

**THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Reginald S. Loper, Sr., Vice-Chairman, Mr. Robert Brantley, Mrs. Vera Jones, Mr. Steve Mason, and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in a workshop at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex. Chairman Zeigler was not present.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. David Crawley, County Administrator, Mr. Eric Gotwalt, County Attorney, Mr. Adam Kobek, Director of Community Relations, Mrs. Joanna Wright, Finance Director, Ms. Rushe Hudzinski-Sero, Human Resources Director, Mrs. Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk, Mr. Travis Zittrouer, Mr. Charlie Kea, Judge Mosely, Ms. Mary A. Exley, Ms. Lisa Hodges, Ms. Melissa Barber, Mr. Jason Bragg, Judge Hinson, Mr. Biogin Prestifilippo, Mr. Jamey Stancell, Mr. Franklin Goldwire, Mrs. Carolyn Collins, Mrs. Patricia Tebeau, Mr. Roscoe Collins, Mr. Jason Fondrev, Mr. Bryan Shearouse, Mr. Bobby McCloud, Mr. Ivey Williamson, and Ms. Tracey Cutcher.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Loper called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Vice-Chairman Loper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE BUDGET FOR FY2012/2013 (03):** Judge Mosely explained that she had provided information on increases for the last few years and would like the Board to consider leaving Probate Court as it is.

Judge Hinson explained that he had provided information on the case load for his department and would like for the Board to consider the budget requests for Magistrate Court.

County Administrator gave an overview of the proposed Budget.

Commissioner Jones asked if the Hospital millage was same as presented before. County Administrator Crawley explained that it is and if any changes were going to be made to the Hospital millage an agreement would have to come from the Hospital Authority.

Mathew Petrea with the Sheriff's Department gave an overview on what cost savings the Sheriff's Department was doing.

Mrs. Patricia Tebeau stated her concerns about the budget.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE BUDGET FOR FY2012/2013 (03):** Commissioner Jones made a motion to table to July 9<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

Vice-Chairman Loper made a motion to add New Business Number 06 – Consideration to approve a Commissioner to finish presiding over the June 26, 2012 Board Meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A COMMISSIONER TO FINISH PRESIDING OVER THE JUNE 26, 2012 BOARD MEETING (06):** Vice-Chairman Loper explained that he had a death in his family and needed to leave the meeting but will return.

Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve a Commissioner Brantley to finish presiding over the June 26, 2012 Board Meeting. Vice-Chairman Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Loper left the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT TO CALL AN ELECTION OF THE VOTERS TO MODIFY THE SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (01):** County Administrator requested that this item be tabled to the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to table until July 9<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE BUDGET FOR FY2012/2013**

**(02):** Commissioner Jones made a motion to table until July 9, 2012. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A DONATION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2012 FIREWORKS CELEBRATION (01):** County Administrator Crawley stated that the City of Springfield is planning their Independence Day celebration, which will be held on June 30, 2012. This celebration is held at the Effingham County High School, free of charge and open to the public. The past year was a great success with thousands of people attending the event. Those in attendance were not just citizens of Springfield but citizens from all over Effingham County and surrounding counties. This event is a great family attraction for Effingham County and has a positive impact on the community in many ways. The cost last year was almost \$17,000.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve \$1,000. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Mason opposed the motion. Commissioners Brantley, Jones, and Kieffer voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER TO THE CITIES COMMENCING RENEGOTIATION OF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION (LOST) (02):** County Administrator Crawley explained that the law requires the counties and cities to periodically renegotiate the distribution of revenues received from the local option sales tax (LOST). Renegotiation must take place during the 2011-2012 calendar years. Failure to file a new distribution certification with the Commissioner of Georgia Department of Revenue by December 31, 2012 will result in the repeal of LOST levy for Effingham County and each participating City. It is the responsibility of the county governing authority to issue the call for lost renegotiations and to notify the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Revenue that the renegotiation has been initiated. An initial meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on July 11, 2012 at the Administrative Complex. Each entity involved will present preliminary information and discuss the structure of the negotiations.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve a letter to the Cities commencing renegotiation of Local Option Sales Tax Distribution (LOST) (see minute book page \_\_\_\_). Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2012 BUDGET**

**(04):** Commissioner Jones made a motion to table to July 19, 2012. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTINUING BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012 (05):** Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve a continuing Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 (see minute book page \_\_\_\_\_).

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:51 p.m. Commissioner Brantley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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C. D. Zeigler, Chairman

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Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk