

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2023**

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, 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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to adopt the agenda for the April 11, 2023 Commission Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 14, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Hancock reported the office completed 464 court hours last month and 105,000 miles of travel. Subpoena count is up, officers spent a lot of time transporting prisoners to court services, 284 citations and 75 warnings were issued last month. The Easter Holiday weekend was busy for the Sheriff's Office, 4 high speed chases, one arrest from a shooting, and one officer suffering injuries as a result of one of the high speed chases is still hospitalized as of Sunday. Sheriff Hancock also advised the Board he would like to change the Detention Center's Food Service Contract. The pricing is pretty much the same as what is being payed now for meals, it's just a different company. The Sheriff stated he has had issues in the past with the present company and does not feel the county has been providing the quality meals that need to be provided and he wants to do what is right as far as services provided to inmates. The Sheriff asked for the Board's permission to initiate the new Food Contract. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to approve the new Food Contract for the Detention Center, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.** Sheriff Hancock also requested the Board's approval to enter into a contract with Southern Health Partners. This company will bring medical services into the Detention Center that will better benefit our medical needs. All medical, dental, and mental health services will be conducted at the Detention Center which will eliminate the need for inmate medical transport unless an emergency situation and will also eliminate the county having to outsource all inmate medical services, which will also be a huge savings for the county. Medical services will be provided 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the new inmate medical contract with Southern Health Partners, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.** County Administrator, Clark Harrell, reminded the Board that he and Sheriff Hancock have been working together for several months on securing a firing range for the Sheriff's Office and the community. Together, they have been able to secure a 20 year Intergovernmental Agreement between Crisp County and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

for the firing range that already exists at the Fish Hatchery in Crisp County. Mr. Harrell requested the Board's permission to authorize and execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between Crisp County and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources allowing the use of the firing range for 20 years. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to authorize and execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between Crisp County and Georgia Department of Natural Resources, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS – SPECIAL USE PERMIT

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, informed the Board the Public Hearing requested by Sasha Fields is for a special use permit to operate a group home located at 118 Joe Wright Drive. Mrs. Fields is unable to attend the meeting due to sickness but her husband, Jerome Findor Dommercant is present on her behalf. The property is the former New Harvest Church building and currently zoned as single family residential. Planning and Zoning Director, Mickey Dunnivant, stated at the time Mrs. Fields applied for the special use permit, she informed him no one was currently living in the building. Mr. Dunnivant stated after the fact, he found out that someone has been living in the building. He also stated to the Board that Mrs. Fields is basically using the property as a boarding house which is not allowed and will need to obtain proper licensure as well as the special use permit in order to operate a group home at the requested location. Mr. Dunnivant advised the Board that Mr. Dommercant will be served with a Cease and Desist Order immediately after the meeting. County Administrator, Clark Harrell, also advised the Board of several incident reports filed in reference to this property within the past few months. Mr. Dommercant, present on behalf of his wife, Sasha Fields, explained to the Board that he and his wife have been asked by citizens to help with family members living on the streets. Mr. Dommercant explained his and his wife's only intentions up to this point has been to help others and provide a place for people to stay keeping them from having to live on the streets.

Opposed to facility in subdivision: Angela Johnson – resident of Charlie Lee Circle Subdivision, Anquarrus King – resident of Charlie Lee Circle Subdivision, Tiffany Jones – resident of Charlie Lee Circle Subdivision, Marcel Vinz – resident of Charlie Lee Circle Subdivision, Leroy Thomas – resident of Charlie Lee Circle Subdivision, Frankie Kinder – resident of Culpepper Road

Public Hearing Closed 9:56 am NO DECISION MADE AT THIS TIME

NEW BUSINESS

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

ORDINANCE 2023-008 – HELENA INDUSTRY REZONING REQUEST

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, advised the Board Ordinance 2023-008 is a rezoning request from Helena Industries and the Board heard this request at last month's meeting with no opposition. Recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Department determined the request for rezoning is correct for this land parcel and is in line with the comprehensive plan. Therefore, the Planning and Zoning department recommends the approval of the Commission to rezone the parcel 017-026 Land lot 175 District 10 of Crisp County belonging to Helena Industrial from Rural Residential to Industrial with the following conditions: (1) Helena Industry examines the exterior lighting of the new existing plant and

correct any artificial lighting intrusions that may be occurring on the neighbors residential properties and their phone numbers be listed with 911 and updated as needed. Mr. Harrell read the Finding of Facts. **Motion was made by Commissioner Crenshaw to approve Ordinance 2023-008 rezoning request for Helena Industries from Rural Residential to Industrial, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

