


**WORK SESSION**  
 Peach County Board of Commissioners  
 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, 2021  
 (Recorded for Informational Purposes Only)

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly work session at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, 2021, in Commission Chambers at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia, with all Commissioners in attendance. The purpose of the work session was to discuss topics being considered for the regular monthly meeting to be held on March 9, 2021, as follows:

1. Rushton & Company - FY2020 Audit Presentation
2. Daniel Garcia-Flores - Purchasing Manager
  - i. Authorization Request for Box Truck Surplus
  - ii. Convenience Statewide Contract - Gordian Services
3. Michaela Jones - County Administrator
  - i. Memorandum of Agreement - GIS Services
  - ii. Road Crew – Sheriff Department
4. Angela Tharpe - E911 Director - Request permission to accept donations for National Telecommunicator Week
5. April H. Hodges - Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk –
  - i. Budget Amendment - Employee Engagement
  - ii. #CleanPeach Initiative Presentation
6. Ms. Tisa Horton - Request for Funding - Peach Festival 2021
7. W.L. Brown - Tax Commissioner - Special Tax Sale
8. Judge Williford -Renovation of Judge Chambers and Conference Room
9. Michelle Williams - Human Resources Manager - Promotion and Pay Policy
10. Ms. Lakita Long - Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare - Community Initiatives
11. Janet Smith - Assistant Finance Director
  - a. Budget Amendments/Transfers:
    - i. Budget Amendment - Commissioner Lewis
    - ii. Budget Amendment - Elections
    - iii. Budget Amendment - Contingencies
12. Ms. Juanita Kirby – Concerned Citizen – Littering on Norwood Springs Road
13. Wayne Smith – Public Works Director – Generator Maintenance Renewal
14. Commissioner Yoder – Highway 49 Bypass/Knoxville Road R-Intersection
15. Additional Items to be Placed on Regular Meeting Agenda
  - a. Announcements/Updates:
    - i. April H. Hodges – Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk – Citizen Commendation
    - ii.
  - b. New Business
    - i. Wayne Smith - Public Works Director - Courthouse Repairs - To be moved to Regular Agenda
    - ii.
  - c. Executive Session
    - i. Board Appointment - Middle Georgia Regional Development Authority
    - ii. Board Appointment - Planning and Zoning Board
16. Setting Final Agenda for Regular Meeting, March 9, 2021

The work session adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

  
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 COUNTY CLERK

3/8/2021  
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PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 9, 2021

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held its Regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2021, in the Commissioners Meeting room located at 213 Persons Street Fort Valley, Georgia with all members in attendance except for Vice-Chairman Hill and Commissioner Bryant who attended via Go-to-Meetings video conference platform. Chairman Moseley called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and Commissioner Roy Lewis opened the meeting with prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA – March 9, 2021:

1. Request to Surplus Box Truck – Recycling Center: Daniel Garcia-Flores, Purchasing Manager, has requested that the 2004 F- Series Box Truck, VIN#1FDAF56P64EC59696, be declared surplus and advertised for sale.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from Daniel Garcia-Flores, Purchasing Manager, to have the 2004 F-Series Box Truck, VIN#1FDAF56P64EC59696, Fixed Asset #1356, declared surplus property and advertised for sale.

2. Memorandum of Agreement – Middle Georgia Regional Commission: Michaela Jones, County Administrator, presented a Memorandum of Agreement between the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC) and the Peach County Board of Commissioners wherein MGRC will be responsible for implementing a Geographical Information System (GIS) for Emergency 911 (E911), Planning and Zoning, Public Works (Stormwater), and the Tax Assessors Office, pending review from County Attorney, Jeff Liipfert.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC) and the Peach County Board of Commissioners presented by Michaela Jones, County Administrator, pending review from County Attorney, Jeff Liipfert. *(A copy of said Memorandum of Agreement is attached to Page 465, Minutes Book M, for future reference.)*

3. Permission to Accept Donations – National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – E911: Angela Tharpe, E911 Director, has requested permission to accept donations from vendors received for the purpose of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week which is celebrated April 11-17, 2021.

ACTION REQUESTED: To authorize Angela Tharpe, E911 Director, to accept donations from vendors for the purpose of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

4. Budget Amendment – Employee Engagement: April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk has requested the following Budget Amendment from Contingency to Food to cover the cost for seven (7) month training classes for all county departments in rotation.

