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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Present: Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Vice Chairman Jeff Cox, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Bowen Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Douglas Cofty, Andy Moore, Courtney Alday, William Smith, Cody Hamilton.

6:00 P.M. – Welcome & Call to Order. Prayer and pledge of allegiance

Housekeeping

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Calhoun stated we need to add two things to the agenda. We need to add the sidearm/ excavator and the renewal of the approved county roads for the signature for radar. We need to make a motion to add those to the agenda and approve them. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Bush seconded. All in favor. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Calhoun stated everybody look over the minutes. I need a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried

Approval of Financial Reports

Chairman Calhoun stated Financial reports. Everything looks to be in order. I need a motion to approve. Commissioner Bowen made motion, Commissioner Bush seconded. Need a second. I second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appearances

Kay Olubowale – Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Mr. Olubwale introduced himself and gave a brief update for the upcoming 2027 Comprehensive Plan. He advise we needed a steering committee to help with the plan. Mr. Cofty stated we had an upcoming PROPEL meeting and those in attendance would be mostly the sterling committee and that once we had that meeting the names would be submitted. Mr. Olubwale stated there was a survey we needed to post on the social media and that he would send us hard copies for those who wanted to fill one out. Mr. Cofty stated he would make sure it was added to the social media. No other items discussed. Mr. Olubwale thanked the board for allowing him to speak.

Old Business

Mayhaw Shooting Range Update

Chairman Calhoun stated Mayhaw shooting range. Mr. Cofty stated so, I did hear back from DNR. In your packet you have the intergovernmental agreement. I want you to kind of look at I've already sent it over to the County attorney for review. I want you 'all to look at it because I know Mr. Keith's got a couple of questions as far as what's going to happen. It says cuts off like after 50 years., we need to see if there can be like an auto renewal, something like that. So, I just I want you all to read it. Anything that you all see that may need to be added before we kind of go into the negotiations.
Chairman Calhoun stated No action yet. No action needed. Mr. Cofty stated no sir.

Creation of County Road Names

Chairman Calhoun stated moving on to the county road names. Mr. Cofty stated I talked with Mitch he ran a campaign on social media. He got the top list of names. You also got that in your packet.
I think you just I need to take over and study it maybe for a month and come up with the different names. He's got the different listings. and you see there's quite a few names. So, just if you'll just take those and we can come back at the next meeting, July meeting, you all can pick your two. He basically just gave us the list said he was going to be in the top four that he went and gave us all. Chairman Calhoun stated those numbers, those are the votes. Mr. Cofty stated that's how many votes for. Vice Chairman Cox stated and we are going to pick off this list. Mr. Cofty stated Well, that's up you all. I mean, you don't have to, but I mean. Chairman Calhoun stated all right next.

Side Arm Mower

Chairman Calhoun stated side arm mower. Mr. Cofty stated yes. So this was already on there. I talked with Danny, you know, we discussed it last time and they come back with and met with me and Faye and said that basically the buyout on the 309 is we don't have that much out. But if we continue to make the payments by the time all the transition goes through that they would just cut us check 50,000 and we can just turn around

