

PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2022

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held its Regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 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 – December 6, 2022:

1. Request for Funding and Modification – Youth Athletic Programming: Damian Smith, Recreation Department Athletic Director, has requested funding and approval to modify the following procedures in Youth Athletic Programming:
 - Implement a Coaches Recruitment plan which includes new incentives. (Social media, flyer, etc.)
 - Implement a mandatory Pre-Season Coaches Training Clinic for all Head Coaches
 - Increase Registration Fees
 - Implement “WARNING CARD” project
 - Budget Adjustment transferring \$4,000.00 in account 6100.53.1102 (Training Supplies) from Contingency to cover expenses for Professional Instructor Fees, Lunch and Coaches Pull-Over Jersey for Mandatory Coaches Clinic as follows:

<u>Budget Amendment – Recreation – FY2023</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingency
\$ 4,000	
100.6100.53.1102	To: Training Supplies
\$ 4,000	

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the requested funding and approval to modify the listed procedures in Youth Athletic Programming and to approve the above stated Budget Amendment.

2. Request to Approve Resolution – Robins Air Force Sustainability Plan: Greg Boike with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC) has presented a Resolution for the Robins Air Force Base Sustainability Plan. The Plan represents a collaborative study the MGRC conducted in partnership with the Installation, local municipalities, state, and federal officials, 21st Century Partnership and residents to identify compatible land uses and growth management guidelines to support both continued military operations and community growth and economic development.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the Resolution for the Robins Air Force Base Sustainability Plan, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. *(A copy of said Resolution is attached to Page 465, Minutes Book N, for future reference.)*

3. Request to Accept Proposal – Triple Point Engineering: Triple Point Engineering has offered a proposal for civil engineering and site planning services for the future Peach County Animal Control Facility off Clint Howard Road in Peach County, Georgia. The Proposed Scope of Services include a topographic survey, level 3 soils survey, schematic design, and design development/construction drawing phases. The fee amount for these services is \$1,500.00 in schematics and \$8,500.00 in civil design.

ACTION REQUESTED: To accept the proposal from Triple Point Engineering for civil engineering and site planning services for the future Peach County Animal Control Facility in the amounts of \$1,500.00 in schematics and \$8,500.00 in civil design.

4. Alcohol License Renewals – Code Enforcement: Jimmy Russell, County Marshal, has advised that alcohol license renewal applications for 2023 have been submitted by the following stores:

STORE NAME	LOCATION	BEER RETAIL	BEER CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES	WINE RETAIL	WINE CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES
Highway Haven	14950 Highway 96 East, Fort Valley	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ -
Food Depot	2301 Highway 341, Fort Valley	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ -
L&E Farm Store	750 Lane Road, Fort Valley	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bobby's Food Mart	4009 Highway 41, Byron	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ -
Nick's Food Mart	2015 Highway 341, Fort Valley	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ -
Southern Orchard Properties	50 Lane Road, Fort Valley	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350

Marshal Russell has stated that all applications have been found acceptable for renewal and has recommended approval of the above listed stores, pending the receipt of payment.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated alcohol license renewal applications for 2023, pending receipt of payment, as recommended by Jimmy Russell, County Marshal.

- 5. Automatic Aid Agreement – City of Byron: Tim Bechtel presented an Automatic Aid Agreement between Peach County and the City of Byron, which was approved by Byron to aid with fire coverage in residential, commercial, recreational, and rural properties and wildland fires where the first response is provided by the Byron Fire Department. As part of this Agreement, both Peach and City of Byron will respond automatically with a staffed engine company to all reported fire by the Peach County E-911 Communications Center.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the Automatic Aid Agreement between Peach County and the City of Byron to aid with fire coverage in residential, commercial, recreational, and rural properties and wildland fires where the first response is provided by the Byron Fire Department.

- 6. FEMA Grant Application – Fire: Tim Bechtel is requesting that the Board approve sending a letter requesting the assistance of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in preparing a FEMA Fire Safety Education Grant application for 2023. The grant would require a 10% match from the County.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from Tim Bechtel to send a letter requesting assistance of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in preparing a FEMA Fire Safety Education Grant application for 2023, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

- 7. Request for Verification of Position Funding: Michaela Jones, County Administrator, advised that the 4-H Agent position through UGA Cooperative Extension requires verification of position funding through a salary commitment breakdown. Ms. Jones recommends the minimum amount of \$18,000 in direct cooperative pay.

ACTION REQUESTED: To accept the recommendation from Michaela Jones, County Administrator, to verify the minimum direct cooperative pay for the 4-H Agent position through UGA Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$18,000.

