

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 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 Larry Felton, A. James Nance, Jr, Sam Farrow, 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 Felton to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 8, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Hancock reported the month of December is a busy month for the Sheriff's Office. Court proceedings currently taking place today, officer's transported 13 inmates this morning for court. Citizens do not realize how much transporting inmates takes away from the day-to-day operations of the office. Sheriff Hancock thanked the Commissioners, the County Administrator, and the Finance Director for the purchase of two new vehicles purchased through SPLOST. He also thanked everyone again, on behalf of all employees, for the bonus received last week. The Sheriff also informed the Board of a grant the Sheriff's Office is applying for to purchase new Tasers and request the Board's approval and signature for the application. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the signature and grant application for the purchase of new Tasers, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

JIM LIVINGSTON – RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, explained to the Board the services offered by River Valley Regional Commission, and the issues Crisp County currently has with the River Valley Regional Commission. In September, Crisp County sought the help of River Valley to aid in the grant writing process for a \$250 million dollar grant to be awarded to disadvantaged communities for recreation improvements such as brand new track, playground equipment, basketball court, etc. Our grant request totaled \$1.99 million dollars. River Valley Regional Commission had months to complete the grant and submit it but did not submit the grant application on time so Crisp County was not awarded any monies for the recreation improvements. Mr. Harrell introduced Mr. Livingston to the Board and allowed him a chance to explain what happened. Mr. Livingston apologized to the Board for "dropping the ball" and took full responsibility for the grant application not being submitted on time. Mr. Livingston also revisited all the successful projects River Valley Regional Commission has completed for Crisp County along with resources available and asked the Board to continue to work with River Valley Regional Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

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

POWER PURCHASE CONTRACT FIRST AMENDMENT

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, advised the Board the power purchase contract agreement is increasing in price. This contract includes solar operations with Municipal Electric Cities of Georgia, which Crisp County is a member. This contract is a solar purchase contract between MEAG and the solar participant, Wal-Mart. All participants of the contract are in agreement. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to authorize the signing of the Power Purchase Contract First Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

DECISION - REZONING REQUEST 7.95 ACRES TO HEAVY COMMERCIAL FOR RV PARK AND MINI STORAGE WAREHOUSES

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, informed the Board of a rezoning request from Stacy and Justin Roberts doing business as Dole's Peanut Company, Inc. The Public Hearing was conducted during the November 8, 2022 Commission Meeting. The request is to rezone 7.95 acres from general commercial & rural residential to heavy commercial for the purpose of developing an RV Park and constructing mini storage warehouses. This property is located at 2209 South GA Hwy 300. Mr. Harrell read the Findings of Fact. Mr. Harrell advised the Board this is Ordinance 2022-022 for their consideration. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve Ordinance 2022-022 for rezoning property 2209 South GA Hwy 300 from general commercial & rural residential to heavy commercial, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

CRISP COUNTY LANDFILL METHANE WELL INSTALLATION

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, advised the Board EPD has several requirements for an operational landfill. EPD has notified Crisp County that an additional 20 wells must be installed. Advanced Environmental Management, our consultants, have met with EPD to make sure we were given the correct number of wells needed. My proposal is to extend funds from the landfill fund, which is an enterprise fund for this board, to install 20 well for \$94,000.00. There will also be an additional \$4000 charge for surveying costs for the location of the wells. **Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to move forward with the EPD's requirement to install additional methane wells at the Crisp County Landfill, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

CJCC SUBGRANT AWARD K77-8-018 AND CJCC SUBGRANT AWARD C21-8-007

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, advised the Board of two Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Federal Funds Grants that need to be ratified. The first Grant is CJCC Sub Grant Award K77-8-018 for Law Enforcement Training in the amount of \$24,595.00. The second is CJCC Sub Grant Award C21-8-007 for Law Enforcement Victim Assistance in the amount of \$116,800.00. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to ratify both CJCC Sub Grants, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

CRISP REGIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, informed the Board of a letter received from Mr. Gautney, with Crisp Regional Hospital, notifying Crisp County of the expiring term of Dr. Guy T Young and it is the request of Crisp Regional Hospital that Dr. Young be reappointed to this position. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to reappoint Dr. Guy T Young to Crisp Regional Hospital Authority Board, motion was seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