and make that payment. Mr. Keith had asked me to get the total. So it is a little bit more but it's a it's a lot bigger machine. So we were paying right at 2600 and this would be just under 4,000 I think. So about 1,400 but how big. Chairman Calhoun stated its twice the size machine of the other machine. Mr. Cofty stated you're basically getting a lot. Mr. Moore stated this one bigger than our excavator. So yeah, I mean it's not a mini. Chairman Calhoun stated it went from 10,000 to 20,000 pounds or something like that. Mr. Moore stated it's twice the weight anyway. I think the mini is nine tons and this is 20 tons. Mr. Cofty stated I mean so basically you have your thing in there and where it says the total pay trade in would be or 51,000 for total buy out and that at that time that email it was 13,000 for the paid off and like I said he did some figuring and by the time they can get one in stock we had already had 309 paid out they would just buy it straight from us. So, those numbers like first pay 38,000 that would have been buy out and then 59 payments said right at. 4068 was paid but we do need to move forward and let him know we didn't never say which way you know we were going to do it. Chairman Calhoun stated anybody got any questions? Commissioner Bowen stated The trade allowance will still be the same even though it's going to be several months down the line. Mr. Cofty stated Yes, sir. he did say though that we do need to look at putting that guard on the top that we installed. They don't add that guard. So we get it added. Chairman Calhoun stated they can add that. Mr. Cofty stated Yeah it's a couple thousand more. But it's needed because way them limbs will hit it. Mr. Moore stated It's sort of like the forestry package on the excavator. Keep you know something from falling on it. You know excavator's going to have that sunroof you know in the top where you can see out top. So it kind of needs something, you know, a little delicate up there. So it needs something over it, you know. Chairman Calhoun stated I need a motion to move forward with the purchase of the 318. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Roth IRA Resolution

Chairman Calhoun stated what about the adoption of the Roth IRA ? Mr. Cofty stated so, I'm going to let Faye talk about this, but this is just another retirement option that we give our employees that cost the county. Ms. Whittaker stated we already have this 467B that we do the Charles Schwab, employee this is whatever amount they want to take out of paycheck. It's like a 401k right now it's all pre-tax but the Roth will make it where they can choose tax or they take taxes out later they have to pay a bunch of taxes on it. It just gives them the option to tax and he just need to approve change. Mr. Cofty stated so we just need a motion to approve and sign motion to approve. Chairman Calhoun stated I need a motion to approve the Roth IRA. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Bush seconded. All in favor. Motion carried

Tax Assessor Board Appointments

Chairman Calhoun stated Tax assessor appointment. Mr. Cofty stated so, you know, we had one that unexpectedly had to give up his seat due to personal reasons. and then we have another one that's coming due June 2026. I run about a month probably about two weeks an ad.. And with three names, Mr. William Smith, Joel Alday, and Cody Hamilton, we do have to appoint them at this meeting. One is just to fill out Mr. Mike Middleton's term and that's going to be about another year as of now. So we do need to move forward with that. We have to let the Department of revenue know as soon as possible. Commissioner Bowen stated so the first one is going to be to fill out the term of Mike Middleton. Mr. Cofty stated yes, I was start with that. Commissioner Bowen stated well, I would like to see Joel Alday to be considered to finish out the term of Mike until it goes out in 2027. Commissioner Bush stated and I would like to see Cody Hamilton voted on. Chairman Calhoun stated I need a motion then. Is that right? Mr. Cofty stated yes. Chairman Calhoun stated I need a motion for one of the names. Commissioner Bush stated two of the names. Commissioner Bowen stated we have got two people. Chairman Calhoun stated oh two names. Commissioner Bush stated one for replacement and one to come on board. Chairman Calhoun stated make that in form of a motion. Are you making that in a form of a motion, Commissioner Bush shook her head and said I will. Chairman Calhoun state I need a second. Commissioner Bush seconded. I need a second. Chairman Calhoun stated you can't make it happen like that. Vice Chairman Cox stated so the first one and I know we are doing two. Commissioner Bush stated is the replacement. Vice Chairman Cox stated Yea. Commissioner Bush stated I am with Mr. Bowen I'll go with Alday also. Vice Chairman Cox stated I'll seconded it. Chairman Calhoun stated All in favor, I'll vote for it. Motion passed. Mr. Cofty stated so what was the motion? Chairman Calhoun stated for Cody and Joel? Mr. Cofty stated so which is which. Commissioner Bush stated Alday is the replacement. Mr. Cofty stated ok Ms. Cristene, you made the motion. Commissioner Bush stated yes. ** Commissioner Bowen stated he did not hear the call for a vote nor the call for opposed. He did not vote.*

