

Pierce County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 4, 2022 6:00 PM

Commissioners in Attendance: Neal Bennett, Chairman
Harold Rozier, District 1
Randy Dixon, District 3
David Lowman, District 4

Commissioner Not in Attendance Mike Streat, District 2

Staff in Attendance: Franklin Rozier, County Attorney
Jason Rubenbauer, County Manager/Clerk
Lana Blankenship, Human Resources Gen.

1. Call to Order—Chairman Bennett called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance—Reverend Morris Pate provided an Invocation and Commissioner Randy Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes, September 6, 2022
 - b. Public Hearing and Called Meeting Minutes, September 7, 2022

Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022 Regular Meeting and the minutes of the September 7, 2022 Public Hearing and Called Meeting. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

5. Presentation of National 4-H Week Proclamation and received information from Billie Ann King, 4-H County Extension Agent.

Billy Ann King provided information about the Pierce County 4-H program and discussed the importance of National 4-H week. Following her presentation, she asked several students to present what 4-H meant to each of them. After the presentations the Chairman presented them with a Proclamation from the Commissioners designating the week of October 3, 2022 as National 4-H Week as recognized by Pierce County.

6. Recognition of David Ganey, Sr.'s Retirement

Chairman Bennett congratulated David Ganey, Sr for his 34 years of dedicated service to Pierce County as an employee with the Road Department. Chairman Bennett and the Board of Commissioners presented Mr. Ganey with a plaque for his service.

7. County Manager Report and August 2022 Financial Report

County Manager, Jason Rubenbauer, presented the following financial and County Manager reports:

Financial Report & County Manager Report

October 4, 2022

- **Financial Report as of 8/31/2022**
 - a. Current revenues are up 4.1% over same period last year
 - b. Total expenses are within the projection through August (63.49% of 66.67%)

- **County Manager's Report**
 - c. ***Departmental updates:***
 - i. Planning & Codes
 - 1. 5 new home permits in September for a total of 50 this year
 - 2. Last year total new homes were 41
 - ii. Elections
 - 1. Poll worker training being conducted Wednesday, October 5th
 - 2. Early voting will begin October 17, 2022 and will continue through November 4, 2022, including two Saturdays (10/22 & 10/29) per state law
 - 3. Monday through Friday early voting 8:30-5:00. Saturday early voting 9:00-5:00
 - iii. EMS
 - 1. 259 calls for service in September
 - 2. Collections which are 180 days past due are now being turned over to collection agency (February & March uncollected accounts)
 - iv. Fire
 - 1. 497 calls for service January 1st through October 3rd

2. Chief Nino and Road Superintendent Carter are working closely together to use a spare tanker for the blowing out of stopped up culvert pipes.

v. Parks & Recreation

1. Team is working on a make-up schedule for games that had to be postponed for Hurricane Ian
2. Buddy Bowl is still on schedule for October 15th-20th

vi. Roads

1. Superintendent Carter states that the team is approximately two months behind is planned schedule
2. Crews have now moved into the NE portion of the county conducting major repairs and maintenance

8. Discussion and request for action pertaining to Resolution 2022.10.04.01 2023 General Fund, E911 Fund, and Recreation Fund Budget and Position Control Count.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022.10.04.01 for the 2023 General Fund, E911 Fund, and Recreation Fund Budget and Position Control Count as presented. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Lowman, and Chairman Bennett voted aye. Commissioner Harold Rozier voted nay. Motion was approved with a 3-1 vote.

9. Discussion and Request for action pertaining to Resolution 2022.10.04.02 Adoption of the setting of the gross millage rate at 14,1529 mills.

Commissioner Harold Rozier made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022.10.04.02 for setting of the gross millage rate at 14.1529 mills. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

10. Discussion and Request for action pertaining to Resolution 2022.10.04.03 initiating the process to consider the continuation of the Transportation Investment Act one cent sales tax throughout the Southern Georgia region for the purpose of funding transportation infrastructure improvements in the region.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022.10.04.03 to initiate the process to consider the continuation of the Transportation Investment Act one cent sales tax throughout the Southern Georgia region for the purpose of funding transportation infrastructure improvements in the region. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

11. Discussion and request for action pertaining to Resolution 2022.10.04.04 Adopting the 2022 Joint Comprehensive Plan for Pierce County and the Cities of Blackshear, Offerman, and Patterson.

Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022.10.04.04 pertaining to the 2022 Joint Comprehensive Plan for Pierce County and the Cities of Blackshear, Offerman and Patterson. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

12. Discussion and request for action pertaining to Resolution 2022.10.04.05 Authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation for a grant for Public Transportation Assistance Under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022.10.04.05 authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation for a grant for Public Transportation Assistance under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

13. Discussion and request for action to award a bid, as recommended by Roberts Civil Engineering, for the realignments and resurfacing of Golf Course Road to be paid from the Regional Transportation Act Funding through the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Harold Rozier made a motion to award the bid as recommended by Roberts Civil Engineering to East Coast Asphalt, LLC in the amount of \$3,415,605.42 for the realignment and resurfacing of Golf Course Road to be paid from the Regional Transportation Act funding through the Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

14. Discussion and request for action to award a bid, as recommended by Roberts Civil Engineering, for the resurfacing of Brooks Circle in an amount not to exceed \$113,624.40 which would be paid from the Local Discretionary Transportation Investment Act Fund.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to award the bid as recommended by Roberts Civil Engineering to East Coast Asphalt, LLC in the amount of \$113,624.40 for the resurfacing of Brooks Circle to be paid from the Local Discretionary Transportation Investment Act Fund. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

15. Discussion and request for action as recommended by the Road Superintendent pertaining to the purchase of a utility truck chassis and utility body in an amount not to exceed \$190,295 to be paid from the 2020 SPLOST Fund.

Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve the purchase of a utility truck chassis and utility body in an amount not to exceed \$190,295.00 to be paid from the 2020 SPLOST Fund. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. Chairman Bennett asked if he could have a couple of days to see what other options may be available. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

16. Discussion and request to seek bids for the purchase or lease of a new excavator with a full maintenance package as recommended by the needs of the Road Department.

Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve the request to seek bids for the purchase of a new excavator with a full maintenance package that would meet the needs of the Road Department. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was passed unanimously.

17. Discussion and request for action to seek bids for leveling and resurfacing a portion of Sunset Road from the Ware County line to 150 feet past Big House Road and Beulah Church Road from Sunset Road intersection to 150 feet past Tillman Road.

Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to seek bids for the leveling and resurfacing of a portion of Sunset Road and Beulah Church Road. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was unanimously passed.

18. Executive Session-Personnel

Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. The Board of Commissioners entered into executive session at 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to enter back into Regular Session. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. The Board of Commissioners entered back into Regular Session at 6:57 pm.

No action was taken by the Board of Commissioners following Executive Session for personnel matters.

19. Adjourn-Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Neal Bennett

Harold Rozier

Mike Streat

Randy Dixon

David Lowman