

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF PEACH

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN

Martin H. Moseley, Jr., Chairman of the Peach County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

The Peach County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

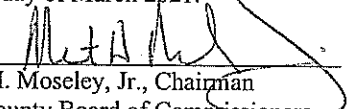
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:19 p.m.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

- (1) Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(6).

This 9th day of March 2021.

  
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 Martin H. Moseley, Jr., Chairman  
 Peach County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2021.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG FOR PEACH COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF BYRON AND FORT VALLEY JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – BROADBAND UPDATE  
 Peach County Board of Commissioners  
 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 15, 2021

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing at 6:00p.m., Monday, March 15, 2021, in the Commission Chambers at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia, to brief the community on the process to be used to develop amendments to the Joint Comprehensive Plan for Peach County and the Cities of Byron and Fort Valley, opportunities for participation, and to obtain input on the proposed planning process.

Greg Boike, Director of Public Administration, Middle Georgia Regional Commission officially opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those present.

Mr. Boike stated that the purpose of this hearing was to discuss Peach County’s Broadband Goal, Key Needs and Opportunities, Possible Action Items and to answer any questions or comments.

Mr. Boike presented a presentation outlining the Comprehensive plan and why broadband is important. The presentation also outlined topics previously discussed during the Public Hearing held on February 8, 2021. Mr. Boike asked participants to give input on what does good broadband mean to their community, family, and employment as well as next steps toward broadband designation.

Mr. Travis White stated that the only fiber service in his area is through Fort Valley Utility. Mr. White advised that in his opinion, the service does not fit the definition of broadband and it is overpriced for the speed provided.

Mr. Mike Nichols advised that he lives off Housers Mill Road and he only has one choice for service through AT&T. However, AT&T is only available to those who already use their cell services.

Mr. David Gales stated that he also uses AT&T services and when he attempts to activate their provided services, the DSL box is full and unavailable.

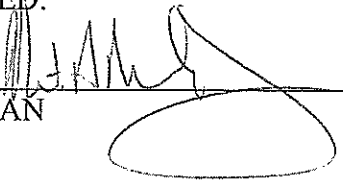
Ms. Christina Viles stated that she had her AT&T services temporarily disconnected and when she attempted to reconnect, AT&T informed her that she could no longer continue her services.

Mr. Jeremy Nelms, CEO of Flint Energies, advised that in order to expedite the process of obtaining broadband services, he has been in contact with Central Georgia EMC, Southern Rivers Energy, and Tri-County EMC to talk through the process. Mr. Nelms expressed his appreciation for Peach County's feedback regarding broadband and fiber services.

Mr. Greg Boike advised that in Peach County, specifically around Fort Valley, there is a large concentration of homes, businesses, and industries that lack broadband services today. Mr. Boike explained that Peach County has an option to enter a competitive grant process through the Fort Valley Utility Commission which would likely be tied into income levels of beneficiaries and the number of people who can be served. Mr. Boike advised that citizens of Peach County can write letters of support to their state representatives and senators as a first step toward broadband implementation.

After discussion, the next meeting date was scheduled to take place in April.

Public hearing adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED: April 13, 2021  
  
CHAIRMAN

PEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BY:   
COUNTY CLERK

CALLED MEETING  
Peach County Board of Commissioners  
5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2021

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2021, in Commission Chambers at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia, with all Commissioners in attendance. The purpose of the Called Meeting was to discuss the TSPLOST. Chairman Moseley called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Lewis presented a TSPLOST Working List spreadsheet. Each member of the Board submitted a list of priority areas from their districts to be considered for TSPLOST funding.

Vice Chairman Hill stated that her list falls under the figure previously discussed by Commissioner Lewis and she could afford to add a few more roads to her district list if needed.

Commissioner Lewis advised that he added Knoxville Road in Fort Valley to his list at a total of \$43,750. This is the only change to the list following previous discussion.

Vice Chairman Hill asked if Ira Hicks Boulevard would be considered within city limits. Commissioner Lewis advised that the city of Fort Valley would complete road work to their portion of Ira Hicks Boulevard while Peach County completes the portion within the county.

Commissioner Lewis stated that changes can always be made to the TSPLOST Working List. The list only serves as a starting point for consideration. The Board also needs to decide on a bond amount. Commissioner Lewis proposed that the Board continue with their previous discussion of \$10-12 million