Website Design

Chairman Calhoun stated website development. Mr. Cofty stated Yes sir. So in 2026 the larger counties have to be ADA compliant on their website and with us being smaller, we have until 2027. I know I think the City of Colquitt is just now getting theirs built. So, this company here, if I'm not mistaken, they're doing the City's, Revise. so he basically the guy reached out to me and quoted me for a full redesign of our website, that is a lot easier for people to click and also have audio on it. It's like $4,365 and that's with them hosting the website and develop which in turn that'll save us. Faye do you remember how much we pay we pay about $500 to $600 to HostGator just to host our current. So actually in theory it'll be about 3,800 to have the website built out and hosted once we save that money and like I say this I did a webinar with there's actually different aspects that we can add. I know Mark's looking for software to be able to do the building inspection applications. Well, they have an add-on to that. I don't have the actual price of yet, but it's a lot cheaper. It's like $22,000 for the software that Mark's looking at versus maybe $900 for the add-on piece. That won't be as fancy as that, but I mean do the job Mark sat in on that meeting. He liked it and said he thought it could be. It

also adds some website for the like complaints for like say the road park or something. It'll actually put on there to where anybody can log in and put it in and it'll actually just like it like diamond maps now. It it'll save money. We won't have to use that. So, I mean, it's combining everything into one side. Chairman Calhoun stated we need a motion to approve this. Mr. Cofty stated if you all would. Chairman Calhoun stated I need a motion to approve the website development. I make a motion. Commissioner Bush made motion, Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hospital Letter

Chairman Calhoun stated Hospital letter. Mr. Cofty stated this is a letter that they do every so many years. We haven't done one in a while. Ms. Jill contacted me and I actually got it typed up for you to sign. We just need the chairman to be able to sign the letter, it just states that they are a public entity and they are tax exempt and was created in March 2nd 1955. Chairman Calhoun stated so we need a motion. Mr. Cofty stated to let you certify the letter. I need a motion to certify the letter. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Bowen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Golden Triangle Grant

Chairman Calhoun stated the Golden Triangle Grant. Mr. Cofty stated yes. Mr. Keith contacted me about this gold triangle. had talked to him about doing some, want to do some grant work in Miller County and I think it's, Mr. Keith can tell a little bit better, but I think it's on a couple of bridges that they're want to is it protect mussels or go ahead. Commissioner Bowen stated Yeah what they're want to do is to go in there on Hornsby Road and Grimley Road at the bridges and they going to clean it out put the fabric barrier down then put rock on top to keep sediment from washing into the creek and they'll do it for it says here like a thousand feet upstream so many feet downstream. It's been done in the past but it needs to be redone right now and Miss Rhonda said they had some money available and would like to do that as soon as possible. and it it'll be what she said. It'll be completely paid for through Golden Triangle. So, it will not cost the county anything out of pocket. Mr. Cofty stated so, what we need to do is just go ahead and let the chairman sign the agreements. It's like the maintenance agreements that we used to have that's expired. So, that's pretty much all our side of it is. And then they'll handle the money and all that. We just have to have an agreement. Chairman Calhoun stated we just need a motion to sign the agreement. Road maintenance agreement. Mr. Cofty stated that's right and the grant administration agreement. Chairman Calhoun stated all right I need a motion for those two. Commissioner Bush made motion, Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Code Red/ Re Group

Chairman Calhoun stated Code Red. Mr. Cofty stated okay, So this one I think we're going to be going into a lawsuit with this company Code Red. I know you guys probably all used it a time or two, but since then it's not been working. So during our contract period, Debbie tried to get out of contract with them and they basically responded back to her that they would not let us out of the contract. I mean it was it

