

PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING JULY 13, 2021

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held its Regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, 2021, in the Commissioners Meeting room located at 213 Persons Street Fort Valley, Georgia with all members in attendance. Chairman Moseley called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and opened the meeting with prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA – July 6, 2021:

1. Budget Amendment – Vehicle Maintenance – Fire: Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to cover costs of motor vehicle maintenance:

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| | <u>Budget Amendment – Fire– FY2021</u> | |
| 100.1599.57.9000 | From: Contingency | \$ 35,000 |
| 100.3500.52.1320 | To: MV Maintenance | <u>\$ 35,000</u> |

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to cover costs of motor vehicle maintenance, as presented by Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director.

2. Budget Amendment – Parks and Recreation – Peach Sports Authority: David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for umpires for the entire baseball season:

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| | <u>Budget Amendment – Parks and Recreation– FY2021</u> | |
| 100.6100.51.1200 | From: Temporary Employees | \$ 2,211 |
| 100.6100.52.3860 | To: Sports Officials | <u>\$ 2,211</u> |

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for umpires for the baseball season, as presented by David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director.

3. Budget Amendment – Parks and Recreation – Cellphone Account: David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for cellphone expenses through the end of September:

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| | <u>Budget Amendment – Parks and Recreation– FY2021</u> | |
| 100.6100.53.1726 | From: Recreation Supplies | \$ 220 |
| 100.6100.52.3211 | To: Cellphone | <u>\$ 220</u> |

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for cellphone expenses through September, as presented by David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director.

4. Quote Approval for Replacement of Seesaw Apparatus – North Peach Park: David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that two quotes were received for the replacement of the seesaw playground apparatus at North Peach Park:

- GameTime Playground Equipment – Sitting Seesaw - \$5,097.93
- Burke Playground Equipment – 2-Seat Rocker - \$3,948.00

Both quotes include freight and installation costs. Mr. Parrish has recommended purchasing the 2-Seat Rocker from Burke Playground Equipment at \$3,948.00 installed. Mr. Parrish also needs authorization for the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funds for the 2-Seat Rocker Apparatus from Burke Playground Equipment:

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| | <u>Budget Amendment – Parks and Recreation– FY2021</u> | |
| 100.1599.57.9000 | From: Contingency | \$ 3,948 |
| 100.6100.53.1600 | To: Building & Grounds Maintenance | <u>\$ 3,948</u> |

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the quote from Burke Playground Equipment in the amount of \$3,948.00 for the replacement/installation of the Seesaw Apparatus at North Peach Park and to approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for this replacement/installation.

5. Letter Requesting Assistance – Middle Georgia Regional Commission – LWCF Grant: David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, has advised that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) through its Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is offering a Trails Grant in this year’s cycle. This is an 80/20% matching Grant. The Maximum Grant Amount is \$200,000 for a total of \$240,000.00 project. Mr. Parrish is requesting to send a letter to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC) to request assistance for Grant application preparation and submission. Mr. Parrish advised that the DNR is not offering a Park Refurbishing Grant this cycle, and he is also requesting to seek a quote from Gordian for the repair/resurfacing/re-painting of the tennis and basketball courts at South Peach Park.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, to send a letter to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC) to request assistance for Grant application preparation and

submission for the LWCF Grant and to allow Mr. Parrish to seek a quote from Gordian for the repair/resurfacing and repainting of the tennis and basketball courts at South Peach Park.

6. RFB #21-003 – Grass Cutting Contract for County Parks – Recreation: David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, has presented sealed bid #21-003 for the 2-year Grass Cutting Contract for the County Parks:

- Valley Lawn Shark, LLC. - \$59,300.00
 - AEM Services - \$104,000.00

Mr. Parrish recommended the low bid from Valley Lawn Shark, LLC. in the amount of \$59,300.00 and advised that this is the current vendor for the Park Mowing Contract. This bid is \$2,100.00 higher than the last two-year cycle. The Valley Lawn Shark has been doing a satisfactory job performance for the last three (3) years plus.

ACTION REQUESTED: To accept the low bid from Valley Lawn Shark, LLC. in the amount of \$59,300.00 as recommended by David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director.

