

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 10, 2022**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairman James Dowdy, III, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 305 of the Crisp County Government Center, with Commissioners A. James Nance, Sam Farrow, Jr, 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 Dowdy welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 12, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.

RETIREMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, recognizes Connie Youngblood and thanks her for her 31 years of service to Crisp County. The Board of Commissioners congratulated Mrs. Youngblood on her retirement and thanked her for service to Crisp County.

PROCLAMATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, read the Proclamation which encourages the community to observe EMS week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve Emergency Services Week as May 16-22, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.**

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, read the Proclamation which encourages all those who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating. **Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 21-27, 2022, National Safe Boating Week, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, advised the Commissioners of several items under new business needing their consideration:

WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, advised the board of a one-time contract amendment with Waste Management. This request is a \$0.85 a month increase which is for labor costs. The Consumer Price Index change is 4.2%. The total adjustment will be a total of \$16.69 per month. Also included in the

amendment is the agreement that yard waste is an on-call service in which residents will have to call in for this service to be provided every other week. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to amend the Waste Management Contract agreeing to the one-time adjustment and the on-call service for yard debris pick-up, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

CRISP COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ANNEX BUILDING ROOF BID

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, advised the Board there was four contractors that attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting to assess the damage and work needed to be done to repair the roof based on the county's request. Only one of the four contractors bid on the job. Dublin Construction entered a bid of \$286,375.00 for materials and labor. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to accept the bid from Dublin Construction and move forward with repairs to the Annex Building, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.**

APPLICATION FOR RETAIL SALES OF BEER AND WINE LICENSE

Valero, located at 2452 GA HWY 280 West (Old Hobbs Grocery) has submitted an application for retail sales of beer and wine by applicant Prahladbhai K. Prajapati. The state application has been submitted and all credentials have been processed. **Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to approve Mr. Prajapati's application for retail sales of beer and wine at Valero, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett, gave a preliminary report and executive summary on the major funds of the County as of April 30, 2022. The monthly and YTD activity for the General & three major Special Revenue Funds combined, bring YTD totals to \$19.3 million in revenues and \$18.7 million in expenditures, dropping our YTD revenue over expenditure position by -\$838,130 down 3%. Water Fund YTD net income for this month is \$151,516. The USDA Bonds are current at \$1.2 million. YTD net income for the Landfill is \$542,720. Due to the Coal Ash delivery activity from the CCPC our tonnage is up.... 10,203.99 for April. The GEFA Loans are current at \$1.3 million. Mrs. Leverett reported end of month totals are \$16.9 million in the General and Special Revenue Funds combined; \$8.2 million in the proprietary funds; and \$9.0 million in the SPLOST & TSPLOST funds giving a countywide total at 4/30/22 of \$34.3 million. Of that amount, \$23.0 million is restricted or reserved for special purposes or uses. There are no changes to report over the last month for the 2011 Issue. The 2017 SPLOST Issue Report, Distribution No. 51, is the largest monthly distribution received to date with a 15% increase over last year this time and brings issue to date collections up to \$18.8 million. Actual expenditures and appropriations have reached \$12.3 million. The 2012 TSPLOST revenues for April, report a distribution of \$90,888, also up about 15% over this time last year. The county has collected \$7.5 million in transportation tax dollars since January of 2013. Combine that with LMIG and GDOT Revenue and we have expended and/or obligated over \$11.0 million in local road maintenance and capital projects through the TSPLOST Funds. The CDBG Revolving Loan Fund ended the month of April with a total outstanding balance of \$1.8 million for all accounts. Mrs. Leverett informed the Board as of this report, all departments and divisions should be at or below 83% of their annual allowances. Overall, the preliminary numbers indicate the General and Special Revenue Funds slightly over at 88%, the Water Fund is under at 63% and the Landfill Fund at remains within budget at 75%.

Mrs. Leverett also advised the Board she has been working on the budget with the County Administrator as well as the Department Directors and continues to work on the FY 23 Budget Proposal. She and the County Administrator hope to be in a position to schedule a work session later this month.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Harrell reported work on the budget continues and hopefully in the near future, a work session will be scheduled. Mr. Harrell advised the Board the Fire and Rescue department will have to replace a truck having engine issues and are currently searching for another fire truck. The landfill is also having to replace a Bomag Compactor Machine with engine issues. Mr. Harrell reminded the Board of the Transportation Investment Act on the ballot for consideration by the voters in the sixteen county River Valley Regional Commission District. If approved, this will be a continuation of the 1% sales tax known as TIA 2 for a ten-year period representing an 18-million-dollar investment to Crisp County (including Arabi and Cordele). The county has the following pending projects: 1) Arabi/NS Railroad Project – surveying is being done on Rock Road. 2) Coal Ash/CCPC – continue to receive coal ash at the landfill 3) Meadow Park – CDBG is continuing 4) Communications – CDBG is continuing. Mr. Harrell reported he attended several meetings and events last month as well as forthcoming meetings in May of 2022.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL

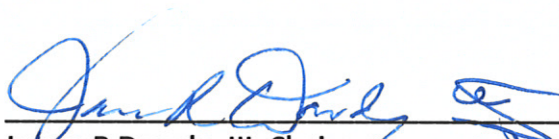
Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to go into Executive Session for purchase of legal matters, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried with all Commissioners agreeing to go into Executive Session at 9:37 am.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to come out of Executive Session at 10:03 am, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried with all Commissioners agreeing to come out of Executive Session.

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.


James R Dowdy, III, Chairman


Clark Harrell, County Administrator