

**Board of Commissioners of Candler County**  
**Work Session**  
**January 3, 2017**  
**5:00 p.m.**

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The Board of Commissioners of Candler County held a work session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' boardroom at 1075 East Hiawatha Street, Suite A, Metter, Georgia. The purpose of the work session was to hear any business brought before the Board prior to the regular business meeting to be held at 6:00p.m. Those attending the meeting were Candler County Chairman Glyn Thrift, Vice-Chairman Donny Wells and Commissioners Brad Jones, David Robertson and Wayne Culbertson; Candler County Administrator, William F. Lindsey; Candler County Clerk, Maranda K. Lank; and Candler County Attorney, Kendall Gross; Candler County EMS Director, Melburn Kelly; Metter/Candler County Recreation Department, Coach Mike Robins; Candler County EMA Director and City of Metter Fire Chief Jason Douglas; Candler County Public Works Director, Jerry Lanier; Candler County Solid Waste/Landfill Director, Robert Hendrix; Candler County Election Board member, Gary Howard; Candler County Coroner Allen Tyler and Deputy Coroner Jamie Anderson; The Metter Advertiser representative, Carvy Snell; Guest included Sue Allen, FOUR GUESTS?

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Thrift called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Melburn Kelly – EMS Report**

Candler County EMS Director, Mel Kelly opened his monthly report with the statistic of calls for the month of December. The month of December included 165 calls, 36 of which were non-transport, 128 emergency transports, 1 non-emergency transport, 1 Air Evac and 1 mutual aid call with Twin City. Mr. Kelly mentioned they have a 78% transport rate and are up, with a 22% non-transport rate. Seventy-three patients were taken to Candler County Hospital during December. Four patients were taken to Candler Hospital in Savannah. Twenty-six patients were taken to East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro, fourteen of which were transferred from Candler County Hospital. Other transfers from Candler County Hospital included three patients to Meadows Regional in Vidalia, two to Saint Joseph's in Savannah, three transfers to MCG and fifteen to Memorial. A total of thirty-seven hospital transfers from Candler County Hospital occurred during December. Of the seventy-three transports to Candler County Hospital, thirty-seven were transferred to another hospital, which is 50.6%.

According to the year to date financial report, revenue collected as of December are approximately \$203,000.00 nearly half of the budgeted \$480,000.00. Mr. Kelly went on to report collections are down and indigent care is up. The indigent case load continues to increase as the cost of healthcare insurance goes up.

Mr. Kelly informed the Board he continues to keep two ambulances staffed. However, the ambulances have maintenance issues. Two ambulances are non-functional now. The four older ambulances have over one hundred thousand miles on them. The new ambulance purchased last year has nearly eight thousand miles.

Two EMS staff members are enrolled in school, one training to become a Paramedic and the other to Advanced EMT training. Once the staff member achieves the Advanced EMT certifications, there will no longer be any EMT Basics on the staff.

Commissioner Robinson asked Mr. Kelly who owned the Candler County Hospital, if it were St. Joseph's Hospital. Mr. Kelly replied the Hospital building is owned by the County, but the doctors' office is owned by St. Joseph's Candler. Commissioner Robinson then asked if there is a reason Memorial is used more than St. Joseph's in Savannah. Mr. Kelly replied that could be the emergency room doctor's affiliation with the hospital to which the patient is transferred. He went on to say that bed availability would also be a determining factor.

Commissioner Culbertson asked Mr. Kelly if the emergency room doctor makes the decision where the patient is transferred patient.

Sue Allen asked Mr. Kelly if someone called in an emergency situation, are they taken immediately to the Candler County Hospital. Mr. Kelly replied, No Ma'am. The patient makes the decision. She went on to ask if they came to pick her up and she asked to go to Augusta, would they take her to Augusta. Mr. Kelly replied, Yes, Ma'am. They would take her to any hospital she requested as long as she was in stable condition to make the trip.

#### **Catherine Muse – Archway Partnership Update**

Not attending

#### **Mike Robins – Recreation Department Monthly Report**

Coach Mike Robins began his December report with a summary of basketball registrations. The twenty-six players registered will begin the season Thursday night. Coach Robins stated he and Mr. Lindsey had discussed alternatives to basketball for next year such as possibly a golf team or a wrestling team.

Mr. Lindsey requested that Coach Robins obtains bids for resurfacing the Strickland Building Floor with tile. Hazlehurst Flooring's submitted a bid of \$13,800.00, Vidalia Floor Covering's bid was \$15,800.00 and Statesboro Floor Covering's bid was \$23,188.00.

Commissioner Robinson asked Coach Robins what age groups are allowed to play recreation sports. Coach Robins replied children are allowed to register for basketball and football up to age twelve while age fourteen is the limitation for softball and baseball registration.

