



Pierce County Board of Commissioners

705 College Avenue, 2nd Floor, Blackshear, GA 31516

September 3, 2024, 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting

SUMMARY

1. Call to order-Chairman Neal Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Invocation Leader – Rodney Thrift with Destination Church led the Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance Leader –Retired Army Veteran; Gerard Freeman
4. Any addition or deletion to the September 3, 2024, Agenda- Commissioner Randy Dixon added agenda item for adding singers to the Edwards Jones account for the County. Chairman Neal Bennett made this agenda item 12.a. Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion passed.
5. Approval of the September 3, 2024, Agenda- Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.
6. Approval of Minutes from the August 13, 2024, Meeting-Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the August minutes. Commissioner David Lowman seconded. The motion carried.
7. Public comment
 - a. Randy Tyre, 1963 Shellie Trail Patterson, Ga. 31557 wants to discuss road conditions. Mr. Tyre spoke on concerns of Shellie Trail. He stated that he attended the July meeting as was told the road would be fixed yet he is still waiting. Commissioner Randy Dixon apologized saying that the County has been waiting on equipment to help aid in the repairs. The equipment is running behind stated Commissioner David Lowman. Both Commissioners Dixon and Lowman stated, when the equipment arrives the county will start the project.
8. Employee of the Month-Gunner Hale; EMS
9. Discussion of adding Dale Neely to the PCIDA Board-PCIDA Executive Director Matt Carter referred Mr. Dale Neely to the IDA board starting Jan 1, 2025. The Board of Commissioners was presented with a Bio for Mr. Neely. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve. Commissioner David Lowman seconded. The motion carried.

10. Discussion and approval of Resolution for Transit Grant 5311- Chairman Neal Bennett stated to the Board that this is a yearly occurrence giving the SGRC Permission to apply for grants for the County. A Resolution was presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.

11. Discussion and action to purchase CAT 12M3 Serial Number N9F01272 in the Amount \$132,510.00. Funds coming out of ARPA. Lease expired on August 28, 2024. Chairman Neal Bennett said this was a tabled item from the August 6th meeting. Chairman Neal Bennett asked for a motion to untable and set this back in motion. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to bring it back. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the purchase of the CAT 12M3, for funding to come out of ARPA. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.

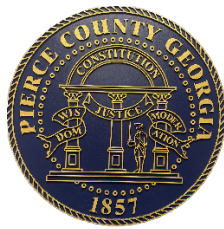
12. a. Discussion and action on adding signers to the Edward Jones Account- Chairman Neal Bennett stated that the County needs a Resolution adding a Commissioner to the Edward Jones Account. Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.

12. b. Discussion and action to purchase and extended protection plan for CAT 12M3 Serial Number N9F01272 (ARPA)

| Coverage | P/L | Duration | Usage | Deductible | Amount |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| POWERTRAIN + HYDRAULICS | PARTS AND LABOR | 24 Months | 2500 Hours | 0.00 | 13,730.00 |
| POWERTRAIN + HYDRAULICS | PARTS AND LABOR | 24 Months | 3000 Hours | 0.00 | 16,870.00 |

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the extended warranty protection plan with 24 months at 2500 hours at \$13,730.00 with ARPA Funds. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.

13. County Managers Report



County Manager's Report for July 2024
Presented September 2nd, 2024
Pierce County Board of Commissioners Meeting

Financial Report:

Revenues are on budget through July 30th, 2024. Expenditures are on budget through July 30th. 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 June 2024, General Fund – \$6,542,338(80.61%)
- LOST -\$923,759.50 (57.73%)

Other Administration:

- Pierce County Joint September 17th @ Blackshear Train Depot at 12 pm – 2pm
- Transportation Meeting -November 19th @ NFC @ 10:00
- Patterson EMS station, the Mold issue was being corrected then Stevey went on medical leave.

Pierce County Government Departments:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Total calls 294
Transports 169
Mutual Aid 7
Zone 1 240
Zone 2 46

Collections
August 39,952.75
This is expected to end up in the lower 40Ks.
That brings the YTD figure to over 394,123.59
Which means were on track to collect 591,184.00

Fire- 3500

Fire Department:

8 Stations with 2 career personnel and 65 volunteer firefighters.
August 2024- 75 Incidents.
Current Total Incidents: 439 Incidents.
Prepare and respond to Hurricane Debby's impact on Pierce County.

EMA:

Prepared and coordinated for Hurricane Debby through GEMA EOC, EMAG Area 5 and NWS Jacksonville meetings.
Conducted PDA Site Review with GEMA/FEMA for Hurricane Debby damage on Pierce County.

Planning & Codes:

Planning & Codes: New home permits issued: 3
 Fees accrued: \$3,773.52
 Inspections performed: 89

Facilities Dept.: Opened insurance claim on the following county properties due to Tropical

Storm Debbie:
 a. Rec. Dept. - Youmans Street parking lot
 b. Library - roof leak
 c. 911 Dispatch- water damages

2.E-911

Pierce Sheriff **989** + 235 + Internal (2527) = **3751** ***Blackshear*** PD (**651**) - Patterson PD (**54**)

Road Department Report

August Summary Report

- Culverts Cleaned – 15 (By hand)
- Roads built up – 5
- Ditches dug – 90
- Outfalls Cleaned/Dug – 12
- Culverts installed/Replaced – 8
- Potholes Patched –249, Major – 30
- Shoulders Patched –5, Major – 2
- Beaver dams cleaned – 40
- Signs replaced – 15
- New signs put up –3
- Total Road Grader Miles – 926.43 Miles.
- Loads of Dirt hauled – 212
- Yards of Dirt Moved – 3,392 CuYds

Special Projects:

Golf Course Rd: Project underway.

Sandy Bottom: Pre-Bid meeting complete.

Gilman Rd: Preliminary plan completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Raphel D. Maddox
County Manager

14. Adjournment-Chairman Neal Bennett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. The motion carried.

Neal Bennett
Commission Chairman

Harold Rozier
Commissioner, District 1

Graham Raley
Commissioner, District 2

Randy Dixon
Commissioner, District 3

David Lowman
Commissioner, District 4

Donna Golding
County Clerk