

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairman Sam N. 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, Larry Felton, J. R. Dowdy, III, and Mark Crenshaw in attendance. Others present were County Administrator Clark Harrell, County Attorney Rick Lawson, Finance Director Sherrie Leverett and County Clerk Monica Irwin. Rick Smarr gave the invocation and Administrator Harrell led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Chairman Farrow welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 12, 2021, seconded by Mr. Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Billy Hancock gave the Sheriff's report. He reported the Sheriff's Office will have a policy change effective December 1, 2021. This policy change is in reference to visible arm's length tattoos being allowed while in uniform and not required to be covered by a sleeve or a long-sleeve uniform shirt. The Sheriff also reported the Sheriff's office is still keeping federal inmate housing and was able to give \$60,000 back to the county, which is \$40,000 less than usual but he does think this will begin to turn around once available positions are filled and have more man power to house more federal inmates. Sheriff Hancock also reported the department is still getting patrols in, deputies traveled a total of 97,000 miles over the month of October at about .21 cents per mile, and the calls for 911 service is continuing to rise. Dispatchers are answering more and more calls now. Sheriff Hancock also brought to the Commissioner's attention that over the past week 2 officers from across the state of Georgia have been shot and killed in the line of duty. He advised the Commissioners that the Sheriff's office is in stiff competition and he has never seen this much lack of staff and lack of applicants in over 40 years. Sheriff Hancock stated that he is working tirelessly to increase recruitment and offer incentives in hopes of attracting qualified employees.

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR ROBERT HENDERSON

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, reported that we have a Public Hearing request from Robert Henderson for the purpose of installing a mounted solar system on his residence, the property is rural residential and is located at 118 Simmons Dairy Rd. Speaking in favor of Mr. Henderson, a representative from Viable Energy Solutions, LLC (VES) explained the process and the benefits of installing the solar panels at Mr. Henderson's residence. Commissioner Felton spoke-up to approve the installation of solar panels at Mr. Henderson's residence and Chairman, Sam Farrow, advised Mr. Henderson and VES Representative that according to codes, solar panels cannot be located on front side of house. Chairman Farrow also advised that a decision cannot be made today.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, reported the Capital Improvements Plan is a five year plan to update areas of the Airport. These areas include: runway construction, new terminal building, perimeter fence, and airfield drainage rehabilitation. Total County cost for the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan is \$351,800. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the 5 Year Capital Improvements Plan, seconded by Commissioner Dowdy, motion carried unanimously.**

SELL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, reported the following vehicles for sale from certain county departments. Water Works – 1999 Kawasaki 4-wheeler, 1988 Chevrolet Dully; Public Works – 1997 Chevrolet 3500, 1996 Chevrolet 1500; Airport – 1998 Ford Crown Vic; Recreation Department – 2006 Dodge Charger; Fire Department – 1985 Volvo, 1997 Ford F800, 1989 Ford F350. Administrator Harrell asked the Commissioners for their favor to surplus this equipment and sell by sealed bid through Gov Deals. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett reported the preliminary report for the period of July through October, 2021. Mrs. Leverett advised the County's General & three major Special Revenue Funds combined are reporting YTD revenues of \$5.4 million and expenditures of \$6.8 million leaving us in a FY to date deficit position of -\$1.4 million at the end of October.

