

PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MAY 11, 2021

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held its Regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 11, 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 Commissioner Roy Lewis opened the meeting with prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA – May 4, 2021:

1. Health Insurance Coverage Quotes - MSI: John Leggett, Broker with MSI Benefits, has presented health insurance renewal options from Anthem and United Healthcare, as follows:

<u>MEDICAL RENEWAL</u>	
<u>Anthem Renewal</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Annual Net Increase of \$721,484.04 • 39.19% Rate Increase to County
<u>Anthem Option #1</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Annual Net Increase of \$312,838.68 • 16.99% Rate Increase to Employees
<u>United Healthcare</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Annual Net Increase of \$134,316.12 • 7.30% Rate Increase to County

<u>ANTHEM DENTAL RENEWAL</u>	
• Coverage is 100% Employee Paid	
• 0% Change to Employees	

<u>ANTHEM VISION RENEWAL</u>	
• Coverage is 100% Employee Paid	
• 0% Change to Employees	

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the 2021 renewals with Anthem for both Dental and Vision Coverage and to accept Option #1 for Plans A, B, & C for health insurance coverage with Anthem, representing a 16.99% rate increase totaling \$312,838.68. *(A copy of said 2021 Approved Insurance Renewal Options are attached to Page 450, Minutes Book M, for future reference.)*

2. Budget Amendment – Contingencies: W.L. Brown, Tax Commissioner, has requested the following Budget Amendment from Contingencies to Tax Collection Expense and Advertising to cover the costs of Tag Renewal Notices for the fiscal year. Additional funds in Advertising are needed to cover the cost for three (3) Tax Sales:

<u>Budget Amendment – Contingencies - FY2021</u>			
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingencies	\$ 6,450
100.1545.53.1703	To:	Tax Collection Expense	\$ 5,200
100.1545.52.3300	To:	Advertising	\$ 1,250

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment as presented by W.L. Brown, Tax Commissioner, to cover the costs of Tag Renewal Notices for the fiscal year and the costs of three (3) Tax Sales.

3. Budget Amendment – Tax Collection Expense: W.L. Brown, Tax Commissioner, has requested the following Budget Amendment from Education and Training to Tax Collection Expense to cover over expenditures:

<u>Budget Amendment - Contingency - FY2021</u>			
100.1545.52.3700	From:	Education & Training	\$ 925
100.1545.53.1703	To:	Tax Collection Expense	\$ 925

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment as presented by W.L. Brown, Tax Commissioner, to cover the cost of over expenditures.

4. Budget Amendment – Personal Property Audits: Brian Madison, Chief Appraiser, has requested the following Budget Amendment from Contingency to Other Professional Services to cover funds for Personal Property Audits due to staff shortage:

<u>Budget Amendment - Contingency - FY2021</u>			
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingencies	\$ 7,500
100.1550.52.1290	To:	Other Professional Services	\$ 7,500

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment as presented by Brian Madison, Chief Appraiser, to cover funds for Personal Property Audits due to staff shortage.

5. Budget Amendment – Utilities: Angela Tharpe, E911 Director, has requested the following Budget Amendment from Pest Control to Utilities to cover the cost of over expenditures:

Budget Amendment - Utilities - FY2021

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100.5.3800.52.3920	From: Pest Control	\$ 379
100.5.3800.53.1202	To: Utilities	\$ 379

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment as presented by Angela Tharpe, E0111 Director, to cover budget overages.