7. Budget Amendment – EMS – Overtime: Alfonzo Ford, EMS Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to cover overtime due to a lack of available shift personnel/vacant shifts as well as overages in supply accounts:

| <u>Budget Amendment – EMS – Overtime/Overages – FY2021</u> | | | |
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| 100.3600.52.3700 | From: Education & Training | \$ | 834 |
| 100.1599.57.9000 | From: Contingency | \$ | 75,820 |
| | | \$ | 76,654 |
| 100.3600.51.1300 | To: Overtime | \$ | 65,872 |
| 100.3600.51.1200 | To: Temp. Employees | \$ | 9,948 |
| 100.3600.53.1101 | To: Office Supplies | \$ | 313 |
| 100.3600.53.1705 | To: Janitorial Supplies | \$ | 521 |
| | | \$ | 76,654 |

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to cover overtime due to a lack of available shift personnel/vacant shifts as well as overages in supply accounts as presented by Alfonzo Ford, EMS Director.

8. Special Tax Sale – Tax Commissioner: W.L. Brown, Tax Commissioner, has advised that he has several parcels that he would like to offer at his Tax Sale on August 3rd, 2021 for less than is owed. These properties have been in prior tax sales with no bidders. These parcels are as follows:

| NAME | MAP | PARCEL | ADDRESS | TAXES DUE | ASSESSOR VALUE | PROPOSED OPENING BID |
|----------------------|------|--------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| REINSTEIN, CARY E | 021B | 045 | 264 WINSON ROAD, FORT VALLEY | \$ 13,761.26 | \$ 11,600 | \$ 1,000 |
| SCARBOROUGH, STACY D | 064F | 011 | 465 ROGER DRIVE, BYRON | \$ 10,679.82 | \$ 14,400 | \$ 1,000 |
| WADE, BARBARA WEST, | 008D | 019 | 843 SUNSET DRIVE, BYRON | \$ 7,241.60 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| FLETCHER ETAL | F01D | 040 | 68 KING STREET, FORT VALLEY | \$ 9,359.21 | \$ 15,500 | \$ 1,000 |
| RANDALL, ERIC | 1153 | MH | 98 BENJAMIN STREET, FORT VALLEY | \$ 3,124.12 | \$ 2,300 | \$ 250 |
| VARGAS, LUIS | 1248 | MH | 5382 HWY 3415, FORT VALLEY | \$ 5,215.42 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 250 |
| KING, KEVIN | 3324 | MH | 24 JONES STREET, FORT VALLEY | \$ 7,819.99 | \$ 4,600 | \$ 250 |
| SAB INVESTMENTS | 5178 | MH | 333 HIGH POINT DRIVE, BYRON | \$ 3,388.00 | \$ 7,750 | \$ 1,000 |
| YUN, SONG | 5975 | MH | 5382 HWY 3415, FORT VALLEY | \$ 2,624.63 | \$ 2,700 | \$ 100 |
| WALTON, CHARLOTTE | 6428 | MH | 5382 HWY 3415, FORT VALLEY | \$ 2,739.58 | \$ 5,160 | \$ 250 |

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from W.L. Brown, Tax Commissioner, to offer the above listed parcels at the Tax Sale on August 3rd, 2021 for less than is owed.

9. Request Permission to Waive Event and Power Fee: David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that Ms. Rosmary Woods, host of Come Out and Play, has requested to hold a nonprofit event for musicians and the general public at North Peach Park. The event is slated to include a musical concert that will require use of electrical power supplied via modules currently located on site. Ms. Woods has requested that the event and power fees be waived for the Come Out and Play event at North Peach Park.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from Ms. Rosmary Woods to waive the event and power fees for the Come Out and Play musical concert at North Peach Park, as presented by David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director.

10. Overtime – Fire Department/ EMS: Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, advised that Alfonzo Ford, EMS Director, is experiencing a significant staff shortage due to having two employees out and one vacant position that cannot be filled

until August. Chief Doles is requesting for three firefighters who are licensed as EMT's assist temporarily to cover shifts, and as a result, be paid overtime due to exceeding the 212 hours for their shifts at the Fire Department.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request to allow three firefighters who are licensed EMT's to assist temporarily to cover EMS shifts due to the significant staff shortage and vacancy, and be paid overtime, as requested by Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director.