was expired. The original contract was expired and then you had like some auto revenues but we tried to get out of it before the auto they would let us out. I responded to it. They didn't respond back to me. County's attorney has sent two emails, two letters, and they haven't respond to him. So the as of right now, CodeRed's not working. It's not doing its job. So I know Donalsonville just went with, Chairman Calhoun stated is that the thing that calls you or whatever. Mr. Cofty stated yes and it used to be good, but it's been bought out, I think, two or three times. So now it's a company out of Seattle Washington. So if you don't accept long distance numbers, the number comes out of Seattle Washington not local. But Donalsonville just launched this regroup and it's just like it but actually cheaper and better is what they're telling me. So Debbie and Corey had sent this to me to get sent to get approved. so one year is $4,175. We talked about what we do with Code Red. We take from all the emergency departments SPLOST that's what pays for. So that's what they wanted to kind of just submit that for the proposal. being able to get this one, go ahead and put this one in place and then do what we need to do with code red, whether we get out or maybe we're stuck for just a year and then we won't have to do it for another. Chairman Calhoun stated you need a motion to enter into agreement with regroup to enter into a new agreement with regroup. Vice Chairman Cox stated what kind of time frame did attorney say that we might find out something about it? Mr. Cofty stated he didn't because I talked to him about not quite two weeks ago and he said that he's talked to him twice or sent letter twice and got no response. Chairman Calhoun stated so we send him them money but we get service. Mr. Cofty stated. yeah well, the service is spotty. I mean, sometimes it works, sometimes it don't. I know when the this bad storm what a month ago with it, but about a month ago it didn't even, Commissioner Bush stated did it not have like a clause in there if they don't hold their, Mr. Cofty stated well, yes, but they're saying, "Well, we bought it from this person." They're not will to hold some of the clause, but they want us to. They want to hold us. So that's why we think we can get out because Debbie's basically said that there's been features in there where it notifies all 6000, anybody that that signs up. But since this company has taken over, it's taking that feature out. So now they don't have that feature to notify. Everybody's got to go in there and sign up on their own, but they've already signed up one time before. you got a bad storm come through, you don't have time for that, you know, and so they're just trying to I think all the counties are leaving them going to different places. They're just trying to hold on what they can. So they're going to try to strongarm us and I think we just Yeah, I want to go do that so we can get this one in place and then we can fight that battle. Okay. Commissioner Bush stated but do we know what the buyout will be or No, Mr. Cofty stated there is no buy out, they're not letting us out. I think what we just renewed had to because we were behind and late. Vice Chairman Cox stated so we pay for services pretty much reimburse. Mr. Cofty stated like I say we need to I'll follow with the county attorney and see if he's heard anything but he normally call and you know maybe he don't want to be forceful. I think we need to go through ACCG and see if we can get pressure on that. like I don't send a letter to you, right? So clearly when we go up. Commissioner Bush stated that when we go up under this region thing, of course there's going to be a lesson learned that we're going to have clause and specific clause and you know if you don't do this then we can do this well. Mr. Cofty stated I mean we've been with that code red for many years and then they turn around and I don't know if it was a silent sale. I didn't know they sold out. They sold out to another one and then I don't even know what the name of this company that bought them. So this is this third sale. So apparently they do. Yeah, but this Re Group is one that's you know that Seminole used. I know they advertised this recent.

Commissioner Bowen stated I think we need to get something in place to where our citizens will be informed of stuff's going on. But then just as important as that is, we need to hold this other one feet to the fire just as strongly about, hey, you all got to us going to be we going to you all's Gondo. We aren't going to be put up with a slack service and whatever it takes with a lawyer or another lawyer or strongly worded letter or whatever. Commissioner Bush stated and honoring their hand. Chairman Calhoun stated maybe when you sign agreement you talk to I talk to somebody. Mr. Cofty stated I'll get Debbie call again. She was out. Vice Chairman Cox stated so they had her. Mr. Cofty stated other than just telling her they went they got somebody else by. Chairman Calhoun stated all right I need a motion to enter into a new relationship with regroup. Commissioner Bush,. Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Chairman Calhoun stated department reports, Mr. Cofty stated Sheriff you want to go first. Sheriff Clenney stated yeah. Doug put it in your packets. I got the original sign this year. Our license is coming up this year for the county roads and state routes running radars. We've already got all the paperwork, we just need you all's signature. Mr. Cofty stated tell them about the lights. Sheriff Clenney stated the main electrical issue is being worked on he came 3 weeks ago and has already installed lights up top. Chairman Calhoun stated what about your ladder , did you ever get your ladder built. Sheriff Clenney stated yes it's been installed. Chairman Calhoun stated got any questions on that. I need a motion to approve the list of roadways for radar. Got the sign. I need a motion to sign a list of roadways for radar. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Bowen. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Cofty stated then I guess Mr. Keith wanted to talk about the clipping. Commissioner Bowen stated that's right. Mr. Cofty stated and ditching plan for the road department. Commissioner Bowen stated Andy, just like you done such a great job with the limbs when we asked you back a year and a half ago. You did a great job the road department did of getting the limbs trimmed back and everything. I've had several calls in my district and some outside the district mainly on Grady Cobb Road and Three Notch road about water on paved roads. So, , what we want to do now, when we did this last time, we asked you to go and get with your folks to see how long you thought it would take you to do it, and you exceeded that there. So, we're going to ask you to do the same thing here. Just take, for instance, Grady Cobb Road to start at the north end of Grady Cobb Road, go all the way down. I know you've been hitting some bad spots to try to help out now, but what I'm saying is start one and go all the way to the south end, turn, come back all the way on the other and to do all of our roads. I think Shelly said we had like a 143 miles of road and then we paved what 10 or 15 miles the last couple of years, so they won't have to be done. So you 125- 30 miles of road and I would like for you to go and get with your people and to come back at our meeting next month with a plan of how long you think it's going to take to get this done. get onto a systematic approach of every pave road in Miller County that's county maintained that we go in there and do the cliffing to help provide safety for our citizens in the county when they're out like all the rain we've had this past what said for the last two weeks we've had a ton of it there's been multiple calls for people and they have legitimate complaints that's our job as a county for them to be safe traveling back and forth and I would really appreciate it if you together with your

folks and say, "Well, it's going to take this long or that long." And come back and report back to us. Mr. Moore stated we can do that. kind of about figured it out when and we've been doing a road at a time. We did catch a couple bad spots, but we're basically doing a whole road. We get on it, we staying on it, we get through with it. We're doing about a mile a day, but we hadn't got the information from being, you know, way on the other side of the county because we're having to haul for, you know, it's going to be a pretty long haul. So, you know, what information we going by with a mile a day has been, you know, re reasonably close to where we where we are dumping. But, you know, we done moved over. We clipped some on Grady Cobb. pretty good little hall from over there. We just moved to Bush Dairy today. We got everything moved up there. So, we're going to start on Bush Dairy and try to get it knocked out. Commissioner Bowen stated have you reached out to any land owners? Were you planning on clicking to see if they would be willing have. Mr. Moore stated I have talked around and some of them said, you know, well, let me look around, but then they don't never. Chairman Calhoun stated well, Roger Wayne Davis said that he would find somewhere to dump it, you know. Oh, yeah. So, you just got to get with him. Mr. Moore stated you know, we've talked around a little. You know, they some people want a couple loads, but then that's all they want. You know, they don't really want, you know, to give you a spot. They just say, "Well, give me a couple loads." Chairman Calhoun stated Put it, you know, like you aren't going to be able to put a million cubic yards on. I mean, Mr. Moore stated we got it turned to have spread out. Commissioner Bowen stated I mean, it we've got a spot. I dropped a Pin for Doug the other day. We've got a spot that we would be find drop some dirt on, you know. Mr. Moore stated so, we got and we stacking it, you know. I mean, it it's not going to be a, you know, big. It's not going to cover a real big territory, you know. We have to have just a little room to get in there, but once we get in there, you know, we stacking is we can stack 40 something feet. You know, we get it on up there. Chairman Calhoun stated put something on Facebook, you know, if there's any land owners that got a spot that they wouldn't mind. Mr. Cofty stated You just need to let me know what area you're going to be in. Commissioner Bowen stated Yeah. have a schedule roads that you're going to clip and then then target land owners around that area that see if anybody be willing to. Mr. Moore stated what we really been working on right now is we got paving coming up all the roads that we fixing to pave I was trying to get those clipped we've already got Jeterville we caught some bad spots on Grady Cobb we had some call ins, we moved to Bush Dairy well we you know all the paved roads is just go out to get on them and you know get at it and I'm just get it done. Chairman Calhoun stated Folks have called me about Phillipsburg. Commissioner Bush stated And you went out there on Phillipsburg. Mr. Moore stated we clipped a little bit on it, but the whole all the roads need it. we going to get we like I don't know that's two or three miles on Bush Dairy and we like a mile. We're going to get on the end of Cooktown and work on that a little. Got a little wash problem before it gets paid and try to fix that. After that, if it suits you all, I'll try to do a road in each district till we get them. you know, we'll start our road and somebody's district. We'll do that one. Then we'll move and that way every district will be getting, Chairman Calhoun stated if you'll let us know where you're going to do, we'll get with Doug and we'll try to we'll all try to reach out to some land owners, too. And you know, you aren't got a haul. Mr. Moore stated I did I've been looking around for a dump, too, to help, but I just hadn't found one that Chairman Calhoun stated well, I'm sure they're somewhere. We just got to find. Mr. Moore stated I found some, but it was kind of pricey, you know? I mean, I thought it was more than what we really probably needed to pay for one, you know, but I've called around and talked around, but I just hadn't

