

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

Commissioners in attendance	Neal Bennett, Chairman Harold Rozier, Dist 1 Mike Streat, Dist 2 Randy Dixon, Dist 3 Lanier Walker, Dist 4
Staff in attendance	Franklin Rozier, County Attorney Jason Rubenbauer, County Manager Amy Hitt, County Clerk

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

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

MINUTES

February 6, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2018 Closed Session Minutes

Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion approve the minutes from the February 6, 2018 regular meeting and closed session meeting. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Carolyn NeSmith – Request the following: County Supply a dumpster for our Community for Annual Clean Up Project, Frequent Police Present in and around community day and night, speed bumps on Piney Grove Church Rd, cut right of way frequently. Mr. Ray Lee of 3306 Piney Grove Road spoke on behalf of Ms. NeSmith. Chairman Bennett stated that he would see about helping with the Clean Up project, He would also speak with the Sheriff about the law enforcement presence being increased, would talk to the Road Department about the mowing and will see about speed bumps.
2. Mike Streat, Commissioner – stated that the Commission has been beat up about trash a lot lately. HE wants to see the community cleaned up but its more than that, we need to stop it and we need to work on a plan. The County sends trustees out every day to pick up. Why did groups stop adopting sections of road? We are not a trash pile and we are not the only area with this problem. There is a trash issue all over. Manager Rubenbauer stated that we have been looking to other communities for insight on what they are doing with these same problems. We hope to present an ordinance in April or May about this issue. I have also met with Republic Services last week to discuss some actions that can be put into place moving forward. Commissioner Mike Streat stated that recycling is expensive and that the City of Blackshear lost money when they tried it.

GENERAL BUSINESS

3. County Manager Monthly Report – We recently received the approval from GEMA for \$407,708.84 for damages from IRMA. The EMS remodel project is about 50% complete and on target for July completion. The fountain at the courthouse is working and has lights. A new A/C unit was installed at the Health Department. The well at the Rec Department for irrigation has gone out in the last day or two and we will be looking for solutions for this issue.

4. Request to amend approval of re-wire at 312 Nichols Street. Addition to quote is \$ 3970.00 for a new total of \$14,058.50.

Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion approve the request to add the additional \$3970.00 for NSC to complete the rewire at Nichols Street. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

5. Request to approve purchase from Custom Truck & Body Works, Woodbury, GA of a Type 1 Ambulance with options for a total of \$180,000.00 (Applying for USDA grant to supplement \$50,000.00 and loan with low interest for balance) Commissioner Rozier asked why there was only one bid received and that he would like to make sure we are getting the best price.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to table the purchase of the Type 1 Ambulance to the next meeting. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

6. Request from Stephon Collins to consider the renaming of Aurelia Street to Collins Street. Manager Jason Rubenbauer shared that we have recently realized that there are some requirements to this type request and that we must have a petition with 70% of the property owners signing to rename the street. The Manger will be sending a letter to each property owner asking them to sign and this will be able to be discussed at the next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to go into closed session at 6:31 pm. Commissioner Lanier Walker seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to return to regular session at 7:05 PM. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

7. Real Estate – Ware Street property – adjacent to Recreation Department

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to purchase 11.12 acres of property on Ware Street adjacent to the Recreation Department Yeomans Street property from FMB for the price of \$75,000.00. Commissioner Lanier Walker seconded the motion. There were 3 aye votes and 1 nay vote. Motion approved.

8. Litigation – no action

ADJOURN

Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Neal Bennett

Harold Rozier

Mike Streat

Randy Dixon

Lanier Walker