11. Budget Amendment – E911 – Phones: Angela Tharpe, E911 Director, has requested the following Budget Amendment to cover overages in the Cellphone, Long Distance, and Telephone accounts:

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| <u>Budget Amendment – E911– FY2021</u> | | | |
| 100.1599.57.9000 | From: | Contingency | \$ 10,675 |
| 100.3800.52.3211 | To: | Cellphone | \$ 515 |
| 100.3800.52.3209 | To: | Long Distance | \$ 160 |
| 100.3800.52.3210 | To: | Telephone | \$ 10,000 |
| | | | <u>\$ 10,675</u> |

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to cover overages in the Cellphone, Long Distance, and Telephone accounts as presented by Angela Tharpe, E911 Director.

12. LEC Water Line – Booster Pump Installation: Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, has advised that a booster pump is needed to resolve plumbing issues with the LEC water line. Mr. Smith has received a quote from CMS Controls in the amount of \$36,772.00 to install the booster pump, supply power, and verify proper operation.

ACTION REQUESTED: To accept the quote from CMS Controls provided by Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, to install a booster pump in order to resolve plumbing issues with the LEC water line at a cost of \$36,772.00, and to approve the following Budget Amendment to appropriate the funds necessary to make the repairs:

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| <u>Budget Amendment – Buildings– FY2021</u> | | | |
| 100.1599.57.9000 | From: | Contingency | \$ 36,772 |
| 100.1565.54.1300 | To: | Buildings | <u>\$ 36,772</u> |

13. Request to Approve Quote – Servpro – Elections Office: Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, has advised that the Elections Office carpet has obtained water damage and needs to be removed and have new carpet installed. Mr. Smith has received a quote from Servpro for the removal of old carpet, removal of glue, and cleaning and replacing carpet in the Elections Office in the amount of \$2,251.39.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the quote from Servpro for removal of old carpet, removal of glue, and cleaning and replacing carpet in the Elections Office in the amount of \$2,251.39 as requested by Wayne Smith, Public Works Director.

14. Request to Lower Speed Limit – School Zone – Moseley Road: Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, recommends lowering the speed limit in the new school zone area on Moseley Road to 35 mph. Mr. Smith advised that he had met with Sheriff Deese and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) on June 30, 2021 to discuss an appropriate speed limit. Mr. Smith also recommends the installation of flashing speed limit signs in the area.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the recommendation made by Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, to lower the speed limit in the new school zone area on Moseley Road to 35 mph and to approve the use of flashing speed limit signs in the area.

15. Budget Amendment – Commissioners Office: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment for costs associated with the rental of postage machine equipment:

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| <u>Budget Amendment – Commissioners– FY2021</u> | | | |
| 100.1110.52.3700 | From: | Education & Training | \$ 1,155 |
| 100.1110.52.2320 | To: | Rental of Equipment | \$ 310 |
| 100.1110.52.3250 | To: | Postage | \$ 845 |
| | | | <u>\$ 1,155</u> |

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment for costs associated with the rental of postage machine equipment as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

16. Budget Amendment – Clean Community – Regular Employees: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment for Clean Community employee overages:

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| <u>Budget Amendment – Clean Community– FY2021</u> | | | |
| 540.4540.53.1716 | From: | Public Educational Supp. | \$ 138 |
| 540.4540.51.1100 | To: | Regular Employees | <u>\$ 138</u> |

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment for Clean Community employee overages as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

17. Fullwood Road Bid: Michaela Jones, County Administrator, advised that the Fullwood Road Improvement project has received two bids as follows:

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| - Peed Bros. Inc. - | \$931,023.79 |
| - Sam Hall & Sons, Inc. - | \$888,572.00 |

ACTION REQUESTED: To deny the bids from Peed Bros. Inc and Sam Hall & Sons, Inc. for the Fullwood Road Improvement Project as presented by Michaela Jones, County Administrator, due to limited budget funds.