found one that I thought. Chairman Calhoun stated I think we can find something. Mr. Moore stated well, help me find help me find one. And I, you know, I can help haul, you know, that's like we haul six loads at a time. You know, when you load all three dump trucks and load the semi, that'd be like hauling six loads. You know, that'll really help out. So, we've been working on it. We've done pretty good pretty good number of miles already, you know, since we started in I think November last year and we've been clucking along and staying at it. I did pull off of it for a few days to kind of make trip around the county because all the roads got tore up from the rain. So, I've had all three of them kind of, you know, trying to get the road shaped back up. But, we're right at I think we right at finishing, you know, getting caught back up with that. But I got the old 59 out. But I've been clipping when I could with it clips it clips shoulders. So I mean if it works, you got to use it sometime. Chairman Calhoun stated you put it at the shooting range. You put some there at the shooting range. We got to build. Mr. Moore stated yeah. We I had thought about that, but we hadn't they hadn't designated us a spot yet having you know what I'm saying? I mean, because we got to have going to have to have a pretty good amount of, you know, dirt there when we do that, you know, and we can put it right now. We can put it in the pile and then put it where we need it when we build it. But I had thought about that would be a lot closer. Mr. Cofty stated so far down old Donalsonville road, they hadn't really just said, "Hey, here's, you know, here's your spot." Mr. Moore stated but when they do, we can do that. But we making it. You know, we a mile a day is not too bad. You know, Chairman Calhoun stated 365 days in a year, so it won't take you all year. Mr. Moore stated Yeah. You know, we don't we don't work quite 365 and we miss a few days, too. But I really I thought we hadn't done too bad, you know, for taking the road at the time. And, you know, we've been staying on it, you know. I mean, we've been staying at it pretty hard. just got a little more going on now mowing and you know it slows us down a little bit when we're running full crew now. Chairman Calhoun stated you got a full crew? Mr. Moore stated I will in two weeks I'll have I'll have a full crew. We took on somebody today that they're going to work out their notice where they at and think 22nd that'll be you know that'll give us a full crew. we, you know, we still a little short. You know, we had run our side armors, but we clipping, you know, we juggling a few things around, but we Chairman Calhoun stated must be doing pretty good. I haven't had a phone call in a month, so you must be doing pretty good. Mr. Moore stated we've been trying to stay on We've been trying to stay on the potholes as much as we can. You know, we kind of got the roads run over good with hot mix and then, you know, we have a hole here and there pops up. We, you know, we trying to cover them, kind of keep everybody from calling. Vice Chairman Cox stated you ever get you a saw for your deep base? Mr. Moore stated we did buy us a saw. It come in yesterday. We haven't picked it up, but we going we got one or they say we got one anyhow. Chairman Calhoun stated what about put that QR code out on Facebook, too? Just kind of refresh. Mr. Cofty stated Yeah we can do that. Vice Chairman Cox stated did you talk to them about Diamond Maps about putting all the work orders on it? Mr. Moore stated she's been she been working on that pretty good. I think she put on some today. Hadn't had you know we hadn't done a whole lot but clip shoulders and run our bases. You know we've been staying on the clipping and we you know get a call every now and then we'll run take care of but other than trees down we've been it kind of takes all of us. you know, we clipping, we kind of running. Every everybody's got something to do. Commissioner Bush stated So, Andy when you said you we're full staff, I just want to go back and visit that. You said full staff, that means full staff and having our office covered or full staff using our office, Mr. Moore stated ma'am. Commissioner Bush stated when you said full staff, are

