

**PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

Board Members in Attendance

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

Board Members Absent

Lanier Walker, District 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

June 5, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2018 Closed Session Minutes

Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2018 regular meeting and the June 5, 2018 closed session. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. County Manager Monthly Report – Jason Rubenbauer, County Manager reported that finance expenditures are still under budget and looking good so far for the year.
2. Approval of Ordinance 2018.01 adopting and enacting the new code for Pierce County. Neal Bennett, Chairman shared that the process of re-codification began in September 2015 and we are now complete with the process and all ordinances through December 2017 have been included and with the ordinance we will officially adopt the code and get it back available online for our citizens. This will be updated annually from here forward.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018.01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, GEORGIA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, Georgia:

Section 1. The Code entitled "The Code of Ordinances, Pierce County, Georgia" published by Municipal Code Corporation, consisting of chapters 1 through 24, each inclusive, is adopted.

Section 2. All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before January 3, 2017, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein, are repealed.

Section 3. The repeal provided for in section 2 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

Section 4. Unless another penalty is expressly provided, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of the Code or any ordinance, rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof shall be punished by a fine not too exceed \$1000.00 and a sentence of imprisonment not to exceed 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall continue or occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the County may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and revocation of licenses or permits.

Section 5. Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the County to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

Section 6. Ordinances adopted after January 3, 2017 that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective July 11, 2018

Passed and adopted by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners this 10th day of July, 2018.

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Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018.01 adopting and enacting the new code of Pierce County. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

3. Approval of the bid for repairs to Pine Road to Underground Excavating, Inc.- Chairman Bennett shared about the project and asked that the Board approve the project for \$297,074.00 which does not include outlet 4.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to award the bid for repairs to Pine Road to Underground Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$297,074.00. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

4. Request from Sheriff Bennett to approve purchase of a new truck for the Office of the Sheriff in an amount no greater than \$31,000.00 to be paid from SPLOST – Law Enforcement funds.

Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to authorize the Sheriff to purchase a new truck in an amount not greater than \$31,000.00 to be paid from law enforcement portion of SPLOST. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

Chairman Bennett asked Sheriff Ramsey Bennett to share some updated information with the Board. Sheriff Ramsey Bennett shared that the expenses at the Jail involving inmates is partially due to the GBI Crime lab having a 150-180 day delay on getting results back to the Office of the Sheriff. Crime lab is under funded and he is working on a project that will help reduce the expense to the citizens of Pierce County. Hopefully will have more information to share with the Board at the next meeting.

5. Request approval to begin clearing the property that was purchased on Ware Street that is now part of the Recreation Department. Jason Rubenbauer, County Manager explained that he has viewed the site with Recreation Director Shawn Smith and they want to start cleaning up the property and look into putting the sale of timber out to bid.

Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion that the clean up of the property on Ware Street adjacent to the recreation department start being cleaned up and that the sale of timber be put out for bid. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

6. Request for direction on proposals for fuel services. Jason Rubenbauer, County Manager shared that we currently have a system in place and when we compare cost to the fleet card services that we use the cost is very comparable. If we move to fleet services we would still need to maintain fuel for times of emergency. Commissioner Randy Dixon stated that he feels we should have our own tanks. Commissioner Mike Streat asked what the cost of purchasing our own tanks will be. Chairman Bennett stated that we have a system in place and he would like to see us get 3 or so options and discuss at the next meeting.
7. Request from Colleen Noble for a reduction of \$640.00 in rental fees, to only pay \$1000.00 for gym in June 2019.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to table this item until the August meeting. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

8. Request for approval of installation of an Electrical Transfer switch at new facility at First Baptist Church that would allow for generator to be hooked up in case of emergency for a temporary shelter. Chairman Bennett stated that after the last storm event he, Sheriff Bennett and the County Manager met with the building committee to discuss what it would take to use the church as a shelter. Funding may be available from other sources but would like approval to enter into a MOU with the church. Sheriff Bennett stated that we had Pierce County citizens that could not be helped during the last storm because we do not have enough shelter space.

Commissioner Harold Rozier made a motion to move forward with a MOU with First Baptist Church for use of new facility as a shelter in times of emergency. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

9. Approval of annual contract with Unison Behavioral Health in amount of \$7500.00 for mental health services, substance abuse services and developmental disabilities services.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the annual contract with Unison Behavioral Health for \$7500.00. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion approved.

Chairman Bennett stated that there will be a budget workshop on July 24 at 5 PM at the Nichols Street Annex.

Karen Herndon expressed thanks to all who helped out with Senior Day.

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