



Pierce County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday June 4, 2024, 6:00 PM

Commissioners in Attendance

Neal Bennett, Chairman

Harold Rozier, District 1

Graham Raley, District 2

Randy Dixon, District 3

David Lowman, District 4

Staff in Attendance

Raphel Maddox, County Manager

Adam Craft, County Attorney

Donna Golding, County Clerk

1. Call to Order-Chairman Bennett called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
2. Invocation Leader-Pastor Nathaniel Anderson with Evergreen Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance Leader-Retired 27 1/2-year Airforce Security Police, Victor Balaguer Gonzalez.
4. Any addition or deletion to June 4, 2024, Agenda-There were no additions or deletions.
5. Approval of June 4, 2024, Agenda-Commissioner David Lowman made the motion to approve. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2024, Regular Meeting. -Commissioner Graham Raley made a motion to approve. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded. The motion carried.
7. Approval of Minutes from May 30, 2024, Called Meeting. -Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Graham Raley seconded. The motion carried.
8. Pierce County Board of Commissions Employees High School and College graduates were presented with an achievement certificate and a \$50.00 check. The county recognized Nicholas Marshburn, Mason Thomas, Riley Clements, Regan Clements, Elaina Murphy, Ella Murphy, and Aiden Baney for graduating high school. Katelynn Carter and Jacob Selph for graduating college.

9. County Employee of the Month-Commissioner Randy Dixon presented Mrs. Bonnie Bickerstaff with the Employee of the Month award. Mrs. Bickerstaff has been employed by the Pierce County Recreation Department for thirteen years.

10. Public Comment

- a. **Roger Hamelin** of 6205 Brooke Lane Blackshear came to see if there had been any updates behind Farr's. He said that the potholes were filled but would like to show the Road Department the correct way to do it. County Manager Raphael Maddox stated that the Codes Director Chris Bond has been out there taking pictures and was getting ready to issue citations.
 - b. **Stephanie Bell** with Pierce County Family Connection at 707 Hendry St. Blackshear presented to the Board of Commissioners a report on Family Connections Programs. She stated that the county needs help with education, homelessness, and opioid use.
11. Request to rezone-Parcel #066A-090, 4.35 acres at 5950 Kennel Road, Patterson, from Single-Family to Agriculture/Forestry to relocate mobile home. Commissioner Graham Raley made a motion to approve. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.
 12. Request to rezone- Parcel #035-067, 34 acres at 3401 Floyd Drive, Blackshear, Ga. from Agriculture/Forestry to Industrial for the Industrial Park. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve. Commissioner David Loman seconded. The motion carried.
 13. Request to rezone-Parcel #034A-034, 2.5 acres at 3344 Strickland Avenue, Blackshear, Ga. from Single-Family to Agriculture/Forestry for migrant housing. Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to deny. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded. The motion carried.
 14. Discussion of 14 Right of Ways on Forest Rd. in District 3. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to table this. Commissioner David Lowman seconded. The motion carried.
 15. Discussion and action to lease 10 vehicles from Enterprise. The County will be adding 10 leased vehicles from Enterprise making the total amount of county owned vehicles 69. The 10 new vehicles will arrive the first quarter of next year. They will be equipped with GPS and cameras facing the driver and the outside. For leasing 10 vehicles the estimated cost for one year will be \$113,752.52. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to submit this to Enterprise. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.

Pierce County, GA- Initial Orders

Initial Orders Summary	Fleet Size	# Veh Owned	Leased Units	Geotab	Year 1 Estimated Cost
	69	59	10	\$ 4,940.00	\$ 113,753.52

Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Trim Level	Quantity	Term	Monthly Cost Per Vehicle*	Full Maintenance	Annual Cost Per Vehicle Including Maintenance**	Total
2025 Ford Explorer 4x2	2024	Ford	Explorer	Active	3	60	\$ 789.42	\$61.95	\$ 10,205.24	\$ 28,415.12
2024 Ford F150 4x4 V8 Crew Cab 5.5 FT Bed	2024	Ford	F150	XL	3	60	\$ 938.80	\$62.10	\$ 12,010.80	\$ 33,796.80
2024 Ford F150 4x4 V8 Crew 6.5 FT Bed	2024	Ford	F150	XL	3	60	\$ 948.53	\$62.10	\$ 12,727.56	\$ 34,147.08
2024 F250 XL 4x4 SD Crew Cab 8 ft. box 176 in. WB SRW	2024	Ford	F250	XL	1	60	\$ 1,037.46	\$64.78	\$ 13,227.00	\$ 12,446.52
Total:										\$ 108,812.52

Optional Products:	Monthly Cost	One Time Cost	Installation	Qty.	Total
Geotab Service	\$ 19.50		Self install	10	\$2,940.00
Geotab Cameras		\$ 260.00	Self install	10	\$2,600.00
Total					\$4,940.00

* Lease rates are based upon factory order pricing and miles per year
 ** Maintenance includes one set of brakes and no tires
 Suggested Departments

- 2025 Ford Explorer 4x2
Comm Admin
Office of The Sheriff
- 2024 Ford F150 4x4 V8 Crew Cab 5.5 FT Bed
Office of The Sheriff
Tax Assessors
Rec Dept
Office of The Sheriff
- 2024 Ford F150 4x4 V8 Crew 6.5 FT Bed
Road Dept
Road Dept
Road Dept
- 2024 F250 XL 4x4 SD Crew Cab 8 ft. box 176 in. WB SRW
Road Dept
Office of The Sheriff

* Or as otherwise determined & depending on Arrival and Needs

16. Approve Engineering Agreement with CSX on Gilman Road and pay the permit fee in the amount of \$20,000.00. Paying this allows the county to move forward on the Gilman Road paving project once it is approved. Chairman Neal Bennett asked for a motion. Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Graham Raley seconded. The motion carried.

(Near) Blackshear, Pierce Co., GA
 Gilman Rd. pavement and drainage improvements
 Florida Zone, Jessup Sub. MP AN-576.61 to 576.20
 OP No. _____

ESTIMATE SUBJECT TO REVISION AFTER: 4/16/2025 DOT NO.: 637262U
 CITY: (Near) Blackshear COUNTY: Pierce STATE: GA
 DESCRIPTION: Gilman Rd. / Trudie Rd. Rehabilitation of the existing pavement and roadside ditches with drainage
 improvements starting at MP AN-576.61 going North-east approximately 1650 feet to AN-576.20 +/-
 ZONE: Florida SUB-DIV: Jessup MILE POST: AN-576.61-576.21
 AGENCY PROJECT NUMBER: 0

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING:
 Contracted & Administrative Engineering Services (CSX Admin) \$ 2,500
 Contracted & Administrative Engineering Services (STV) \$ 17,500
Subtotal \$ 20,000

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING/INSPECTION:
 Contracted & Administrative Engineering Services \$ -
Subtotal \$ -

FLAGGING SERVICE: (Contract Labor)
 Labor (Conductor-Flagman) 0 Days @ \$ 350.00 \$ -
 Labor (Foreman/Inspector) 0 Days @ \$ 504.00 \$ -
 Additive 135.90% (Transportation Department) \$ -
 Additive 168.00% (Engineering Department) \$ -
Subtotal \$ -

SIGNAL & COMMUNICATIONS WORK: \$ -

TRACK WORK: \$ -

PROJECT SUBTOTAL: \$ 20,000

CONTINGENCIES: 0.00% \$ -

PROJECT TOTAL: \$ 20,000

CURRENT AUTHORIZED BUDGET: \$ -

TOTAL SUPPLEMENT REQUESTED: \$ 20,000

DIVISION OF COST:
 Agency 100.00% \$ 20,000
 Railroad 0.00% \$ -

NOTE: Estimate is based on FULL CROSSING CLOSURE during work by Railroad Forces.
 This estimate has been prepared based on site conditions, anticipated work duration periods, material prices, labor rates, manpower and resource availability, and other factors known as of the date prepared. The actual cost for CSXT work may differ based upon the agency's requirements, their contractor's work procedures, and/or other conditions that become apparent once construction commences or during the progress of the work.