18. Norwood Springs Road Bid: Michaela Jones, County Administrator, advised that the Norwood Springs Road property has received three bids as follows:

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| - Nathaniel Rayford - | \$4,000.00 |
| - Aron Dyson - | \$3,500.00 |
| - Tim Demoonie - | \$8,100.00 |

ACTION REQUESTED: To deny the above stated bids for the Norwood Springs Road property as presented by Michaela Jones, County Administrator.

19. Intergovernmental Agreement – Peach County/City of Fort Valley – Property Acquisition: Commissioner Yoder presented an Intergovernmental Agreement Draft between Peach County and the City of Fort Valley to develop an alternate access for U.S. Highway 341 to reach from Commercial Heights to Martin Luther King Drive. Commissioner Yoder recommended removal of the last paragraph of the document mentioning reimbursement.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Draft between Peach County and the City of Fort Valley to develop an alternate access for U.S. Highway 341 to reach from Commercial Heights to Martin Luther King Drive with removal of the last paragraph mentioning reimbursement, as presented by Commissioner Yoder.

20. Request to Amend Peach County 2022 Holiday Schedule: April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, has requested to amend the Peach County 2022 Holiday Schedule with the addition of Juneteenth, occurring on June 19th each year.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, to amend the Peach County 2022 Holiday Schedule with the addition of Juneteenth.

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA:

Commissioner Bryant moved to approve the agenda with changes: #1 and #2 added to Announcements and Updates; #3 added to Old Business; as well as #5 and #6 added to New Business. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – June 8, 2021 – Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Called Meeting – June 10, 2021 – Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the minutes as presented. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

Chairman Moseley advised that Ms. Tisa Horton, Peach Festival Director, has requested mention of a Family Movie Night event for the celebration of Peach County's 97th birthday. The event was originally scheduled during the 2021 Peach Festival, but was postponed due to weather. The event will be held at North Peach Park on July 18, 2021 at 6 o'clock p.m. Tickets are five (5) dollars for adults and three (3) dollars for children. Tickets can be purchased from the Peach Festival office staff or Board members. Chairman Moseley expressed his appreciation for everything the Peach Festival does for the community.

Vice-Chairwoman Hill advised that the Senior Citizen Center has officially reopened. During the reopening event, Chairman Moseley presented the Center with a picture of a peach basket his mother painted. The County also provided funding for new furniture for the facility. Vice-Chairwoman Hill expressed that she hopes the Senior Citizen Center will continue to be enjoyed by the community.

Commissioner Yoder advised that the Broadband Ready Community Certification is underway. The Certification does not actually bring Broadband into the area, but it prepares the community to get in touch with providers in the area to increase chances for grants. The County has been working with the Cities of Fort Valley and Byron in order to create and adopt a Broadband Ordinance with the assistance of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Commissioner Yoder also stated that Commissioner Nunn from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will be here on Friday, July 16, 2021 to present Peach County, Fort Valley and Byron with the Broadband Ready Community Certification. Commissioner Yoder expressed his appreciation for the stakeholders in the community as well as anyone else who had a role in making the Certification possible.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rickey Blalock, Planning and Zoning Director, advised that the Junk Car Ordinance was presented to the Board in June and a Public Hearing was also held. Chairman Moseley stated that the Ordinance serves as a step in the right direction to clean up the community. Mr. Blalock stated that he has received questions about the Ordinance from farmers and advised that the Ordinance will not affect farmers if their equipment is operable. Mr. Blalock stated that the Ordinance is aimed more toward subdivisions in residential areas. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Junk Car Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Madison, Chief Appraiser, presented a Job Reclassification for the Appraiser Position without GIS Mapping. This is a beginning position. The role will have a probationary period of 12 months in order to earn the status of Appraiser 1, and another 18 months to earn the status of Appraiser 2. The position does not require GIS Mapping due to the contract between the Peach County Tax Assessor's Office and Schneider Geospatial; there will be no gaps in service. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Job Reclassification for the Appraiser Position. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis advised that Fullwood Road has been on the list to be paved for quite some time. All bids for the paving/repairs were rejected due to Budget limitations. Michaela Jones, County Administrator, has spoken with Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, about completing the groundwork in-house and bidding out the paving only. The area is about a mile in length and requires leveling and filling before paving. Commissioner Lewis moved to complete the Fullwood Road construction in-house. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michaela Jones, County Administrator, presented a Budget Amendment on behalf of Sheriff Deese. This is an interdepartmental transfer of \$15,000 from Regular Employees to Web Subscription and Motor Vehicle Maintenance. Both accounts will receive a transfer of \$7,500. Commissioner Bryant moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Michaela Jones, County Administrator, requested that the Courthouse Renovation project permit fees to be waived since we would pay ourselves. Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to approve the waiving of permit fees for the Courthouse Renovation project. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairwoman Hill stated that she wanted to be sure that all portions of Open Meetings are being filmed and posted to the County website for public review. Rich Bennett, IT Director, advised that all parts of Open Meetings are recorded, but not all parts are broadcast on Facebook. Mr. Bennett stated that once the Open Meetings are closed, Executive Sessions can have a longer duration than Facebook broadcasting will allow. Mr. Bennett advised that once the meeting comes out of Executive Session, he will film the last portion of the Open Meeting and post on Facebook, pinning the video underneath the prior broadcast.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:30 P.M.