Budget Amendment - Contingency- FY2021

100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingency	\$	1,000
100.1599.53.1300	To: Food	\$	1,000

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment from Contingency to Food to cover the cost for seven (7) month training classes for all county departments in rotation as requested by April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk.

5. Request to Purchase Park Security Cameras – Parks and Recreation: David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funds to purchase two (2) 8-Channel 4K Security System Cameras for North and South Peach Park for a total of \$835.

Budget Amendment - Contingency- FY2021

100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingency	\$	835
100.6100.53.1600	To: Small Equipment	\$	835

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment presented by David Parrish, Parks & Recreation Director to appropriate funding to purchase two (2) 8-Channel 4K Security Cameras for North and South Peach Park for a total of \$835.

6. Clean Peach Initiative: April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk has presented the following Budget Amendment to cover costs associated with the Clean Peach Community Engagement Initiative. If approved, these funds will be used the purchase of shirts, supplies, and other professional services.

Budget Amendment - Contingency - FY2021

100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingencies	\$	3,050
100.1599.52.1290	From: Other Professional Services	\$	400
		\$	3,450
100.1599.53.1716	To: Pub. Educ - Youth Commissioners	\$	3,450

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment presented by April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk to cover costs associated with the Clean Peach Community Engagement Initiative.

- 7. Request for Funding – Peach Festival 2021: Ms. Tisa Horton, Peach Festival Director, has requested the \$10,000 funding approved in the FY2021 Peach Festival Budget for the 2021 Peach Festival to be held in June. Prior to issuing this check to the Peach Festival, an agreement must be signed by the County and the Peach Festival to ensure that funding is used specifically for this project.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the 2021 Agreement with the Peach Festival and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, and to authorize the release of \$10,000 for the 2021 Peach Festival. (A copy of said Agreement is attached to Page 469, Minutes Book M, for future reference.)

- 8. Request for Special Tax Sale – Tax Commissioner: W.L. Brown, Tax Commissioner, has advised that he has several parcels that have had delinquent taxes for a number of years. Normally the opening bid at a tax sale is the total of the taxes, interest, penalties, and other costs due on the property. Some of the properties being offered have unsuccessfully been through at least one tax sale with no one paying the taxes. Mr. Brown has requested authorization to offer the parcels at a reduced amount if there are no bidders.

ACTION REQUESTED: To authorize W.L. Brown, Tax Commissioner, to offer certain properties for sale at a reduced minimum bid per parcel, pursuant to the listing of properties provided to the Board of Commissioners at the Work Session on March 2, 2021. (A copy of said Listing is attached to Page 464, Minutes Book M, for future reference.)

- 9. Budget Amendment – Commissioners’ Office: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has requested the following FY2021 Budget Amendment to realign appropriations made for Commissioner Lewis to pay his anticipated travel expenses to attend Middle Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Authority meetings in Montezuma, Georgia, as follows:

<u>Budget Transfer – Commissioners’ office - FY2021</u>			
100.1104.52.3700	From:	Education & Training	\$ 270
100.1104.52.3500	To:	Travel	\$ 270

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to realign appropriations made for Commissioner Lewis to pay his anticipated travel expenses to attend Middle Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Authority meetings in Montezuma, Georgia as requested by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

- 10. Budget Amendment – Elections: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has requested the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for the Elections Office due to the Runoff Election as follows:

<u>Budget Transfer - Elections- FY2021</u>			
5.1400.52.3700	From:	Training Education	\$ 5,500
5.1400.51.1200	To:	Temporary Employee	\$ 3,000
5.1400.53.1701	To:	Voter & Registration Supplies	\$ 2,500
			\$ 5,500

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for the Elections Office due to the Runoff Election as requested by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

- 11. Budget Amendment – Contingency: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has requested the following Budget Amendment to appropriate advertising for reappointment of Juvenile Court Judges and establish an account for COVID-19 Supplies as follows:

<u>Budget Transfer - Contingency - FY2021</u>			
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingency	\$ 2,544
100.2150.52.3300	To:	Advertising	\$ 144
100.1599.53.1780	To:	COVID-19 Supplies	\$ 2,500
			\$ 2,544

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate advertising for reappointment of Juvenile Court Judges and establish an account for COVID-19 Supplies as requested by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

- 12. Request to Assign Road Crew Employee: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Georgia Department of Corrections Probation crew is not available to provide trash pickup services to the county. To address this issue, Sheriff Terry Deese has requested an additional employee to be assigned as a Detention Officer. If approved, this person will be assigned inmates in order to form a county trash pickup crew. Contingent on the cooperation of the Courts.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve Sheriff Terry Deese’s request for an additional employee to be assigned as a Detention Officer over an inmate trash pickup crew due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the unavailability of the Georgia Department of Corrections Probation crew. Contingent on the cooperation of the Courts.