CONTRACT FOR SERVICE – 5311 TRANSIT SERVICES

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, advised the Board the contract for 5311 Transit Services is for the operation of the Crisp County transit service between the Board of Commissioners and the Resource Management Systems Incorporated. This contract includes this year along with a renewal of the next four years. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the 5311 Transit Services Contract, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

AVANGRID SOLAR COMPANY

Mr. Caleb Cates was unable to attend meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Leverett gave a preliminary report and executive summary on the major funds of the County as of March 31, 2023. The monthly and YTD activity for the General & three major Special Revenue Funds combined, bring YTD totals for both revenues and expenditures to around \$18.3 million, dropping the YTD net income slightly, down to just under \$35,000. March activity increased the net income for the Water Fund by just under \$20,000 bringing it up to \$92,712 YTD. The USDA Bonds are current at \$1.1 million. Landfill Fund's YTD net income is \$1,275,757. Total tonnage.... 17,895.54 for the month. Over 68% of that was delivered under CCPC's coal ash project. The GEFA Loans are current at \$998,323. The month of March ended with \$18.1 in the General and Special Revenue Funds combined; \$10.5 million in the proprietary funds; and \$9.3 million in the SPLOST & TSPLOST funds giving a countywide total at 3/31/23 of about \$42.0 million. For SPLOST Reports, no change to report since last month on the 2011 Issue. The 2017 SPLOST Issue for this month's distribution of \$417,853 is down about 2% from this same reporting period twelve months ago. It does bring collections to date to \$23.9 million. Expenditures have now reached \$16.2 million. Projects benefiting from our Special Local Option Sales Tax penny for the month of March were the Sheriff's Office, Roads, Public Works, Sanitation/Solid Waste, and the cities of Arabi and Cordele. The 2012 TSPLOST, in summary, collected a total of \$8.3 million over the ten-year period covered by this issue. Combine that with LMIG and GDOT Revenue and we have expended and/or obligated \$13.8 million in local road maintenance and capital projects through this issue. The 2022 TSPLOST, Distribution #2 of this issue came in at \$85,193 bringing two months collections balance to \$166,898. The 2022 TSPLOST funds have not yet been expended nor obligated. LOST receipts, unfortunately, this distribution is down -1.44% from last year's number. The CDBG Revolving Loan Fund which includes the balance and status of all our CDBG Revolving Loan Fund Accounts, ended the month of March with a total outstanding balance of \$1.7 million for all these accounts. The preliminary revenue by fund and expenditures by department report shows the General and Special Revenue Funds combined are over at 79%; at 76% the Water and Landfill Funds are also slightly over.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Harrell reported to the Board that Crisp County was not selected as a grant recipient for the Lake Blackshear Area Water System. Rock Road Railway Project work continues, clearing and grubbing is underway and dirt has been given by the Crisp County School System to build the base. Meadow Park Subdivision/CDBG Project Street and drainage improvement project is underway and ongoing. The 2022 LMIG resurfacing project including 30th, 31st, Exa Avenue, Cross Road Store Road, portion of Arabi-Warwick Road, and 8th is 80% finished. Mr. Harrell also stated the 2023 LMIG will be let very soon. Mr. Harrell stated he continues to work with the hospital administrator on updating the 1998 EMS contract budget that will not fluctuate, if unable to agree, the County will have no choice but to seek bids. 2023/2024 FY Budgets have been submitted to Finance and evaluations will begin soon. Mr. Harrell also advised the Board he doesn't see where BIL Funding is possible with the grant application costing \$60,000. Mr. Harrell attended several meetings last month.

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

James R Dowdy, III, Chairman

Clark Harrell, County Administrator