we talking full staff and having Shelly in the office or Mr. Moore stated Yeah. Yeah. She's staying in the office. She's we're not running her out. Commissioner Bush stated we really need now. Mr. Moore stated she might come help us move or something. She helped me move today. I move some equipment. She run out there and pick me up, you know, and carry them back to move some equipment, but pretty much that's go she goes and picks up parts for us. You know, we have to have some parts, but other than that, she's there at the office. She's not we're not running her as dump truck driver anymore. So, she's pretty much there at the office. And unless she has to run help somebody move, you know, limb cutter guys may get, you know, where they just need to move their truck or something like that, she'll run do that. But that's she pretty much office bound. Commissioner Bush stated it needs to be clear that when we say full staff, meaning not meaning we're counting on her to run a position out in the field, Mr. Moore stated right, full staff is what I call full staff is how many positions we got in budget. we could take on some more because I could run another mower side the road and two sidearm mowers right now, but we don't have we don't have that. Chairman Calhoun stated budgets coming up. Budget time. Mr. Moore stated I'll sure put it on there if you'll approve it. But, it's kind of been hard to keep what we got, you know. So, they're not people beating the door down, you know. So, I mean, we lucky we got as many as we got. Chairman Calhoun stated what about motor graders? You going to run them Friday too. Mr. Moore stated if they all come in and work. Which we getting kind of, you know, we making it around and when it gets dry and hard, you know, sometimes you need to slack up a little because all you're doing is wearing blades out, you know. But yeah, I've been running them pretty much every weekend, you know. Chairman Calhoun stated I just know it was in rough shape after that seven inches or whatever. Mr. Moore stated Yeah, we well some weekend we actually I didn't put it out there but we run Friday and Saturday you know when the roads are so rough you know the boys wanted to work so I let them work they needed to run. Vice Chairman Cox stated so yeah they doing that full width when they straighten I notice some of these roads are getting narrower and narrow. Mr. Moore stated yeah well back off need to come up you know we need to now come up with us a good program we get some motor grader guys and got to get back on a program to where we can keep the road scraped and do some maintenance on them. That's kind of where we're lacking at right now is, you know, we kind of keeping them straight. We kind of put a crown in them, but we really need to back up. Chairman Calhoun stated how many you got that can run motor graders now. Mr. Moore stated that when I take on this one here, I'll have four. Somebody challenged me to get him four motor operators. So, I kind of put a special effort into it. Mr. Cofty stated so with him having these new operators, should I reach back out to Yancy and see if they're willing to do some more training? Mr. Moore stated we've talked to Golden Triangle. I got to put in a cord there at office. Chairman Calhoun stated Golden Triangle went to the school. I know they train gave a little certificate. Mr. Moore stated They got a machine. Mr. Cofty stated yeah but is there any more like training to that? Mr. Moore stated no, Mr. Cofty stated I mean if you're just driving the simulator, Chairman Calhoun stated yeah, we can do we got that Jed guy or whatever. Mr. Cofty stated that's what I'm saying. Mr. Moore stated They come by the other day. We talked to Golden Triangle, you know, about coming to us. You know, we've already done it. Some of us have, some of them left, you know. We got some that hadn't been through it. I got to put in a cord, you know, where we plug him in, which is no big deal, you know, but he come and look to see what we had to have and I just got to put him in a cord where he can plug in and we make an arrangements for them to come and, you know, do