6. Quadrant Postage Funding – Enrollment with Agreement: Daniel Garcia-Flores, Purchasing Manager, has presented an Agreement with Quadrant Postage Funding to lease a Postage Meter as well as establish an account for funding the purchase of postage from the United States Postal Service (USPS) for use in the Postage Meter.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the contract as presented by Daniel Garcia-Flores, Purchasing Manager, for lease of a Postage Meter as well as establish an account for funding the purchase of postage from the United States Postal Service (USPS) for use in the Postage Meter. *(A copy of said Enrollment with Agreement is attached to Page 449, Minutes Book M, for future reference.)*

7. Resource Management Systems, Inc. – Substance Abuse Policy: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, presented the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy provided by Resource Management Systems, Inc. for agencies operating Transit Services.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the Resource Management Systems, Inc. Substance Abuse Policy for Transit Services as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director. *(A copy of said Substance Abuse Policy is attached to Page 448, Minutes Book M, for future reference.)*

8. Budget Amendment – 21st Century Partnership: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has advised that she is in receipt of the invoice representing Peach County's financial commitment to the 21st Century Middle GA Economic Partnership. Ms. Smith has requested the following Budget Amendment to appropriate the additional funds needed to pay the invoice:

<u>Budget Amendment - Economic Development – FY2021</u>			
100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingency	\$ 131	
100.7510.57.2003	To: Middle GA Economic Partnership	\$ 131	

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to increase the appropriation to pay the County's financial commitment to the 21st Century Middle GA Economic Partnership as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

9. Budget Amendment – Motor Vehicle Maintenance: Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, has requested the following Budget Amendment from Contingency to Motor Vehicle Maintenance to cover costs for necessary engine work:

<u>Budget Transfer – MV Maintenance - FY2021</u>			
100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingency	\$ 15,000	
100.3500.52.1320	To: MV Maintenance Supp.	\$ 15,000	

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment from Contingency to Motor Vehicle Maintenance to cover costs for necessary engine repairs as presented by Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director.

10. Annual Maintenance and Testing – Cana Communications: Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, has presented a proposal for service in the amount of \$2,985.00 from Cana Communications. The contract is to provide maintenance and testing on the fire alarm system at the Peach County Courthouse:

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the proposal for service from Cana Communications for the amount of \$2,985.00, and to allow the Chairman to sign the contract on behalf of the Board. *(A copy of said Contract is attached to Page 447, Minutes Book M, for future reference.)*

11. Restoration America – Parcel Filing: Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, has presented an estimate in the amount of \$1000.00, from Martin A. Wilson, Attorney at Law, for file research to draft a necessary deed for parcel filing and coordinate with Restoration America in executing and recording said deed.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the estimate for research and execution of parcel filing from Martin A. Wilson, Attorney at Law, as presented by Wayne Smith, Public Works Director.

12. Quote Acceptance – New Fence – South Peach Park: David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, has presented a quote from Lock Out Fence, LLC, for the installation of a new fence at the new playground at South Peach Park in the amount of \$3,500.00.

ACTION REQUESTED: To accept the recommendation made by David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, and approve the quote provided by Lock Out Fence, LLC, to install a fence at the new playground at South Peach Park at a cost of \$3,500.00.

13. Quote Acceptance – New Entrance Sign – South Peach Park: David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, has presented a quote from Creative Signs & Designs, Inc. for the installation of a new entrance sign at South Peach Park in the amount of \$2,340.00.

ACTION REQUESTED: To accept the recommendation made by David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, and approve the quote provided by Creative Signs & Designs, Inc. to install a new entrance sign at South Peach Park at a cost of \$2,340.00.

14. Budget Amendment – Building: Michaela Jones, County Administrator, has requested the following Budget Amendment from Contingency to Other Professional Services to cover the cost of replacing the roof at the old Health Department building:

<u>Budget Amendment – Building – FY 2021</u>			
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingency	<u>\$ 141,776</u>
100.1565.54.1300	To:	Buildings	<u>\$ 141,776</u>

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment for the replacement of the roof at the old Health Department building as requested by Michaela Jones, County Administrator.