Rickey Blalock, Planning and Zoning Director, presented a rezoning request from Ms. Ruth B. O'Connor. Ms. O'Connor is requesting to have property located at 390 Newell Road rezoned from R-AG to R-1. The entire property contains 23.68 acres. She would like to subdivide out about a one (1) acre lot to be rezoned R-1. The remaining 22 acres would remain R-AG. A house exists on this proposed one (1) acre and it has been designated as a "Living Estate" for Ms. Gladys Newell. Ms. Newell and her husband would like to sell the large tract, which is currently a horse farm, and keep the house in their family. The property was properly posted and advertised, and received no notable responses opposing the rezoning request. The Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the rezoning request.

Chairman Moseley asked for anyone speaking in opposition. No one spoke in opposition. Chairman Moseley asked for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the request.

Mr. Robert E. O'Connor advised that he is present on behalf of his wife, Ms. Ruth B. O'Connor, and he is in favor of the rezoning request.

Ms. Gladys Newell advised that she is also in favor of the rezoning request.

Commissioner Yoder moved to accept the recommendation from Planning & Zoning to subdivide out the one (1) acre lot on Newell Road to be rezoned from R-AG to R-1 and for the remaining 22 acres to remain R-AG. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blalock presented a rezoning request from Mr. Patrick Glen Hampton. Mr. Hampton is requesting to have property located at 2755 Hwy 41 North rezoned from R-AG to R-1. The property currently contains 2.25 acres and is owned by Ms. Betty Jo Calhoun. Mr. Hampton owns the adjoining property which contains 4.04 acres and would like to purchase about one (1) acre from Ms. Calhoun. Both of the lots were recorded before the minimum R-AG lot size was changed from 2 to 5 acres minimum.

Although the land swap would bring Mr. Hampton's property into compliance with the minimum 5 acres requirement for R-AG; it would put Ms. Calhoun's property further into non-compliance. Thus, they are requesting to have her property rezoned to R-1 so that it would be possible to make the purchase and bring both lots into compliance with the current code requirements. The property was properly posted and advertised, and received no notable responses opposing the rezoning request. The Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the rezoning request.

Chairman Moseley asked for anyone speaking in opposition. No one spoke in opposition. Chairman Moseley asked for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the request.

Mr. Patrick Glen Hampton advised that he is in favor of the request. Mr. Hampton's parents just moved to Peach County from Tennessee and would like to keep the land within the R-AG zoning.

Ms. Betty Jo Calhoun also advised that she is in favor of the rezoning request.

