



Pierce County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

705 College Avenue, 2nd Floor, Blackshear, GA 31516
May 7, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order-Chairman Neal Bennett at 6:00 p.m.
2. Invocation Leader-Pastor Justin Gambrell, First Baptist Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance Leader-Aviation Electronic Technician Second Class Petty Officer, Charlissa Culp
4. Any addition or deletion to May 7, 2024, Agenda-Commissioner Graham Raley asked to add the discussion of Adopting a Transportation Board that had been previously discussed in the February 2024 meeting. Commissioner David Lowman made the motion. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Approval of Agenda May 7, 2024-Commissioner David Lowman made the motion to approve. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2024, Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting-Commissioner David Lowman made motion to approve. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.
7. Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2024, Called Meeting. -Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded. The motion carried.
8. County Employee of the Month, Lindsay Thomas, Commissioner Harold Rozier presented a certificate to Ms. Lindsay Thomas.

9. Recognition of Pierce County Recreation State Track and Field Medalist-Coach Director Maureen Brown spoke of the accomplishments of the team and introduced the team to the County Commissioners and Public.
10. Discussion to purchase four radio repeaters from Two Way Communication out of Douglas, Ga. Funding will come out of the equipment budget. Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to purchase the equipment. Commissioner Graham Raley seconded. The motion carried.

11. Public Comment

- a. **Pierce County 4-H-705** College Ave. Blackshear, Ga. 31516. Discussion of the shooting sports and location for sport. Director Billie Ann King asked the Board of Commissioners for help in finding a 5,000 square foot building or 1 acre of land to help the youth of the BB sport practice.
 - b. **Karen Herndon-214** Moore St. Blackshear, Ga. 31516, Discussion of roads, traffic, and senior issues. – Ms. Karen Herndon gave a presentation of the history behind Moore St. and Shiloh Rd. She spoke about problems that paving the road will have. Informs the board that the trees should remain for the beauty and integrity of the road.
 - c. **Richard and Tracy Kinsey-3584** Moore St. Blackshear, Ga. 31516. Discussion of community issues. -Ms. Tracy Kinsey spoke on the heritage of Moore St. and how she thinks it will be a shame if trees must die if they build a road.
 - d. **Roger Hamelin-6205** Brooke Lane Blackshear, Ga. 31516
Discussion of road blockages, abandoned homes, junk yards, and garbage behind Farris Furniture. -Mr. Roger Hamlin stated his concerns with the homeless people squatting in old abandoned mobile homes/houses, littering of mattresses, tires, vehicles, and boats in the roadways and being an eyesore. Stated that roads have extremely large potholes.
12. Enterprise/Fleet Management Presentation for consideration- Fleet Consultant, Mr. Jean Bordes presented the board with information on how to save money using Enterprise. Chairman Neal Bennett stated that the County Manager Mr. Raphael Maddox would look into numbers before deciding. Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to start negotiations. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.
13. 2024 LRA Application- Chairman Bennett asked for motion to approve. Commissioner David Lowman made the motion. Commissioner Graham Raley seconded. The motion carried.
14. Approve paving bid Sandy Bottom Road-Thrift Brothers LLC- Chairman Neal Bennett asked for a motion. Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.

15. Discuss authorization up to \$20,000.00 to purchase a used flatbed truck for Road Dept.- This will be coming out of General Funds. Chairman Neal Bennett asks for this amount to be approved as the county is in search for this vehicle. Commissioner David Lowman made a motion. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.

16. County Manager Report-County Manager Raphel Maddox

b. Amended Agenda-Commissioner Graham Raley made motion to move forward with making a Transportation Board previously discussed in February 2024.

17. Adjournment-Chairman Neal Bennett adjourned at 7:37 p.m.