The Water Fund ended the same period with a net profit of \$98,071 and the Landfill Fund year to date profit of \$37,676 at 10/31/21. The total tonnage received for the month of October was 4,560.06. Of the total amount received, 48% was received under the commercial contract, 11% under the city's residential contract and 7% under the county's curbside contract. The principal balance on the GEFA loans is current at \$1.4 million. Cash Report for October 31, 2021 combines the General and special revenue funds which ended the month with \$14.4 million; The proprietary funds with \$7.5 million and the SPLOST & TSPLOST funds with \$7.5 million; bringing our County wide total to \$29.5 million. The 2011 SPLOST report as of October 31st, we have appropriated \$23.1 million of the \$23.2 million collected under this issue. Mrs. Leverett advised good news continues with the 2017 SPLOST Report, as this month's distribution of \$393,229 is up about 16% over this time last year. Actual expenditures and appropriations have reached \$11.2 million for this issue with revenue distributions to date totaling \$16.1 million. She also reported according to the SPLOST Expenditures, the county has spent \$140,766 in Special Local Option Sales Tax during the month of October. Projects benefiting were the Airport, Fire & Rescue, Finance, Public Works, CCSO, County Roads, Sanitation & Solid Waste and the Cities of Cordele and Arabi. In reference to 2012 TSPLOST Revenues, Mrs. Leverett reported the County has collected over \$7 million since January of 2013. Combined with LMIG and GDOT Revenue, the County has appropriated over \$9.0 million in local road projects through the Special Transportation Tax Fund. Local Option Sales Tax Distributions mirrors the SPLOST as this month's LOST distribution is also up just over 16%. She also reported revenue by fund and expenditures by department shows the expended percentage of appropriations for each individual department and the total for each fund. At Oct. 31st YTD Expenditures should be below 33%. As of this report the General & Special Revenue Funds Combined were on target at 33%, the Water Fund is within budget at 23%, as well as the Landfill at 31%.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Harrell reported that 1) the County has received bids for patch work on several county roads; Midway Church Road, Old Hatley, Antioch Road, Cannon Branch, Drayton Lane, and Hawpond Road. The county received bids from two companies, Reeves Construction and Griffin Construction. Griffin Construction came in with the lowest bid at \$68,000. Administrator Harrell advised that he didn't even take a breath before signing the dotted line and telling Griffin Construction Company to get busy. Griffin Construction began working on this project November 8, 2021 and will be working their way to each location to make repairs to the above named roads. 2) Lake Blackshear area water system grant application was submitted the end of October. 3) Signed a letter of support for the Arabi Broadband Project to help expand high speed internet in many areas of Crisp County. 4) Continues to work with Norfolk Southern Railroad on a track expansion project to expand a side-line track a mile to the north and the railroad is planning next year to use three mile long trains. 5) Coal-Ash Project in conjunction with Crisp County Power should begin any day. 6) Meadow Park Community Development Grant is still in the works and awaiting engineering. 7) CDBG with Communications Grant is still in the works as well. 8) signed a contract with the office of National Fire Services, Skip Starling will be working with Chief Postell for the next ISO Inspection. 9) Working with River Valley Regional Commission as far as redistricting and mapping. 10) Leading a maintenance hangar bid for the airport. 11) Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett, has applied for the Public Safety \$1000 Grant payments for public safety personnel. 12) Attended several meetings and events last month. 13) Asks the Commission to consider holding a work session December 2, 2021, for discussion of upcoming projects, grants, and the Coroner, Mr. Ricky Dawson, has some issues he would like to bring before the Commission during the work session.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LITIGATION PURPOSES

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried with all Commissioners agreeing to go into Executive Session.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried with all Commissioners agreeing to come out of Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2021-017


Adopt Resolution 2021-017, A Resolution of Crisp County, Georgia ("County") Agreeing To Be Bound By The Memorandum of Understanding Between the State of Georgia and Certain Local Government Entities Concerning the National Distributor and J&J Settlements and Directing the Execution of the "Acknowledgment and Agreement To Be Bound By Memorandum of Understanding," "Subdivision Distributor Settlement Participation Form," and "Janssen Settlement Participation Form."

Administrator, Clark Harrell, read Resolution 2021-017 and advised that someone will need to be appointed to sign the necessary documents. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt Resolution 2021-017 and to authorize Chairman Sam Farrow to execute the Resolution and agreeing to be bound by the memorandum of understanding between the State of Georgia and certain local**

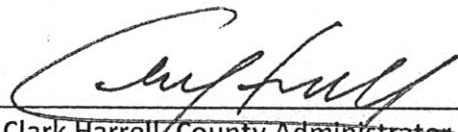
Government Entities concerning the national distributor and J&J Settlements and directing the execution of the acknowledgment and agreement to be bound by memorandum of understanding, subdivision distributor settlement participation form and Janssen settlement participation form. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.



Sam N. Farrow, Jr., Chairman



Clark Harrell, County Administrator