Commissioner Bryant moved to accept the recommendation from Planning & Zoning to rezone Ms. Betty Jo Calhoun's one (1) acre to R-1 and to allow Mr. Patrick Glen Hampton's acreage to remain under R-AG zoning. Commissioner Yoder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blalock presented a recommendation to amend the Comprehensive Land Development Resolution for the Unincorporated Area of Peach County, Georgia to add Wedding Venues as a permitted use in the R-AG zoning classification. The Planning and Zoning Board has recommended that buildings housing events shall be a minimum 200 feet from any property line. The Board also recommended for main entrances to have an impervious surface at least 60 feet in width and 100 feet in length. Commissioner Lewis stated that 60 feet in width and 100 feet in length may be too excessive. After further discussion, the Board decided to re-advertise and hold an additional public hearing for the amended Wedding Venue Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:58 P.M.

Vice-Chairwoman Hill advised that she sent a letter to each Board member as well as the County Attorney and Administrator and only received responses from Commissioner Bryant and Chairman Moseley. The letter is in regards to a statement made by Commissioner Lewis in a prior meeting about the number of minorities on the Fort Valley Utility Commission Board. Commissioner Lewis stated that he intended to say the Fort Valley Utility Commission Board will be balanced or predominately African American once all members are seated and apologized for any misunderstanding.

Vice-Chairwoman Hill also advised that she has questions for Jeff Lipfert, County Attorney. An injunction was requested by Chairman Moseley on behalf of the Peach County Board of Commissioners in regards to the recent Fort Valley Utility Commission Board appointments enacted by House Bill 743. Vice-Chairwoman Hill asked Attorney Lipfert if an injunction is a legal matter and if all legal matters involving the County should come before the Board of Commissioners. Attorney Lipfert advised that he is aware of the request for an injunction but he is not aware who Chairman Moseley consulted with before requesting the injunction. Attorney Lipfert stated that he was asked to file a petition by Chairman Moseley for an injunction in order to enforce House Bill 743, which is Georgia Law. Chairman Moseley stated that the Board did not vote on an injunction, but the Board did vote to sit two (2) members on the Fort Valley Utility Commission. Chairman Moseley advised that in his opinion, he was carrying out what the Board previously voted on by requesting an injunction. Vice-Chairwoman Hill stated that Attorney Lipfert did not properly provide answers to the questions she asked. After further discussion, the Board advised that they will be sure to deliberate on legal matters as a governing body moving forward.

Commissioner Bryant advised that she spoke with Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EEMA Director, about his concerns with personnel and equipment. Chief Doles has advised that his firefighters are concerned that they have not been offered any additional compensation in comparison to other Public Safety Officers. Equipment is also getting worn out as the Fire Department continues to run engines that are more than 30 years old and are costing a tremendous amount every year to keep them running properly. Chief Doles also advised that his department has not had adequate funding to replace necessary hoses, nozzles and bunker gear. Chief Doles stated that all of the previously mentioned equipment is Protective Equipment used to keep his employees safe from harm while responding to and handling emergencies. Commissioner Bryant advised that she stands with Chief Doles and suggested looking into financing from ACCG.

Chairman Moseley stated that Chief Doles did not mention inadequate funding for the replacement of necessary supplies during the most recent Budget Session. Commissioner Lewis stated that the Board has helped Chief Doles with funding in the past due to unforeseen circumstances in the past year. Commissioner Lewis also advised that during the recent Budget Session, Chief Doles did not state that his department's compensation is inadequate. Commissioner Yoder stated that the Fire Department has done a fair amount of repairs in-house and he commends them for making an effort to do the mechanic work themselves. Chairman Moseley stated that the Board of Commissioners does its best to look after the Public Safety and Fire Departments as best as they can with the Budget allotted and they will continue to do so.

Commissioner Lewis advised that a traffic study is needed to evaluate the intersection of SR49 and Moseley Road as well as evaluating the two (2) school driveways and presented a proposal from Ingram & Associates Consulting Engineers, L.L.C. to conduct the traffic study and to make necessary improvements in the amount of \$8,000.00. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the proposal from Ingram & Associates Consulting Engineers, L.L.C. for a traffic study and to make necessary improvements in the amount of \$8,000.00 and for the Chairman to sign the corresponding contract. Commissioner Yoder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Michaela Jones, County Administrator, advised that she had contacted Ingram & Associates Consulting Engineers, L.L.C. to evaluate the storm drainage at SR42 and Union Church Road where storm water is backing up and running through yards (Hammock Road – Private Drive). Ms. Jones advised that the Board also needs to work with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to upgrade the drainage area. Ingram & Associates are able to provide the evaluation services at a total of \$2,500.00. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the proposal from Ingram & Associates Consulting Engineers, L.L.C. in the amount of \$2,500.00 and for the Chairman to sign the corresponding contract. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bryant moved to go into an Executive Session at 8:01 p.m. for Board Appointments and a Personnel Matter. Vice-Chairman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

