

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2017**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Callahan at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were: Kosem, Mosley, Callahan, and Kellis. Commissioner Blackwell was absent.

A. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Mosley made a motion to approve agenda and consent agenda. All were in favor.

B. Consent Agenda

Items approved by above motion were:

1. Minutes of August 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
2. Minutes of Public Hearing Ice Cream Social 8/22/17 Meeting
3. Financial Report for August 2017
4. Police Report for August 2017

C. Public Comment

Chief Blakeley stated to the group that a Vass Resident had complimented Police Officer Michael Miller on his community policing practices.

Old Business:

D. Personnel Issue

This item was moved to the end of the meeting

New Business:

E. Proposal From James Cornprobst Exchange of Property

Mr. Cornprobst addressed the Board to propose an exchange of town owned property, Vass Debris Lot, adjacent to his property. He originally wanted to make an exchange of part of the town's property for part of his, but his attorney has advised him probably best not to do so due to the town property had been a landfill and has restrictions of its' use. He requests there be a documented easement for the property. He wants timber management and wildlife management as well as hunting rights on the land. He would like to put a chain and combination lock on the property. There were questions exchanged between Mr. Cornprobst and Commissioner Callahan and Andy Layton. Commissioner Callahan stated he didn't think the town could give up timber rights or hunting rights on town owned land. Town Attorney, T.C. Morphis was present and stated that there does need to be a written easement placed on the property. He stated the town can't just give away timber rights and hunting rights on town owned property, but if the town would like to work out an agreement giving timber and hunting rights in exchange for an easement over the property, the town could in this case. Chief Blakeley stated you have to look at the civil liability of someone hunting on town property. Mayor Callahan asked Mr. Cornprobst if he has an access problem now and he stated he does not have an access problem. Town Attorney said if it was worked out, he suggested Mr. Cornprobst pay for the survey of a road along the property line and be given timber rights if the town chooses to. Mayor

Callahan asked Mr. Cornprobst would timbering rights in exchange for him paying for a survey for an easement be compensation enough and he said it would be. Commissioner Callahan asked if the Board needs to go and take a look at property before making a decision. Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to table until October meeting and after Board has had time to take a look at the property. Commissioner Callahan made a motion. All were in favor.

F. Prior Years Real Property and Motor Vehicle Taxes

Town Clerk brought before the Board the outstanding property and motor vehicle taxes for the 2005 and 2006 fiscal years for a total of \$893.72. She asked that these taxes be written off of the Town's receivables, but they would remain collectable through the County. Mayor Callahan asked for a motion for taxes to be written off. Commissioner Kellis made a motion. All were in favor.

G. Resolution Authorizing County to Enforce County's Animal Ordinance in Town of Vass

Chief Blakeley stated to the Board that the Moore County Sheriff's office in partnership with the Town pass a resolution enforcing the county animal ordinance inside the city limits. Commissioner made a motion to adopt the resolution. All were in favor.

H. Brunch Bill

Town Clerk presented information regarding Senate Bill 155 known as the Brunch Bill being passed, which authorizes city and county government to adopt an ordinance to allow alcohol sales beginning at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to approve ordinance. Commissioner Kosem made a motion. All were in favor.

D. Personnel Issue

Mayor Callahan asked to go into closed session at 6:48 p.m. for personnel issue. Commissioner Kosem made a motion.

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to come out of the closed session at 6:53 p.m. All were in favor.

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to advertise the Town Administrator/Clerk/Zoning position at \$35,000 to \$42,000. All were in favor.

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to approve Barbara Boyd as part-time Finance Officer beginning January 1st with pay of \$22.50 per hour and keep here medical insurance for which she will pay half the cost presently \$818 per month and she will pay \$409 per month. All were in favor.

Adjournment

Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mosley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF VASS


Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Barbara Boyd, Town Clerk