13. Citizen Concern – Ms. Juanita Kirby: Ms. Juanita Kirby has advised the Board of her concerns regarding littering on Norwood Springs Road. Ms. Kirby has requested signs enforcing fines for littering to be placed on Norwood Springs Road.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, to place signs on Norwood Springs Road enforcing fines for littering as requested by Ms. Juanita Kirby.

14. Request to Send Email to GDOT: Commissioner Yoder has requested to send an email to Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) regarding the Highway 49 Bypass/Norfolk Road R-Intersection, to address concerns with motorist cutting through the intersection to make a U-Turn.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from Commissioner Yoder to send an email to GDOT Highway 49 Bypass/Norfolk Road R-Intersection.

15. Renewal of Annual Generator Preventative Maintenance - Public Works: Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, has requested that the Board approve a renewal of the Annual Generator Preventative Maintenance and Load Bank Testing Agreement with Yancey Power Systems for a period of one (1) year. The agreement will provide needed service for the five fixed mission critical generators in Peach County. Yancey Power Systems has quoted \$13,111.55.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the recommendation from Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, to accept the quote of \$13,111.55 received from Yancey Power Systems to renew the Annual Generator Preventative Maintenance and Load Bank Testing Agreement for a period of one (1) year and to authorize the Chairman to sign the renewal agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. *(A copy of said Renewal Maintenance Agreement is attached to Page 463, Minutes Book M, for future reference.)*

16. Request to Open Two (2) New Bank Accounts: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has requested to open two (2) new bank accounts with Synovus for the 2021 SPLOST.

ACTION REQUESTED: To authorize the request to open two (2) new bank accounts for the 2021 SPLOST as requested by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director during the January 12, 2021 Work Session.

17. 2020 Defined Benefit Plan Contribution Invoice: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has requested approval of the ACCG 2020 Defined Benefit Plan Contribution Invoice. The Required Contribution presented is in the amount of \$89,299. The Recommended Contribution is \$731,686.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the ACCG 2020 Defined Benefit Plan Contribution Invoice as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director and to pay the budgeted amount of \$500,000.

18. Budget Amendment – Recreation: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has requested the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for the purchase of picnic tables for South Peach Park as discussed in the Regular Meeting held in November:

<u>Budget Amendment – Contingency - FY2021</u>			
326.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingencies	\$ 2,135
326.6100.54.2500	To:	Other Equipment	\$ 2,135

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### AGENDA:

Chairman Martin Moseley moved to add under New Business, Item #8 – Sheriff Terry Deese – Budget Amendment – Vehicle Markings. April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk requested to add under Announcements & Updates, Item #3 – Employee Fundraiser. Michaela Jones, County Administrator requested to remove #2 under New Business. Commissioner Bryant moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### MINUTES:

Public Hearing – February 8, 2021 – Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting – February 9, 2021 – Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Called Meeting – February 23, 2021 – Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Commissioner Bryant abstained due to her absence from the Called Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk advised the Board that she had received an email from Ms. Patti Williams, commending Deputy Matthew Goggin from the Peach County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Goggin assisted Ms. William's family in getting home to Kansas safely while traveling on I-75 North. The Board expressed their appreciation for Deputy Goggin's service and commended all Peach County employees for the hard work they do.

Michaela Jones, County Administrator, announced that the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is handling Georgia's Rental Assistance Program. The DCA has received \$552 million dollars and uses those funds to assist renters and landlords. Ms. Jones advised that information on the Georgia Rental Assistance Program can be found on Peach County's website.

April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk advised that a barbeque plate fundraiser for Employee Appreciation Day will be held on March 19, 2021. County employees are able to sell tickets for plates at \$10 per ticket until March 12, 2021.