--- EXECUTIVE SESSION ---

Commissioner Bryant moved to approve the request to approve the request from Alfonso Ford, EMS Director, to pay Firefighter's overtime for assisting with EMS calls due to shortage of employees.

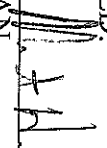
Commissioner Bryant moved to reappoint Ms. Rosio Lopez to the Planning & Zoning Board for an additional one (1) year term, expiring July 1, 2022.

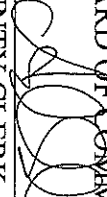
Commissioner Bryant moved to reappoint Mr. Dennis Herbert for an additional five (5) year term, expiring July 30, 2026.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this Regular Meeting on this date, Vice Chairwoman Hill moved to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

AUGUST 10, 2021

APPROVED: 
CHAIRMAN

PEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BY: 
COUNTY CLERK

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, July 13, 2021.

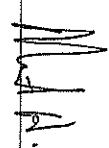
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

The Executive Session was called to order at ____ 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).
- (2) Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4)

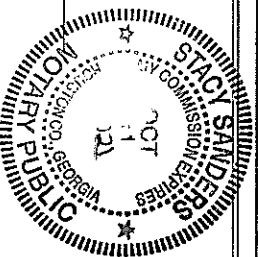
This 8th day of June 2021.


Martin H. Moseley, Jr., Chairman

Peach County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of August 2021.


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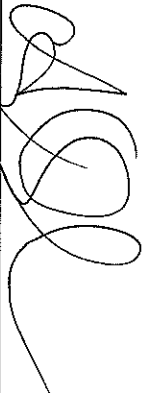
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MONTHLY WORK SESSION
Peach County Board of Commissioners
5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 3, 2021

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held their monthly Work Session at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 3, 2021, in Commission Chambers at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia. All Commissioners in were attendance except Chairman Moseley and Commissioner Lewis. Chairwoman Hill called the Work Session to order. The purpose of the work session was to discuss topics being considered for the regular monthly meeting to be held on August 10, 2021, as follows:

1. Betty Sims - Chairwoman - Peach County Board of Elections - Intergovernmental Agreement - Byron Municipal Election
2. Alfonso Ford - EMS Director - Budget Amendment - Ambulance Load System
3. Wayne Smith - Public Works Director
 - i. Proposed Gordian Stormwater Projects
 - ii. Contract Extension - Pittman Waller Roofing
 - iii. Walker Rhodes - Purchase of Mower Decks
4. Janet Smith - Assistant Finance Director
 - i. Resource Management Systems, Inc. Agreement
 - ii. Budget Amendment - Coroner
 - iii. Budget Amendment - District Attorney
 - iv. Budget Amendment - Magistrate Court
 - v. Request to Surplus Charter Bus
5. Michaela Jones - County Administrator
 - i. Peach County Development Authority - Intergovernmental Agreement
 - ii. T-SPLOST Resolution & Intergovernmental Agreement Revision Reapproval
 - iii. Bond Counsel - T-SPLOST
 - iv. Annexation - City of Warner Robins
 - v. FY2022 Budget
6. April H. Hodges - Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk
 - i. Proclamation - Minnie Booker Golden Eagle Award
 - ii. Department of Transportation – Application for Traffic Signal
7. Vice-Chairwoman Hill
 - i. Trash Pickup
 - ii. Proclamation – Charles W. Kemp
8. Setting Final Agenda for Regular Meeting, August 10, 2021

The Work Session adjourned at 6:31 p.m.


COUNTY CLERK _____ Date _____