Office of Chief Engineer Public Projects--Jacksonville, Florida

Estimated prepared by: STV Incorporated

Approved by: CTA CSXT Public Project Group

DATE: 04/16/24 REVISED: 01/00/00 DATE: 05/24/24

17. Revised Pierce County Recreation Department Background Screening Policy as of 6-04-2024. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.

18. County Manager's Report and Financials



County Manager's Report for January 2024
 Presented June 4th, 2024
 Pierce County Board of Commissioners Meeting

Financial Report:

Revenues are on budget through February 28th. Expenditures are on budget through February 28th. All departments are within their budgets.

Budget for FY 2025 will begin shortly. Inflationary growth and recommended organizational growth will result in increased budgetary needs.

Revenue YTD: AS of April 2024

- General Fund – \$7,761,285.50 (59%)
- Other Taxes -\$4,996,795.35 (76.38 %)

Other Administration:

- Transportation Meeting -Jun 11 (2nd Wednesday) @ NFC @ TBD
- Pierce County Joint June 18th @ NFC at 12 pm – 2pm
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Pierce County Government Departments:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

May collections \$51,049.00
 YTD collections \$262,197
 ON Pace to collect \$628,800
 292 EMS calls
 179 transports
 Zone 1 calls 240
 Zone 2 calls 44

Fire- 3500

May 2024 Monthly Report:

68 Total Personnel: (2) Full time and (66) Volunteer Firefighters.

Fleet Status: (8) Primary Engines and (5) Tenders in operation.

Total Calls: 239 Incidents.

January- 44 February- 43 March- 50 April- 52 May- 50

50 Calls for the month of May consisting of Fires- 3, Vehicle Accidents- 6 and Medical Assist- 15 and Other- 26.

FY 24 Pierce County Fire Department is 75% complete of Annual Hose Testing.

Project 1: Southside Station 5 w/ office and bathroom at 97% with the flooring and shower needing to be installed.

Project 2: Bearville Station 8 w/ bathroom at 0% as of February 2024.

Project 3: Otter Creek trees removed awaiting tree stumps removal upon approval.

Mossy Pond event on Saturday June 29, 2024, request a Fire Engine for the day.

EMA- 3920

June 01, 2024 Official Hurricane Season.

DR-4338 Hurricane Idalia Monthly submission with GEMA and FEMA Representatives.

Partnered with Pierce County Senior Center to issue Pierce County Citizens NOAA Emergency Radio for Adverse Weather Notification.

Planning & Codes:

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New homes- 6

Commercial bldgs- 1

Inspections performed- 98

Revenue- \$7,532.14

Facilities:

Replaced valve at Courthouse Chiller

Re-striped Annex parking

Created new exit at elections

2. E-911

Pierce Sheriff **890** + 306+ Internal (2837) = **3701** *Blackshear* PD (645) - Patterson PD (67)

Road Department Report

May Summary Report

- Culverts Cleaned – 14
- Roads built up – 9.
- Ditches dug – 195.
- Outfalls Cleaned/Dug – 11
- Culverts installed/Replaced – 5
- Potholes Patched –90, Major 32
- Shoulders Patched – 30, Major 10
- Beaver dams cleaned – 28
- Signs replaced – 16.
- Total Road Grader Miles – 1,143 Miles.
- Road name signs Put up – 4
- Loads of Dirt hauled – 394.
- Yards of Dirt Moved – 5,516 CuYds
- Fixed Driveways – 1

Special Projects:

Golf Course Rd: Project underway: TSplost

Sandy Bottom: Pre-Bid meeting complete: Local Funds

Gilman Rd: Preliminary plan completed: Waiting on a permit from CSX

Respectfully submitted,

Raphel D. Maddox
County Manager

19. Adjournment- Chairman Neal Bennett adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.
Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.

Neal Bennett
Commission Chairman

Harold Rozier
Commissioner, District 1

Mike Streat
Commissioner, District 2

Randy Dixon
Commissioner, District 3

David Lowman
Commissioner, District 4

Donna Golding
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