**Jerry Lanier – Roads and Bridges Department Monthly Report**

Candler County Public Works Director, Jerry Lanier began his December report by updating the Board on the work performed due to a recent storm that entered the north end of the county. He stated workers removed two trees from Turner Road and Steel Road.

Mr. Lanier reported Josh Parker had returned from military leave. New hires within the Public Works Department included Jeremy Holloway. Zachary Loveall had also been rehired. He went on to say Stevie Aldrich gave his two weeks' notice.

Commissioner Culbertson commended Bobby McNear for a job well done grading the County maintained road, Culbertson Lane.

Commissioner Jones commended Jerry on tree removal.

**Robert Hendrix – Solid Waste/Landfill Report**

Candler County Solid Waste Director, Robert Hendrix expressed concern of higher elevations on the storm water in the landfill. There is a need for more clay to solve the problem.

**Jason Douglas Fire Department and EMA Monthly Report**

**Fire –**

City of Metter Fire Chief and Candler County EMA Director, Jason Douglas presented the December 2016 fire call report.

Vice-Chairman Wells asked Chief Douglas what type of fires they respond to versus the Forrest Unit. Chief Douglas replied that due to the State of Georgia consolidating neighboring County Forestry Units, there may be only one ranger on call. Therefore, it is more efficient for the local department to respond.

Metter Fire Rescue Response List  
Dec-16

Call Type and Jurisdiction

Dec-16

	Structure	Vehicle	Res.	Brush	Inv.	Alarm	Hell.	Haz.	Service	Med.	Other	Total
City	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	8	0	18
County	1	0	2	5	0	3	0	0	0	4	2	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	

Total Calls 35

Dec-15

	Structure	Vehicle	Res.	Brush	Inv.	Alarm	Hell.	Haz.	Service	Med.	Other	Total
City	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	11	0	17
County	1	4	2	0	0	5	0	1	1	5	1	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	

Total Calls 37

## **EMA**

Chief Douglas reported that all FEMA site visits had been made by Mr. Lindsey, Mr. Lanier and himself. Mr. Lindsey added the FEMA representative would make another visit to observe Mt. Olivet which was flooded and still under water during the first visit.

Chief Douglas concluded his report by stating he is working on the yearly reports.

## **Allen Tyler – Coroner**

Candler County Coroner, Allen Tyler delivered his first report to the Board. The first call of the year was to Cedar Plantation on January 2, 2017. Mr. Allen expressed to the Board there are no supplies and no office space to store coroner's reports. He then introduced his deputy coroner, Jamie Anderson. Mr. Allen and Mr. Anderson had purchased uniforms to identify themselves as the coroner and have a much more professional appearance when on the scene. He concluded his report by stating the business of the County Coroner will be handled differently including reports to be handled more efficiently and a more involved coroner with the Board of Commissioners and the community.

## **Others Wishing to Address Commissioners**

Chairman Thrift opened the floor to others who wished to address the Board.

A citizen expressed concern about Rosemary Church Road being paved. He mentioned he had previously been told that the road would be paved from Swainsboro to Pulaski and he wanted to know why the course of the road paving project changed. Chairman Thrift requested that Commissioner Jones explain the TIA SPLOST Project considering he sat on the committee. Commissioner Jones began by outlining the origin of the TIA. He stated that during 2012 a \$.01/\$1.00 TSPLOST as being passed in Region 9. Prior to the vote passing the TSPLOST the County Commissioners had to select representatives from the City and the County to travel to Mt. Vernon and meet several times. During those meetings, each representative had to select the roads they wanted to be added to their TIA Project list. Commissioner Jones then named Oak Tree Road, Windmill and High Bluff Roads, and Saint Matthews Church and Eden Church Roads as the roads selected by Candler County for their TIA Projects. After Commissioner Jones explained the regional project lists and the county project lists, he began to answer Mr. Joe's??? question as to why the paving from the Emanuel County line did not pave straight down Rosemary Church Road to end at Pulaski. He stated that he was not the representative from our area when the regional commission drafted the project that included Rosemary Church Road. Mr. Lindsey then interjected that he was present at the Regional Commission and Candler County did not have a regional project when that regional project list was done. What the local representative did was partner up with the Emanuel County representatives. The original idea was to have all of Rosemary Church Road paved along with Lambs Bridge Road. However, the Department of Transportation changed the course by virtue that the two endpoints of the project had to end at a State Route.

He then stated that if something is not done soon to that highway soon, the Coroner will be called often. He stated he is just trying to save a life.

Sue Allen stated there are 159 counties in Georgia and there are two counties in the entire state that have not had their property tax bills ready in time for the property owners to pay their taxes so that they can use it as a tax deduction. Chairman Thrift agreed and explained the interim Chief Tax Assessor is now involved to assist.

