

**PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

Board Members in Attendance

Neal Bennett, Chairman
Harold Rozier, District 1
Mike Streat, District 2
Randy Dixon, District 3
Lanier Walker, District 4

Staff in Attendance

Franklin Rozier, County Attorney
Jason Rubenbauer, County Manager
Amy Hitt, County Clerk

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Neal Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Randy Dixon gave an invocation and led the pledge.

MINUTES

December 5, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes
December 27, 2017 Called Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to approve the minutes from the Dec 5 Regular Meeting, Dec 19 Public Hearing and the Dec 27 Called Meeting. Commissioner Lanier Walker seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. County Manager Monthly Report – County Manager Jason Rubenbauer thanked everyone for a great 2017. Looking forward to 2018 and to start the year off by closing on Wednesday Jan 3 for a Winter Weather Advisory day – anticipated snow and ice. Also will be starting an employee of the month in February.
2. Request to approve 2018 Holiday calendar for County employees. Chairman Neal Bennett shared that there has been some discussion about possibly adding a holiday to the calendar for this year, possibly at the Christmas holiday. Commissioner Dixon stated that any changes especially at the time taxes are generally due would need to be clearly advertised well in advance. Commissioner Streat added that he would like to see Veterans Day given as a holiday. Chairman Bennett shared that the approximate cost for 1 holiday on the budget is approximately \$21,000.00. We currently have 9 holidays.

New Years Day – Jan 1, MLK Jr Day - Jan 15, Good Friday – Mar 30, Memorial Day – May 28, Independence Day – July 4, Labor Day – Sept 3, Thanksgiving – Nov 22 & 23, Christmas Day – Dec 25.

Commissioner Harold Rozier made a motion to approve the list as presented for now and to consider adding at a later time. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

3. Request to approve the cabling project at Nichols Street to include the ACE Unit for a total of \$10,088.50. Chairman Bennett reminded the Board that the cabling was put out to bid about 3 months ago. The Courthouse portion was approved and has been completed. Everyone seems to feel its going well. We would like to move forward with the Nichols Street Annex including the ACE unit which will be \$10,088.50

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to move forward with the cabling at the Nichols Street Annex and ACE unit for \$10,088.50. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

4. Request to approve Indigent Defense Services Contract with Waycross Public Defenders Office. Chairman Bennett shared a letter in reference to the contract. The budget is the same as the previous year and we are getting a small refund back on the 2017 contract.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the 2018 Indigent Defense Agreement and Budget as presented. Commissioner Lanier Walker seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

5. Request to approve the USDOT Drug and Alcohol Policy Addendum. Chairman Bennett shared that there is an addendum to the Drug and Alcohol Policy as required by GDOT for us to approve for the Transit program.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the Addendum to the USDOT Drug and Alcohol Policy as presented. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to go into closed session at 6:11 PM. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

6. Real Estate

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to go back to regular session at 6:33 PM. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

Chairman Bennett announced no action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURN - Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM

Neal Bennett

Harold Rozier

Mike Streat

Randy Dixon

Lanier Walker