- 8. General Utility Easement – FVUC: Commissioner Yoder presented an Agreement between Peach County and the Fort Valley Utility Commission for a General Utility Easement. The Utility Easement is designated as permanent use for access and egress to install, expand, repair, replace and maintain sewer, electric, gas, telecommunication and other utility lines and related equipment.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the Agreement between Peach County and the Fort Valley Utility Commission for a General Utility Easement, pending attorney approval, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. *(A copy of said Agreement is attached to Page 462, Minutes Book N, for future reference.)*

- 9. ~~Budget Amendment – Volunteer Fire Call Pay: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for 2022 Volunteer Fire Call Pay:~~

100-1599-57-9000	From: Contingency	\$ 19,275
100-3500-53-3504	To: Fire-Call Travel	\$ 19,275
		\$ 19,275

~~ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for 2022 Volunteer Fire Call Pay, as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.~~

- 10. Request to Repair Backhoe – Public Works: Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director, advised that the department's CAT Backhoe has a blown engine and transmission. Mr. Cowart stated that he received a quote from Yancey for repairs to the Backhoe in the amount of \$57,909.63, excluding labor. John Deere has offered a \$15,000 trade incentive, resulting in a total cost of \$97,117.14 to purchase a new Backhoe. Mr. Cowart recommended accepting the trade incentive from John Deere.

ACTION REQUESTED: To accept the \$15,000 trade incentive with John Deere, and to approve the purchase of a new Backhoe in the amount of \$97,117.14.

- 11. Surplus Equipment – Skid Steer: Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director, advised that John Deere has offered to purchase four (4) surplus vehicles/equipment as a \$53,000 credit to obtain a new Skid Steer. Mr. Cowart stated that the total cost for the Skid Steer after the credit is \$2,686.45. The surplus vehicles/equipment are as follows:

- PW 305 Ford L8000 Tandem (1994) 1FDYV82E4RVA4872
- PW 303 Mack Tandem (46) RD6885 1M2P267C51M054752
- PW 403 CAT Wheel Loader IT38G (1998) CATT38GVJAN00394
- PW 481 Down to Earth Trailer (5/2011) 5MYDD2522BB035104

ACTION REQUESTED: To allow John Deere to purchase four (4) surplus vehicles/equipment as a \$53,000 credit in exchange for a new Skid Steer at \$2,686.45.

12. Request to Purchase Used Ambulance: Brian Donaldson, EMS Director, presented a quote from Global Emergency Vehicles for a used 2011 Ford E450 Type III Wheeled Coach in the amount of \$68,750.00. Mr. Donaldson advised that he recommends purchasing the vehicle in order to give each vehicle within the department equal wear, resulting in less maintenance in the long run.

ACTION REQUESTED: To accept the recommendation from Brian Donaldson, EMS Director, to purchase the used 2011 Ford E450 Type III Wheeled Coach in the amount of \$68,750.00.

13. Request for Funding – Battle of Byron: Austin Sinar, Chairman of the Battle of Byron Festival, stated that the festival is returning on May 6, 2023 after being inactive for eight (8) years. Mr. Sinar is reaching out to surrounding city and county governments to request funding if desired. Mr. Sinar advised that the City of Byron has pledged \$5,000.00 for the event.

ACTION REQUESTED: To make a one-time pledge of \$5,000.00 for the Battle of Byron Festival, taking place May 6th, 2023.

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of #9. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA:

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda with changes to #1 under Old Business. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – November 8, 2022 – Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

Chairman Moseley stated that recognition was being given to Mike Giles for his 40 years of conscientious and dedicated service to Peach County Emergency Medical Services & Rescue and to the citizens of, and visitors to, Peach County. The Board expressed their well wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement, filled with contentment and good health.

Vice-Chairwoman Hill advised that Fire Station #7 on Norwood Springs Road is coming together beautifully and citizens will see many benefits coming from their investment.

APPEARANCES:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, presented three (3) quotes for new recreation management software and advised that each company will charge an upfront fee along with an annual subscription fee:

- CivicRec:
 - Price for Program - \$7,463.00
 - Annual Renewal - \$4,725.00
 - Upload Fee - \$2,500.00
 - Total - \$14,688.00

- Xplor Recreation:
 - Price for Program - \$6,000.00
 - Annual Renewal - \$6,000.00
 - Card Reader/Hardware - \$1,750.00
 - Total - \$13,750.00

- Rec Desk:
 - Annual Subscription Fee - \$6,800.00
 - 1st Year Prorated through September 23rd - \$4,533.00

