

8. County Employee of the Month- Lindsay Thomas. Commissioner Harold Rozier presented a certificate to Mrs. Lindsay Thomas.

9. Recognition of Pierce County Recreation State Track and Field Medalist-Coach and Recreation Director Maureen Brown spoke on 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. The cost of new radio repeaters will be \$15,046.00. 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.

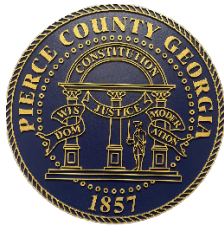
11. Public Comment
 - a. **Pierce County 4-H-705** College Ave. Blackshear, Ga. 31516. Discussion of the shooting sports and location for sport. - Director Billie Ann King asked the Board of Commissioners for help in locating a 5,000 square foot building or a 1-acre piece of land to help the youth of the BB sports team learn and practice. Chairman Neal Bennett stated that this would be investigated and discussed to try to find a solution.
 - 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. Including an increase in speeders and heavier traffic. She stated her concerns about the lack of water drainage and washouts on the road. She voiced concerns for the seniors and children that walk on the road, claiming it is dangerous due to people speeding and running through stop signs. She informed 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 to see trees die due to building a road. She asks the Board to make another entrance/exit to and from the apartments on Moore St.
 - 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 homeless people squatting in old abandoned mobile homes/houses, littering of mattresses, tires, vehicles, and boats in the roadways. He also states that roads have extremely large potholes. Chairman Neal Bennett recommended Mr. Roger Hamelin to speak with the Codes Department to address violations.

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. Raphel 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 explained that this Local Road Assistance application is for additional funding for road maintenance. Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve and accept the application. Commissioner Graham Raley seconded. The motion carried.
14. Approve paving bid Sandy Bottom Road-Thrift Brothers LLC- Chairman Neal Bennett states the county received bids from Thrift Brothers, LLC, of \$828,158.58, East Coast Asphalt, LLC of \$848,031.81, and The Scruggs Company of 945,987.95. Funding will be coming from TIA. Chairman Neal Bennett asked for a motion to approve the lowest bid from Thrift Brothers, LLC in the amount of \$828,158.58. 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



County Manager's Report for January 2024
Presented May 7th, 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 31 March 2024

- General Fund – 13,139,426.11
- Lost – 1,798,948.67
- Other Taxes -3,140,191.37

Other Administration:

- Open Bids for Recreation department @ 10:00 May 17h.
- Pastoral breakfast May 16th @ NFC at 0800 am.

Pierce County Government Departments:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

April collections 63,205.12
YTD collections 211,147.96
292 EMS calls
179 transports
Zone 1 calls 240
Zone 2 calls 44

Fire- 3500

68 Total Personnel: (2) Full time and (66) Volunteer Firefighters.
Fleet Status: (8) Primary Engines and (5) Tenders in operation. (2) Engine down in the Bearville and Southside Districts.
Total Calls: 194 Incidents.
January- 44 February- 43 March- 50 April- 52
52 Calls for the month of April consisting of 9- Fires, 8- Vehicle Accidents and 14- Medical Assist.
Fire Safety and Education at Patterson Elementary with 180 students and 30 adults.
Pierce County Fire Officers and firefighters attended Railcar Response Course (8 Hour).
FY 24 Pierce County Fire Department is 100% on Annual Inspection on SCBAs and masks.
FY 24 Pierce County Fire Department is 50% 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.

EMA- 3920
Attended 2024 EMAG for 24 CEUs.
Upload Category B for reimbursement for DR-4338 Hurricane Idalia.

Planning & Codes:

Inspections performed: 104
New single-family homes: 11
Permit fees received: \$26,857.29.

Facilities Maintenance:
Replaced chiller pump that was damaged from power surge at Courthouse.
Repaired ac blower at NFC.
Picked up and installed County Manager office furniture.

2. E-911

Pierce Sheriff **879** + 278 + Internal (2544) = **3701** **Blackshear** PD (665) - Patterson PD (25)

Road Department Report

- April Summary Report
- Culverts Cleaned – 15
- Roads built up – 20
- Ditches dug – 104
- Outfalls Cleaned/Dug – 10
- Culverts installed/Replaced – 15
- Potholes Patched –56, Major

- Shoulders Patched – 6, Major
- Beaver dams cleaned – 25
- Signs replaced – 30
- Total Road Grader Miles – 1,345.42 Miles.
- Road name signs Put up – 3
- Loads of Dirt hauled – 293.
- Yards of Dirt Moved – 4,102 CuYds

Special Projects:

Golf Course Rd: Project underway.

Sandy Bottom: Pre-Bid meeting complete.

Gilman Rd: Preliminary plan completed.

Elections

487 votes first week

Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00 Saturday May 11th 9-5

Monday- Friday May 17th.... last day of early vote

May 21, 2024 Tuesday-election day

Gym and Eagle Station ONLY!!! 7-7

PLEASE ENCOURAGE ALL TO COME VOTE. ALSO, THE SAMPLE IS IN THE PAPER, MARK AND BRING WITH YOU!!

Respectfully submitted,

Raphel D. Maddox
County Manager

b. Transportation Board-Commissioner Graham Raley stated that he wants to move forward with making of the Transportation Board. Chairman Neal Bennett requested information on the amount of people it will take to fill the Board. Nine people will be appointed to be on this board. The Chairman asked the Board to present him with nine names to be approved for the next Regular Board Meeting.

17) Adjournment- Chairman Neal Bennett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Davd Lowman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gram Raley seconded. The motion carried and the meeting ended at 7:22 p.m.

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
County Clerk