## APPEARANCES:

Commissioner Yoder introduced Ms. Lakita Long from Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare. Ms. Long expressed her desire to become more involved in Peach County community affairs and stated that Middle Flint wants to be a vital resource to the County community. Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare offers non-intensive outpatient, community, telehealth, and residential services to the citizens of Peach County. Ms. Long introduced Ms. Karen Menefee to the Board. Ms. Menefee advised that she works with the Children and Adolescents Unit within Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare. These services provide mental health outreach to the children of Peach County and work to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Michelle Williams, Human Resources Manager, presented a proposal for a revised Promotion and Pay Policy for Peach County employees. The proposed Policy states that an employee will receive a minimum 10% pay increase for a promotion. All promotions will be justified by experience, longevity, certifications/education and will be notated by the department supervisor recommending the promotion. The department supervisor will submit the appropriate forms to Human Resources for review and the County Administrator will make the decision on the promotion request. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Promotion and Pay Policy as presented by Michelle Williams, Human Resources Manager. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Bryant opposing. The new policy should be placed in the minute book.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, advised the Board of plans to stabilize the Courthouse building with repairs to the roofing, window masonry, cupola, additions of gutters and downspouts, and updates to the judge's chambers and jury room. Chairman Moseley suggested updating restrooms in the building. Mr. Smith advised that he received an invoice from Warren Associates, Inc. to provide a proposal for services on the specifications and design of the improvements to the Courthouse Building.

After further discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the invoice from Warren Associates Inc. as presented and a Budget Amendment for \$11,500.00. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The previously mentioned amount is to be utilized for hiring a consultant firm to formulate a plan and bid package.

Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, presented a Notice of Award for FY 2022 Transit. The program begins July 2021 and continues through June 2022. It is the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) intent to award \$213,200.00 to the Peach County Board of Commissioners with a local match. Ms. Smith advised that GDOT expects to have the final contract completed before the end of March 2021.

Ms. Janet Smith also presented an Amendment to the Operator Agreement with Resource Management Systems (RMS). Ms. Smith stated that the Amendment to the Contract between the Peach County Board of Commissioners and Resource Management Systems is to ensure all operating cost are recovered due to

reductions in service as a result of COVID-19. Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the Amendment pending attorney review. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bryant advised that she has received a phone call from the Senior Citizen Center regarding speeding in the South Peach Park area. Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, advised that there are currently no speed limit signs in place in the aforementioned area. Chairman Moseley stated that he would reach out to Fort Valley Police Chief Lawrence Spurgeon in order to place speed limit signs in the area.

Commissioner Yoder has requested approval to send a semi-annual letter to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) regarding road conditions and also recommended compiling a list of road issues from citizens. Commissioner Lewis stated that he thinks the Board should reserve its letters for clear safety issues and legitimate concerns on an as-needed basis. Vice-Chairman Hill stated that she shares the same opinion as Commissioner Lewis and that the Board should reserve dialogue with GDOT for when an important issue arises pertaining to the safety of Peach County's citizens.

Commissioner Yoder also made a motion to send a letter to Georgia Southern Railway Company regarding abandoned railroad crossings along Highway 341 and shared photos of locations in Fort Valley that he is concerned with. The roads affected include Camp John Hope Road, Clopine Lake Road, Ira Hicks Boulevard, and Norwood Springs Road. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Michaela Jones, County Administrator, presented a Budget Amendment on behalf of Sheriff Terry Deese from Contingency to the Sheriff Department's Vehicle Account. Sheriff Deese is requesting an additional \$1,531 for new vehicles to receive their appropriate markings. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to go into an Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. for four (4) Board Appointments. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

--- EXECUTIVE SESSION ---

Commissioner Bryant moved to terminate Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to re-appoint Ellison Kendrick for an additional (2) two-year term to the Peach County Planning & Zoning Board. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

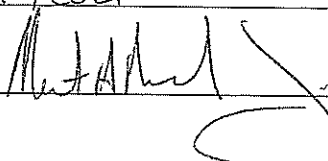
Commissioner Lewis moved to re-appoint Sandee Khoury for an additional (2) two-year term to the Peach County Planning & Zoning Board. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to re-appoint Wilburn R/ Hilton Jr. for an additional (1) one-year term to the Peach County Planning & Zoning Board. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bryant moved to appoint Talisha Moody to fill the vacant position previously held by David Cleveland on the Middle Georgia Regional Development Authority for a four (4) year term due to expire on February 28, 2025. Vice Chairman Hill seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this Regular Meeting on this date, Commissioner Bryant moved to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Vice-Chairman Hill seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

April 13, 2021  
 APPROVED: 

PEACH COUNTY  
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: 

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.

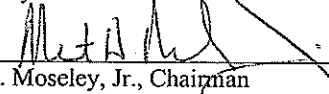
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

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.