Mr. Parrish recommended accepting the quote from Rec Desk and stated that this software will be beneficial as it will assist with the integration of users with the Recreation department. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the recommendation from David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, for Rec Desk software with an annual subscription fee of \$6,800.00, pending review by the County Attorney. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director, advised that during FY22, a purchase was approved for a Side Boom Tractor. However, the purchase was not completed during FY22 and a balance of \$138,989.70 remains, which needs to be transferred from the FY22 to the FY23 Budget. Commissioner Bryant moved to accept the Budget Transfer of \$138,989.70 from FY22 to FY23. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, presented the following Budget Amendment for 2022 Volunteer Fire Call Pay:

	<u>Budget Amendment – Fire</u>
100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingencies
	\$ 29,400
100.3500.53.3501	To: Fire Call Travel Reimbursement
	\$ 29,400

Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the above stated Budget Amendment for 2022 Volunteer Fire Call Pay. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, advised that she needs to confirm a date for the 2023 Board of Commissioners Retreat. The Board verbally secured January 24th-January 27th, 2023 for the 2023 Retreat.

Commissioner Yoder stated that the description under the automobile insurance requirement for contractors and service providers for the County needs more clarification. After checking with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG), Commissioner Yoder recommends requiring \$1 million of coverage per occurrence.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:30 P.M.

Roscoe Miller, Interim Planning and Zoning Director, advised that Tillman Infrastructure has withdrawn their Rezoning Request.

Roscoe Miller, Interim Planning and Zoning Director, presented a Rezoning Request from Mr. Kalvinder Singh. The property is located at I3461 SR 96. Mr. Miller advised that Mr. Singh would like to rezone the 43.44-acre tract from R-AG to Highway Commercial to erect a travel center. 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. Ms. Shirley Stone advised that she lives directly across from Lakeview. Ms. Stone's concern is in regards to how Peach County will protect citizens in this area. This spot already has a major traffic issue. Other issues involve internet access, potholes, and a lack of assistance with keeping street signs up.

Mr. Julius James also spoke in opposition of the Rezoning Request. Mr. James advised that there are around 2-3 car accidents a week in the area. There have been several fatalities already. Mr. James also voiced concerns about noise pollution as a result of the tractor trailers utilizing the travel center.

Ms. Lois Boutwell stated that the proposed area near Housers Mill Road is already a death trap and that she shares the same concerns as Ms. Stone and Mr. James.

Ms. Erica James has concerns about traffic as well. Big trucks already have trouble making turns on the road and have knocked down stop signs several times.

Chairman Moseley asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the rezoning request. No one spoke in favor of the Rezoning Request.

After further discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board to rezone the property located at 13461 SR 96 from R-AG to Highway Commercial. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Bryant opposing.

Mr. Miller presented a Rezoning Request from the Mr. Ralph Davis. The property is a 25-acre tract located off Peggy Drive and SR 96. Mr. Miller advised that the Mr. Davis would like to rezone the tract from R-1 to R-3. The property was properly posted and advertised and received no notable responses opposing the Rezoning Request. The Planning and Zoning Board voted 3-1 to recommend denial of the rezoning request.

Chairman Moseley asked for anyone speaking in opposition. Mr. Donn Coil advised that his property borders a corner of the proposed rezoning. Mr. Coil stated that he has concerns about increased traffic as a result of more residents.

Mr. Tim Wilder expressed that he moved to the area for peace and quiet and does not wish to see those qualities go away. This is not the appropriate area for high density housing. Mr. Wilder presented the Board with a list of concerns and issues to consider when casting their votes.

Mr. Jimmy Yancey stated that he is in opposition of the Rezoning Request. Mr. Yancey also has safety concerns with traffic. There is an abundance of littering in the area as it is, and this type of rezoning would lower property values.

Ms. Susan Flounroy has lived in the area for over twenty (20) years and advised that it has always been a safe and quiet area. Ms. Flounroy also stated that there have been conflicting statements made at past rezoning meetings about what exactly is going to be placed on the property, which is a serious concern.

Ms. Carla Blanton also expressed her opposition to more traffic in the Peggy Drive area.

Mr. Phillip Buckner stated that he does not want an apartment complex in his backyard. There is evidence of more crime in apartment complexes and a definite increase will occur if this housing appeals to college students. Traffic will also always be an issue in the area.

Ms. Karen Kennedy advised that the public truly does not know what will be placed on the property and the level of masses flowing in and out.

Chairman Moseley asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the rezoning request. Mr. Ralph Davis spoke in favor of the request, advising that he is looking to build houses on the property. Mr. David wants to maximize the land to be able to put as many residences as possible, though he has no desire to build any low-income housing.

