

Pierce County Board of Commissioners  
Called Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, November 08, 2022 8:00 am  
312 Nichols Street, Blackshear, GA 31516

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  
Chuck Scragg, Interim County Manager  
Charles Yeargin, County Clerk  
S. Blake James, EMS Director  
Bruce Carter, Road Superintendent

1. Call to Order— Chairmen Bennett called the Called Meeting to order at 8:00 am.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Randy Dixon provided an Invocation and Commissioner Harold Rozier led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the Agenda  
Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was unanimously approved.
4. Discuss purchase of a used ambulance for Pierce County EMS.

EMS Director S. Blake James discussed proposal to purchase a used ambulance to replace a currently owned 2017 Dodge Promaster 3500 ambulance that is out of service with a blown engine and is slated for disposal as surplus. Two new ambulances are currently on order, but are not due for delivery until April of 2023. Director James presented two vendor quotes:

- A. Heartland Wheels, Inc. of Woodlawn, IL is offering a 2016 Ford E-450 with an AEV box, VIN 1FDXE4FS9GDC49475. Vehicle has 197,672 miles and has a new Jasper Long Block engine still under warranty. Quoted price is \$41,000 with a

\$4,000 trade in offer for the 2017 Dodge Promaster. No delivery fee if vehicle is picked up in Gainesville, GA.

- B. T-Line Emergency Vehicles of Grand Ledge, MI is offering a 2016 GMC with a Frasier box, no VIN listed in quote. Vehicle has 60,000 miles. Quoted price is \$55,000, with a \$3,000 fee to deliver the vehicle to Blackshear. Vendor also stipulates \$1,000 can be deducted if contract is signed by November 15, 2022, and \$500 can be deducted if lettering is completed by buyer.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to accept the quote and move forward with purchase of the 2016 Ford E-450 from Heartland Wheels, Inc. for \$41,000. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye, and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Discuss declaring currently owned ambulance as surplus property.

Commissioner Harold Rozier made a motion to declare a 2017 Dodge Promaster 3500 ambulance, VIN 3C6URVHG2HE508356, as surplus property. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye, and the motion was unanimously approved.

6. Consider final agreement for right-of-way access on Golf Course Road.

Chairman Bennett introduced consideration to accept the final agreement for a land exchange between Pierce County and JJM Rivers, LLLP for right-of-way improvement of Golf Course Road. Pierce County will be acquiring 3.36 acres from JJM Rivers, LLLP, who will be receiving 3.59 acres of Pierce County property in return.

Commissioner Harold Rozier made a motion to accept the final agreement as presented. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion was unanimously approved.

7. Discussion of Road Department's equipment needs.

Road Superintendent Bruce Carter discussed the current state of the Road Department dump truck fleet, in particular the cost of repairs for the 5 trucks this year that total \$27,839. It was pointed out by Commissioner Randy Dixon that 3 of these trucks are over 20 years in age. Superintendent Carter related that due to the current market state that to purchase a new truck a buyer must be placed on a waiting list for purchase, and that delivery when available would not be until 2024. Superintendent Carter asked for guidance from the commissioners as to whether he should pursue

purchase of a new truck, and try to obtain a used truck in the interim. Commissioner Randy Dixon suggested placing Pierce County in que for a new truck. Superintendent Carter stated he was expecting quotes for used trucks by November 10. Chairman Bennett directed Superintendent Carter to do more research on needs and prices, and that the matter would be taken up at the December 06 Regular Meeting.

8. Adjourn—Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:25 am.

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Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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