

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
BARTOW COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
July 13, 2016  
10:00 a.m.**

After calling the meeting to order, Commissioner Taylor introduced the following items of business:

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> Public Meetings were approved as presented.

**Appointment:**

Ms. Lori Rakes was re-appointed to the Highland Rivers Health Governing Board of Directors.

**Contracts and Agreements:**

A Master Consulting Services Agreement with Aecom Technical Services, Inc. was presented by Tom Sills, Bartow County Transportation Planner. The agreement is to prepare a transportation study and Transit Development Plan. Mr. Sills stated that he issued a request to provide services based on certain criteria and has selected Aecom Technical Services, Inc. to prepare the plan for a grand total of \$95,000.00. Commissioner Taylor approved the contract as presented.

Mr. Sills also presented a contract with Bartow Paving Company, Inc. to resurface Bartow-Carver Road, a total of 2.1 miles and the Bartow-Carver Park parking area for a total contract price of \$372,321.57. Mr. Sills noted that as the Lessee of the federally owned park land, the county is entitled to and has received federal funds to make the improvements to the entrance road and parking area. Bartow Paving was the low bidder on the project and should be awarded the contract. Commissioner Taylor awarded the contract to Bartow Paving Company, Inc. as recommended.

Mr. Weldon Dudley, Bartow County Transit Director, presented a DOT contract for the 2017 Transit Operating & Capital funding in the total amount of \$350,871.22. Of this amount, the county will be required to provide \$157,765.52 in matching funds. The total represents \$306,696.00 in general Transit operating funds and \$44,175.22 to replace one 2012 bus in the county's Transit fleet. Commissioner Taylor approved the agreement as presented.

County Administrator Peter Olson presented a contract to furnish and install an emergency backup generator at the new Fire Station # 9. The Fire Station is currently under construction on Brown Farm Road at Friction Drive and is being funded with SPLOST funds. Mr. Olson recommended that the Commissioner award the contract to Signal Point Systems in the amount of \$119,995.00 to furnish and install the generator and transfer switch. Commissioner Taylor awarded the contract as recommended.

Mr. Olson presented an amendment to the employee pension plan that will allow county employees to make after tax contributions into an IRA Roth plan. Commissioner Taylor approved the amendment as presented.

Mr. Olson presented a resolution to rescind the previous abandonment of Pettit Circle. In April the County removed the road from the County road system with the understanding that the three family members living on the road had requested that the road be removed as a public road. However, the county has since learned that this was not the case and needs to place the road back on the county's public road system. Commissioner Taylor signed the resolution authorizing the road be placed back on the county road system.

Mr. Olson also presented amendments to the County's GMA Lease Pool Program Agreement changing the bank affiliation from The Bank of New York Mellon ("BNY Mellon") to Regions Bank. Commissioner Taylor signed the resolution as presented.

**Malt Beverage License:**

Commissioner Taylor approved Malt Beverage License Application # BW-102 for Wal-Mart SuperStore # 615 to Change the responsible resident to James Walter Camp, III.

**Open Comments:**

Having no further official business to address, Commissioner Taylor opened the floor for comments. Questions were raised from members of the audience concerning the blighted areas of the county, primarily the Cassville and Kingston areas and what the county is doing to address these areas. Commissioner Taylor commented that it is a long process involving code enforcement to go in and tear down these structures. The county needs the citizens to be the county's eyes and ears to let us know when there are areas that need our attention. In the last two years, the county has torn down about 60 structures. The key to improving these areas is attracting good industry and good paying jobs. The county is working on getting water and sewer run in the Two Run Creek area which will help improve the housing development in the Cassville and Kingston areas. The housing market appears to be improving. The basis for everything is good employment which starts with economic development.

After thanking them for their concerns, Commissioner Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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On File  
Kathy Gill  
County Clerk  
Bartow County

APPROVED:

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Steve Taylor  
Sole Commissioner

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8-3-2016  
Date