Ms. Keisha Cosby lives on Beverly Road and stated that there is a shortage of housing in the area and she would like to see this type of housing become more available to citizens.

After further discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board to deny the rezoning of the property located off Peggy Drive and SR 96 from R-1 to R-3. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:37 P.M.

Commissioner Yoder moved to change the automobile insurance requirement for contractors and service providers for the County to \$1 million of coverage. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Donaldson, EMS Director, advised that he has been appointed to the Region 5 EMS Council to fill Alfonso Ford's remaining term, expiring June 3, 2023. Commissioner Lewis moved to appoint Brian

Donaldson to Alfonso Ford's remaining term on the Region 5 EMS Council, expiring June 3, 2023. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Donaldson advised that the copier/printer/fax machine at Fire Station #6 is beyond repair and no longer supported by Xerox. Mr. Donaldson presented a quote for a 60-month lease at \$220 a month. The machine and lease can be upgraded at any point in time. A Budget Amendment will be needed to appropriate funding for the lease. Commissioner Yoder moved to accept the quote from Xerox for a 60-month lease at \$220 a month and to approve the corresponding Budget Amendment to appropriate funding. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Donaldson also presented a quote from First Class Emergency Dealers for a 2024 Ford E450 chassis with a Medix box on board in the amount of \$185,000.00. The vehicle will be out 14-18 months from the date of order. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the quote from First Class Emergency Dealers in the amount of \$185,000.00 and to approve a Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for the purchase. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis advised that there are four (4) roads eligible to be resurfaced: Barrow Lane, Borders Road, Peavy Road, and Hendricks Road. Quotes for engineering and resurfacing must be obtained to determine how many roads can be added to the existing list. Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to add the four (4) roads to the list for consideration. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to go into an Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. for two (2) Board Appointments. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

--- EXECUTIVE SESSION ---

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to terminate the executive Session at 8:13 p.m. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this Regular Meeting on this date, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

PEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____

CHAIRMAN
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF PEACH

COUNTY CLERK

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, December 13, 2022.

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

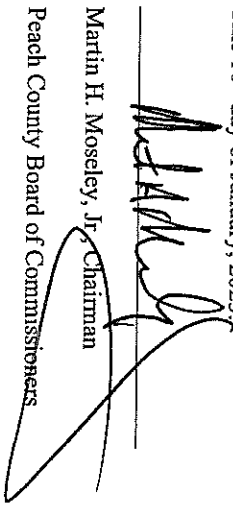
The Executive Session was called to order at 8:08 p.m.

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 10th day of January, 2023



Martin H. Moseley, Jr. Chairman

Peach County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of January 2023.

Notary Public

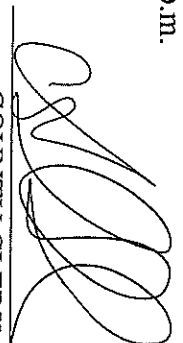
My Commission Expires _____

MONTHLY WORK SESSION
Peach County Board of Commissioners
5:00 p.m., January 3, 2023

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held their monthly Work Session at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in Commission Chambers at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia. All Commissioners were in attendance. Chairman Moseley 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 January 10, 2022, as follows:

1. Tim Bechtel – Fire
 - i. Updated Equipment List
 - ii. Budget Amendment – Fire Station #7
2. Bobby Cowart – Public Works Director
 - i. Request for Price Adjustment – Backhoe Purchase
 - ii. Request for Funding – BOC Landscaping and Previous Remodeling
 - iii. Request to Surplus Equipment
 - iv. Agreement Renewal – CMS Controls
 - v. Agreement Renewal – Icotech
3. Commissioner Bryant – Request to Waive Fees – Anna Lumpkin Auditorium Commissioner Yoder
4.
 - i. Animal Control – Discussion
 - ii. Animal Control – Permission to Request Quotes Excluding Building
 - iii. 341 South of Fort Valley Railroad Crossings
5. Janet Smith – Assistant Finance Director – Budget Amendment – Superior Court
6. Rental Agreement – Wing B – Old High School
7. Additional Items to be Placed on Regular Meeting Agenda
 - a. Public Hearings
 - i. Duke R. Groover – Rezoning Request
 - b. Appearances
 - i. Old Business
 - c. Old Business
 - i. New Business
 - d. New Business
 - i. Executive Session
 - e. Executive Session
 - i. Board Re-Appointments (4) – Planning and Zoning Board
 - ii. Personnel Matter #1
 - iii. Personnel Matter #2
8. Setting Final Agenda for Regular Meeting, January 10, 2023
9. Adjourn:

The Work Session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



COUNTY CLERK

1/13/23

Date