LICENSE TO SELL BEER AND WINE

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, advised the Board of a beer and wine license renewal for Cordele KOA Campground located at 373 Rockhouse Road. In addition to the beer and wine license, there is a new request for an off premises wine license as well. All requirements have been met by the Commission and staff. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to approve the beer and wine license renewal for the Cordele KOA Campground as well as the off premises wine license, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

2022 LMIG BID AWARD

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, advised the board the county has bid out road resurfacing work. Due to Crisp County being in the TIA 2 District, there is a 10% match for this project. The total is 5.29 miles of roadway and includes portions of Arabi-Warwick Road, Exa Avenue, 8th Street, 30th Avenue, 31st Avenue, Hickory Avenue, 1st Avenue, and Crossroad Store Road. A bid was received from Reeves Construction for \$1.376 million and a bid was received from Griffin Grading and Concrete for \$1.248 million. The recommendation is to approve the lowest bid from Griffin Grading and Concrete. This will require a local match of \$629,426.00. The match can be made from TIA and SPLOST to be able to complete this project. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to accept the lowest bid for resurfacing from Griffin Grading and Concrete, motion seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

CRISP COUNTY 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the Crisp County 2023 Holiday schedule, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett, gave a preliminary report for the period of July through November, 2022. The County's General & three major Special Revenue Funds combined, are reporting YTD revenues received of just under \$7.5 million and YTD expenditures at \$10.2 million a negative -11% expenditure over revenue shortfall position at November 30th of -\$2.6 million. The Water Fund is reporting a net loss YTD of -\$70,083. Water consumption billed for the month was 5,624,000 gallons to 1,479 customers and the USDA Bonds principal balance is current at \$1.1 million.

The Landfill Fund, accrued YTD revenues less expenses leave this fund with net income of \$675,444. The total tonnage received for the month of November was back down to about average at 4,948.37 tons. Of the total tonnage received, 45% was received from the commercial contract, 8% under the city's

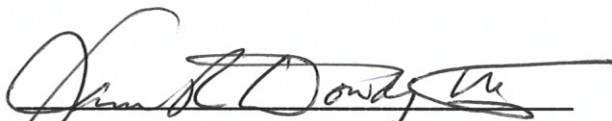
residential contract and 6% under the county's curbside contract. The principal balance on the GEFA loans is also current at \$1.1 million. The General and special revenue funds combined ended the month with \$17.1 million; The proprietary funds at \$9.9 million and the SPLOST & TSPLOST funds at \$11.2 million. SPLOST total expenditures and appropriations to date for the 2011 Issue ended the month at just over \$23 million. The 2017 issue, distribution number 58 in the amount of \$466,590 is up about 11% over this time last year, brings issue to date collections to \$22.2 million. Expenditures and current obligations have reached about \$15.0 million. The County spent \$255,016 in Special Local Option Sales Tax pennies during the month of November. Projects benefiting were the Airport, Recreation, the Sheriff's office, County Roads, Public Works, Sanitation & Solid Waste & the Cities of Cordele and Arabi. In summary, with only 2 months remaining under this issue, the County has received \$8.2 million in local revenue from the transportation tax since January of 2013. Combine that with LMIG and GDOT Revenue the total appropriated is over \$11.6 million in local road projects through this Fund. Local Option Sales Tax distribution this month is \$228,708 which also represents just under an 11% increase over last year. The CDBG Revolving Loan Fund has eight outstanding loans with a total balance due of \$1.7 million. The revenue by fund and expenditures by department summary report shows the expenditures should be below 42%. As of this report, the General & Special Revenue Funds Combined are slightly over at 44%; at 47% the Water Fund is also over; the Landfill fund is right on target at 42%

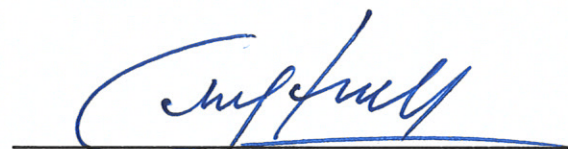
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Harrell reported to the Board the Lake Blackshear Area water system grant is still pending and still waiting to hear from the office of Planning and Budget. The Rock Road Railway Project check for \$915,000.00 has been sent to the Board of Commissioners by Norfolk Southern. Meadow Park Subdivision Project is in the bidding stages right now and hopefully a request will be submitted in January for a bid award. Mr. Harrell also reported Georgia Department of Transportation has awarded Crisp County \$1 million dollars towards resurfacing improvements on Fenn Road.

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.


James R Dowdy, III, Chairman


Clark Harrell, County Administrator