% net shortfall after the first 60 days of this fiscal year of \$1.4 million. We will be dependent on cash reserves for the next two to three months until that gap begins to close. With \$121,613 in YTD revenue and \$97,614 in YTD expenses, the Water Fund ended the two month period with a net income of \$23,999. Water consumption billed for the month was 7.4 million gallons and the USDA Bonds are current at \$1,346,284 million. In the Landfill Fund, accrued YTD revenue of \$358,326 and YTD expenses at \$260,424 leaves this fund with a net income at 8/31/18 of \$97,901. The total tonnage received for the month of August was 6,380.79, and the principal balance on the GEFA loans is current at \$2.6 million. In the cash report, the General Fund and special revenue funds combined ended the month with \$10.9 million, the proprietary funds with \$4.9 million and the SPLOST & TSLOST funds at \$3.6 million, bringing our County wide total to \$19.6 million at 8/31/18. Of that amount over \$13 million is reserved or restricted for special uses or projects. In the 2005 SPLOST Issue, all of the funds have been obligated and we are waiting on the physical completion on a couple of projects. Total expenditures to date are \$24.8 million. In the 2011 SPLOST Issue, we have appropriated \$22.4 million of the \$23.2 million collected under this issue leaving \$1.4 million to complete projects associated with this issue. Distribution No. 7 of the 2017 SPLOST Issue in the amount of \$333,121 is down about -4% from the average collected for this time period under the previous issue. Actual expenditures and appropriations have reached \$4.5 million for this issue with current revenue distributions totaling \$2.2 million. Total SPLOST funds expended for the month was \$1,865,699.64. In the L.O.S.T. distributions, we had a 3.1% increase showing in this month's receipt; is misleading because it does not factor in the 1% we gained on the distribution formula at 1/1/18 and if you factor that in, the real number is down about -4% just like SPLOST. The CDBG Revolving Loan Fund monthly report has a total outstanding balance of \$2.3 million, and the last report is the revenue by fund and expenditures by department report. The report shows the expended percentage of appropriations for each individual department and the total for each fund. Expenditures should be below 17%. As of this report, overall, the General and Special Revenue Funds combined are at 17%; the Water Fund and Landfill Funds both finished the month at 15%.

APPROVE COPS GRANT

Mrs. Leverett reported that she has a request from the sheriff's department to approve their application under the COPS Grant program from the U.S. Department of Justice. Total project cost is \$11,300, it does include a match of \$2,825, and the grant will provide a computer, walk-thru metal detector and a hand held metal detector for the local school system. **Motion was made by Mr. Nance to approve the COPS Grant in the amount of \$11,300 for equipment, seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Patton reported that the big highlight this month was the Vietnam Moving Wall that was at the State Park, good event and a lot of people attended over the weekend; he attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting and the fund is doing well; he reminded Commissioners of the Public Safety Dinner on September 20th and Crisp County Power Commission will be holding a public forum to discuss public awareness and damage prevention on September 12th; the IDC will be holding another railroad

coalition meeting in Vidalia on October 1st; the soccer fields are coming along well; and all the paperwork is in on Pickens Pool, they are waiting announcement of the awarding of the grant and can't do anything until we get approval of the grant.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Felton to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation and property, 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. Felton to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dowdy, motion carried with all Commissioners agreeing to come out of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Dowdy to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m., seconded by Mr. Felton, motion carried unanimously.

Sam Farrow, Jr., Chairman

Tom Patton, Administrator