15. SAVE Program Renewal – USCIS Anticipated Collections from Non-Federal Sources Addendum: The State of Georgia is requiring all cities and counties in Georgia to participate in the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program, which is an intergovernmental information-sharing initiative designed to assist federal and state government agencies and non-government agencies, such as licensing bureaus, in determining an individual's immigration status. The information provided by SAVE will ensure that only entitled applicants will be granted the public benefits that they have applied for. As part of the annual renewal, Peach County must complete the mandatory Memorandum of Agreement.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the SAVE Program Renewal and to authorize the Chairman to sign the document on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. *(A copy of said Memorandum of Agreement is attached to Page 446, Minutes Book M, for future reference.)*

16. Request to Purchase Cell Phone for Accountability Court: Commissioner Yoder has advised that Ms. Jennifer Orenstein, Accountability Court Director, has requested that the Board provide a cell phone for Tameka Scott, Accountability Court Coordinator. Mr. Yoder stated that Ms. Scott assisting with the inmates in the Peach County Jail, Middle Georgia Flint Behavioral Healthcare and our court system she will need the ability to be mobile.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from Jennifer Orenstein, Accountability Court Director, to provide a cell phone for Tameka Scott, Accountability Court Coordinator, and to amend the 2021 Approved Wireless Communications Listing.

Vice-Chairman Betty C. Hill moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA:

Vice-Chairman Hill moved to approve the agenda with changes: #4 added to Approval of Minutes; #1 under Announcements and Updates rescheduled for June; #4 added to Announcements and Updates; #1, #2, #3 added to New Business; Personnel Matter #2 added to Executive Session. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – April 13, 2021 – Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Vice-Chairman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – April 19, 2021 – Vice-Chairman Hill moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Called Meeting – April 27, 2021 – Vice-Chairman Hill moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

Chairman Moseley advised the Board that Ms. Bertha Ashley would be absent from the meeting, but she will be included on next month's Agenda. Dr. Curtis E. Waites attended the meeting via Go-to-Meeting

video conference platform. Chairman Moseley stated that Dr. Waites is a close friend and wonderful dentist who has served on the Peach County Board of Health for 21 years and expressed his well wishes for him and his family as he retires from Peach County. The Board presented Dr. Waites with a plaque expressing their appreciation for his service to the County. Dr. Waites stated that it was an honor to serve the citizens of Peach County and expressed his appreciation for the recognition.

Commissioner Yoder advised the Board that the Peach County Convenience Center is preparing for its grand opening. The Convenience Center is beneficial for the County because of its designated bins for yard waste, tires, appliances, and other approved items. Commissioner Yoder expressed his appreciation for everyone's patience during this process. Guidelines for the Convenience Center will be posted onsite as well as on the official Peach County website.

Chairman Moseley announced the implementation of House Bill 743. This Bill serves as a guideline for the Fort Valley Utility Commission's Board members. The Board will give the siting Commissioners two (2) appointees, one (1) appointee from Crawford County, and the city of Fort Valley will have four (4) elected posts. House Bill 743 gives the unincorporated parts of the County that are served by the Fort Valley Utility Commission an avenue of representation. The Mayor of Fort Valley will also continue to serve on the Board as an ex officio member and shall only vote in the event of a tie.

APPEARANCES:

Commissioner Yoder introduced the Board to Ms. Jennifer Orenstein, Director for Accountability Courts for the Macon Judicial Circuit. Ms. Orenstein provided an update on the development of the Accountability Court in Peach County. The Accountability Court revolves around professionalism, commitment, accountability, and compassion. Ms. Orenstein advised that it is the Court's mission to serve the citizens of Peach and Crawford Counties. The process of the Court begins with referral, interviews and assessments with Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare, a team vote, and ends with entry into the Court.

Ms. Orenstein introduced the Board to Ms. Tamakio Scott, the new Director for the Peach and Crawford Counties Accountability Court. Ms. Scott is a resident of Peach County and has a background in criminal justice and psychology. Ms. Scott worked in misdemeanor probation in Peach County for nine (9) years and is excited to return to the community and keep the jail rates down.

Commissioner Yoder also recognized Ms. Katie V. Kendrick from Region 6 of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Healthcare and Ms. Lakita Long from Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare. Commissioner Yoder stated that these programs help citizens get successfully integrated back into the community and no one is excluded from their services.

