

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2019 – 5:30 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman June Merritt at 5:30 p.m. Present June Merritt, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, LaDon Durham, William Mills-Attorney, Spencer Mueller, and Tandie Cloud-County Clerk. Jeffery Haynes was unable to attend.

Also present: David Dyer-Early County Cell Tower Consultant, Ryan Pulley-Southern LINC Legal Counsel, Buddy Robinson-Southern LINC Tech Consultant, Clay Brogdon-Southern LINC Site Development Consultant.

The public hearing was held as advertised to review proposals by Southern LINC/value concepts to construct 3 new wireless support structures in Early County-located: GA HWY 45N, Damascus; GA HWY 273, Cedar Springs and Rock Bluff Road, Blakely.

Hearing adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

June Merritt, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk

**Early County Board of Commissioners – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2019 – 6:00 PM – Administration Conference Room**

Called to Order by Chairman June Merritt at 6:00 p.m. Present June Merritt, Charlie Sol, Taylor Bridges, LaDon Durham, William Mills-Attorney, Spencer Mueller, and Tandie Cloud-County Clerk. Jeffery Haynes was unable to attend.

Actions in Open Meeting

1. Amend agenda adding Joint Resolution for Sheriff's Department and Direct Deposit under New Business by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 3:0
2. Approve September 9, 2019 regular meeting minutes by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 3:0
3. Approved September 18, 2019 called meeting minutes by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 3:0
4. Approved purchase of paint and supplies to paint exterior of the jail total \$4,020.00 by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 3:0
5. Appointed Jason Muhlenkamp to Regional 4 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities "DBHDD" Council effective October 7, 2019 for a (3) year term expiring October 7, 2022 by motion of Charlie Sol, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 3:0
6. Approved the request for a conditional use and variance to the County's cell tower ordinance allowing Value Concepts, Inc./Southern Linc to construct, maintain and manage a multiple user guyed wireless support tower on property under lease to be located off GA Highway 45, known as Joe Bryan Highway, Early County, Georgia identified as Tax Parcel 0019 010 and provided Value Concepts, Inc./Southern, Linc and its successors and assigns, comply with all its terms in its Tall Structures Permit proposals to the county and its attachments therein, the Georgia Center for Local Government Reports modifications, and all federal, state, county and, local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable thereto. Further, this approval is conditioned upon Value Concepts, Inc./Southern Linc providing to the county space for its agencies to affix its transceivers at an appropriate location to receive and transmit necessary communications and to allow adequate space for its ground facility to accommodate the necessary electronic equipment for such transmissions, as well as, the ability for it to maintain, operate, and repair such equipment continuously. Further, approval that Value Concepts, Inc./Southern Linc and other users may employ standard antenna mounts and arrays or low-profile

stealth antenna arrays for this facility. Such conditional use and variance are conditioned upon compliance with the requirements contained herein and may be withdrawn upon any breach or failure to comply by Value Concepts, Inc./Southern Linc or its successors or assigns by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 3:0

7. **Approved Southern Linc/Value Concepts request for permanent and timing waivers for the tower to be located on Damascus HWY 45N by motion of Taylor Bridges, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 3:0**
8. **Approved the request for a conditional use and variance to the County's cell tower ordinance allowing Value Concepts, Inc./Southern Linc to construct, maintain and manage a multiple user guyed wireless support tower on property under lease to be located on Powell Road, Early County, Georgia identified as Tax Parcel 0115 009 and provided Value Concepts, Inc./Southern, Linc and its successors and assigns, comply with all its terms in its Tall Structures Permit proposals to the county and its attachments therein, the Georgia Center for Local Government Reports modifications, and all federal, state, county and, local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable thereto. Further, this approval is conditioned upon Value Concepts, Inc./Southern Linc providing to the county space for its agencies to affix its transceivers at an appropriate location to receive and transmit necessary communications and to allow adequate space for its ground facility to accommodate the necessary electronic equipment for such transmissions, as well as, the ability for it to maintain, operate, and repair such equipment continuously. Further, approval that Value Concepts, Inc./Southern Linc and other users may employ standard antenna mounts and arrays or low-profile stealth antenna arrays for this facility. Such conditional use and variance are conditioned upon compliance with the requirements contained herein and may be withdrawn upon any breach or failure to comply by Value Concepts, Inc./Southern Linc or its successors or assigns by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 3:0**
9. **Approved Southern Linc/Value Concepts, Inc. request for permanent and timing waiver for the cell tower structure to be located on Power Road, Cedar Springs by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 3:0**
10. **Approved the request for a conditional use and variance to the County's cell tower ordinance allowing Value Concepts, Inc./Southern Linc to construct, maintain and manage a multiple user guyed wireless support tower on property under lease to be located on Rock Bluff Road, Early County, Georgia identified as Tax Parcel 0052 010 and provided Value Concepts, Inc./Southern, Linc and its successors and assigns, comply with all its terms in its Tall Structures Permit proposals to the county and its attachments therein, the Georgia Center for Local Government Reports modifications, and all federal, state, county and, local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable thereto. Further, this approval is conditioned upon Value Concepts, Inc./Southern Linc providing to the county space for its agencies to affix its transceivers at an appropriate location to receive and transmit necessary communications and to allow adequate space for its ground facility to accommodate the necessary electronic equipment for such transmissions, as well as, the ability for it to maintain, operate, and repair such equipment continuously. Further, approval that Value Concepts, Inc./Southern Linc and other users may employ standard antenna mounts and arrays or low-profile stealth antenna arrays for this facility. Such conditional use and variance are conditioned upon compliance with the requirements contained herein and may be withdrawn upon any breach or failure to comply by Value Concepts, Inc./Southern Linc or its successors or assigns by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 3:0**
11. **Approved Southern Linc/Value Concepts, Inc. request for permanent and timing waiver for the cell tower structure on Rock Bluff Road, Blakely, by motion of Charlie Sol, 2nd by LaDon Durham. Vote 3:0**

These three approvals for cell tower structure shall not set a precedent for other projects. They apply for these sites and only for these sites.

12. **Approved Joint Resolution between Early County Board of Commissioners,**

Mayor & Council of the City of Blakely and William Price, Sheriff of Early County. Accounts under Early County Board of Public Safety are to be placed in escrow until all issues regarding dissolution of Public Safety are resolved. K-9 account may be closed and reopened, funds are from donations only. Approved application for (10) new cards: (5) with \$1,500.00 spending limit and (5) with \$3,000.00 spending limit by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Charlie Sol. Vote 3:0

- 13. Motion by Taylor Bridges, seconded by LaDon Durham to go to 100% direct deposit for payroll for county employees failed for lack of qualified quorum. Bridges and Durham voted in favor; Sol voted against. Vote 2:1**

Adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by motion of LaDon Durham, 2nd by Taylor Bridges. Vote 3:0

June Merritt, Chairman

Tandie M. Cloud, County Clerk