a class with us. Mr. Cofty stated maybe we can piggyback and at the same time, let Yancey do the classroom and then do the same. Chairman Calhoun stated we can do it with Seminole or Early if they want to interested. to come four guys that operation. I'll talk to you. He said they had like he said they had classes. Chairman Calhoun stated I wanted me to tell while we were on the camera that the EMS had 412 calls last month. Mr. Cofty stated That's the sheriff. Is that the sheriff? That's that what you did. That sounds like a lot.

Mr. Cofty stated so the fueling station is pretty much running normal. the high price really hasn't affected us much. It has gone up but we're still running some low price tanks. So, but it is rising. But if you also look at the bottom line number, it's also rising. And then the last thing I got is I'd like to recognize Vice Chairman Cox for becoming a certified county commissioner. And I know Mr. Keath is on his way. He's right there. Chairman Calhoun stated How much you like? Commissioner Bowen stated I am supposed to finish in October. The rest of y'all miss it's a good it's a good class.

Commissioner Bowen stated Mr. Chairman, Chairman Calhoun stated yes. Commissioner Bowen stated I like a little clarification. I'm about can't half here and crazy, but on the tax assessor, what was the final outcome of those questions we had earlier on in our meeting tonight? We talking about need to get somebody to finish out Mike's term and then reappoint for the upcoming term. Was anything ever finalized on that? Chairman Calhoun stated wasn't they finalize. Mr. Cofty stated Yes. I think you all did it all in one motion. Commissioner Bush stated yes one motion replacement and for Ms. Whittaker stated You all did Alday for the replacement and Cody for the other. Commissioner Bowen stated I didn't know to be honest with you all. I didn't vote for none. I knew that I said I was in favor of Joel doing that, but I never voted on any of I didn't hear any of that. And just for the record, I thought Mr. William been reappointed to carry on for the new term that would be coming up. But that's that was mine and I know it's too late for that now, but I want to go on. I didn't realize you was, I can't hear you. It was never said always opposed that. Chairman Calhoun stated I didn't, I guess I should have said any opposite any opposed. Commissioner Bowen stated yeah, I just want to go on the record that that's that was, you know, I didn't get a chance to vote. I didn't even be honest. I didn't hear that. That's what we was voting. I thought I was going to do each one individually. I didn't know what we were doing. Mr. Smith stated If you go back and listen to the recording, he said we're going to do the first one for one year first. Commissioner Bowen stated that's what I was I heard we're going to do the for the one year first and I thought that meant there was going to be a second coming up. So, I'm just for the record, I'm in favor of the Joel, but I'm not in favor of Cody. I think Mr. Williams should be the one to have done that, but that's got. Mr. Smith stated but if you all want to replace me, that's fine. I'm not. I thought I mean, he said I was top on the list and that's why I came.

Executive Session
None

Chairman Calhoun stated any other discussion? If not, I need a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Cox made motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bush seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
Meeting is adjourned.

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Cristene Bush, Commissioner – District 1

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Jeff Cox, Vice Chairman – District 2

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Keith Bowen, Commissioner – District 3

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Niki Nixon, Commissioner – District 4

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Ladon Calhoun, Chairman – District 5

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Douglas Cofty, County Manager