### Adjourn

The Board adjourned the work session at 5:37 p.m.



Maranda K. Lank, Clerk



Chairman Glyn Thrift

## Exhibit A

# Candler County EMS

## September 2016 Report

Total Calls for month of September – (152)

Non-Transports – (55)

Emergency Transports – (96)

Non-Emergency Transports – (1)

Transport % - (64%)

Non-Transport % - (36%)

Fly Out's – (3)

### Destination Name

Candler County Hospital -----	47	
Candler General Hospital Savannah -----	0	
East Georgia Regional Hospital Statesboro -----	21	from CCH 6
Meadows Regional Hospital Vidalia -----	5	
Saint Joseph's Hospital Savannah -----	3	
Fair View Park Hospital Dublin -----	0	
Emanuel Medical Center Swainsboro -----	2	
Georgia Regents Hospital (MCG) Augusta -----	1	
Doctors Hospital Augusta -----	1	
Total Hospital Transfers -----	26	

Exhibit B

RETURN TO:  
**REMAINING CAPACITY REPORT**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**  
**LAND PROTECTION BRANCH**  
**4244 INTERNATIONAL PARKWAY, SUITE 104**  
**ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30354**  
**FOR ASSISTANCE CALL: (404) 362-2692**

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**REMAINING MSW CAPACITY REPORT**

PERMIT HOLDER: Candler County  
 ADDRESS: 705 North Lewis Street, Metter, GA 30439  
 TELEPHONE NO.: 912-685-2822  
 SITE NAME: Candler County SR121 Phase 2 MSWL  
 EPD PERMIT NUMBER: 021-006D (MSWL)

		CALCULATED	
<b>I. SURVEY DATA</b>			
A	Date of topographic survey	August 10, 2016	
B	Remaining Volume (Available Fill Volume Based on Survey)	252.112	cy
C	Estimated Percent by Volume of Total Used by Cover Soil	10	%
D	Net Remaining Waste Volume (Line B Reduced by Line C)	→ 228.901	cy
<b>II. AMOUNT OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSED</b>			
E	Tons Per Day Received for Disposal	23.94	ton/day
F	Total Operational Days Per Year	254	days
G	Total Estimated Annual Tons Disposed	→ 6.082	tons
<b>III. WASTE PLACEMENT</b>			
H	Estimated Waste Compaction Density	900	lbs/cy
I	Estimated Waste Compaction Density	0.45	tons/cy
J	Net Volume Used Per Day (Line E Divided by Line I)	→ 53	cy/day
K	Net Volume Used Per Day (Line G Divided by Line I)	13.516	cy/yr
<b>IV. REMAINING CAPACITY (SITE LIFE)</b>			
L	Remaining Capacity (Line D Divided by Line J)	4.281	days
M	Remaining Capacity (Line D Divided by Line K)	16.79	years
N	Estimated Date of Completion for Facility	→ May 2033	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>			
1. II.E. Based on actual tonnage placed in landfill between 7/01/2015-6/30/2016			
2. II.F. Based on Monday-Friday minus seven holidays			
3. III.H. Based on anticipated waste density at this facility.			

I hereby certify the above determinations were performed under my direct supervision.

R. Brant Lane, P.E.  
 Registered Professional Engineer  
 Georgia Registration No. 27185  
9/19/16  
 Date



William S. Drachey  
 Permit Holder  
9/21/16  
 Date

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<b>I. SURVEY DATA</b>			
A	Date of topographic survey	August 26, 2015	
B	Remaining Volume (Available Fill Volume Based on Survey)	<u>272,242</u>	cy
C	Estimated Percent by Volume of Total Used by Cover Soil	<u>10</u>	%
D	Net Remaining Waste Volume (Line B Reduced by Line C)	<u>245,018</u>	cy
<b>II. AMOUNT OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSED</b>			
E	Tons Per Day Received for Disposal	<u>25.76</u>	ton/day
F	Total Operational Days Per Year	<u>254</u>	days
G	Total Estimated Annual Tons Disposed	<u>6,543</u>	tons
<b>III. WASTE PLACEMENT</b>			
H	Estimated Waste Compaction Density	<u>900</u>	lbs/cy
I	Estimated Waste Compaction Density	<u>0.45</u>	tons/cy
J	Net Volume Used Per Day (Line E Divided by Line I)	<u>57</u>	cy/day
K	Net Volume Used Per Day (Line G Divided by Line I)	<u>14,538</u>	cy/yr
<b>IV. REMAINING CAPACITY (SITE LIFE)</b>			
L	Remaining Capacity (Line D Divided by Line J)	<u>4,299</u>	days
M	Remaining Capacity (Line D Divided by Line K)	<u>16.8</u>	years
N	Estimated Date of Completion for Facility	<u>July 2032</u>	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>			
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