Chairman Moseley introduced the Board to Ms. Jonnell Carol Minefee from Solar Tyme USA, LLC. Ms. Minefee presented a PowerPoint on types of potential financing for municipal solar projects. Financing options can include SPLOST, GEFA Solar Financing, Solar Loans, and Power Purchase Agreements (PPA). Ms. Minefee also presented several different ways to make solar energy more marketable to local communities for municipal uses. The Board expressed their appreciation of the information from Ms. Minefee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vice-Chairman Hill advised that she wanted to recognize the Fort Valley Chapter of The Links, Incorporation for their mental health advocacy. Chairman Moseley presented a proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Month in Peach County. The Fort Valley Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has brought to the Peach County Community, programs that bring awareness to increase Mental Health Literacy such as: Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR), a program that offers hope through positive action.

Commissioner Lewis presented a Change Order for engineering services for the drainage ditch project on Crestview Church Road. This Change Order is in the amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Change Order as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Michaela Jones, County Administrator, presented a Resolution for Annexation for the City of Byron. This Annexation is for a portion of property already under city ownership. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Resolution for Annexation for the City of Byron as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Michaela Jones also presented a Resolution for Annexation from the City of Warner Robins. This Annexation is contiguous to the City of Warner Robins. This property was previously zoned for commercial usage. Vice-Chairman Hill moved to approve the Resolution for Annexation for the City of Warner Robins as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis advised that the County has been approached about selling a parcel on Norwood Springs Road and to do so, the property must be declared surplus. This parcel was previously considered for the location of the new fire station. Commissioner Lewis moved to declare the parcel on Norwood Springs Road as surplus property. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to go into an Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss (1) Personnel matter, one (1) Board Appointment, and one (1) Property Acquisition. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

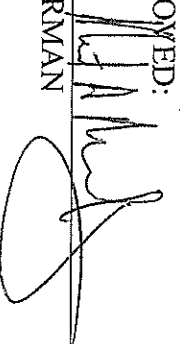
--- EXECUTIVE SESSION ---


Commissioner Yoder moved to terminate the Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bryant moved to reappoint William Gresham to the Joint Development Authority of Peach County and the City of Warner Robins for an additional two (2) years with the new term expiring April 30, 2023.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this Regular Meeting on this date, Vice Chairwoman Hill moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

June 9, 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, May 11, 2021.

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

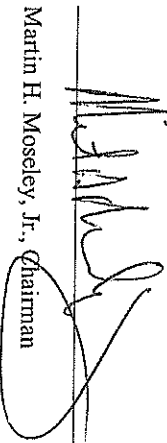
The Executive Session was called to order at 7:26 p.m.

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 ____ day of June 2021.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires _____

CALLED MEETING
Peach County Board of Commissioners
8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2021

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 25, 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 Courthouse Renovations. Chairman Moseley called the meeting to order.


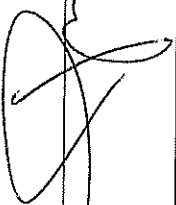
Chairman Moseley presented a cost breakdown for renovations to the Courthouse from Warren Associates, Inc. and advised that the company specializes in historical preservation. The cost breakdown covers exterior and interior renovations as well as an addition to the Courthouse. The renovation to the exterior portion of the Courthouse involves stabilizing the building envelope, renovating the cupola, addition of gutters and downspouts, and construction of an entry vestibule for security checks at the Courthouse at a total of \$530,500.00.


The addition to the Courthouse includes elements of demolition, site construction, concrete, metals, thermal and moisture protection, doors and windows, finishes, and electrical for a total of \$139,000.00. Chairman Moseley also advised that interior renovations include demolition, concrete, masonry, wood and plastics, doors and windows, finishes, furnishings, mechanical and electrical work for a total of \$228,500.00.

Commissioner Lewis moved to proceed with the Courthouse Renovations with the use of SPLOST funding in the amount of \$928,000. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this Called Meeting on this date, Vice-Chairman Hill moved to adjourn at 8:48 a.m. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

June 9, 2021
APPROVED: 
CHAIRMAN 

PEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BY: 
COUNTY CLERK