

PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 8, 2021

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held its Regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 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 – June 1, 2021:

1. Request for Surplus and Donation of Equipment – Centerville Fire Department: Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, advised that Chief Jason Jones, Centerville Fire Department, has requested that the 1997 Chevrolet K-3500 truck, VIN #1GCHK33FXVF026088, be declared surplus and donated to the Centerville Fire Department to be used as a brush truck. Mr. Doles has recommended that the vehicle be declared surplus and donated to the Centerville Fire Department as requested.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the recommendation from Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, to surplus and donate the 1997 Chevrolet K-3500 truck, VIN #1GCHK33FXVF026088 to the Centerville Fire Department.

2. Inmate Work Detail - Contract Renewal: Peach County is currently under contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections, McEver Detention Center, in Perry, Georgia, to receive the assistance of an inmate work crew that provides assistance for roadside cleanup and drainage ditch and stormwater maintenance. The contract is scheduled to expire June 30, 2021. Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, has recommended that the contract be extended for an additional year through June 30, 2022. There is no increase in price or change in terms or conditions from the previous contract.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the renewal of the contract for the inmate work crew out of the McEver Detention Center in Perry, Georgia, for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at the same price, terms, and conditions as the previous contract expiring June 30, 2021. *(A copy of said Contract Renewal is attached to Page 441, Minutes Book M, for future reference.)*

3. Icotech, Inc. – Camera System Upgrade – Public Works: Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, has presented a quote from Icootech, Inc. in the amount of \$19,718.00/year for three (3) years to provide a camera system that will monitor and control the following systems at the Peach County Law Enforcement Center:

- Existing Analog Cameras (56)
- New Analog Cameras (14)

Mr. Smith has recommended that the quote from Icootech, Inc. as well as the following Budget Amendment be approved to fund the Camera System Upgrade:

<u>Budget Amendment – Buildings – FY2021</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingency
100.1599.54.2300	To: Small Equipment
	\$ 19,718
	\$ 19,718

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the quote from Icootech, Inc. in the amount of \$19,718.00/year for three (3) years to provide a camera system that will monitor and control the above stated systems at the Peach County Law Enforcement Center and to approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for this upgrade.

4. Preventative Maintenance Agreement – Trane Chiller – LEC: Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, presented a Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Trane for the chiller at the Peach County Law Enforcement Center. This Maintenance Agreement includes parts and labor coverage for HVAC equipment repairs under the umbrella of an annual planned maintenance contract in the amount of \$13,395.12. Mr. Smith has recommended that the Agreement be approved. If approved, Mr. Smith has also requested that the following Budget Amendment be approved to fund the Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Trane:

<u>Budget Amendment – Buildings – FY2021</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingency
100.1565.54.1301	To: Buildings – HVAC
	\$ 9,942
	\$ 9,942

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Trane in the amount of \$13,395.12 for the chiller at the Peach County Law Enforcement Center and to approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for this Agreement.

5. Request to Open a New Bank Account for American Rescue Plan Act - Finance: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has requested to open a bank account with Synovus for the American Rescue Plan Act that will only contain American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

ACTION REQUESTED: To authorize Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, to open a bank account with Synovus for the American Rescue Plan Act that will only contain American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

6. Budget Transfer – Superior Court – Current and Anticipated Expenses: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has presented the following Budget Transfer to appropriate additional funding to cover current and anticipated expenses:

<u>Budget Transfer – Superior Court - FY2021</u>		
100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingency	<u>\$ 20,975</u>
100.2150.52.3500	To: Travel	\$ 2,545
100.2150.52.1240	To: Interpretation Serv.	\$ 185
100.2150.52.1225	To: Court Reporting	\$ 18,245
		<u>\$ 20,975</u>

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Transfer to appropriate additional funding to cover current and anticipated expenses in the Superior Court, as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

7. Budget Amendment – Recreation – New Grill: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to purchase a new grill for Recreation as discussed and approved by the Board during Budget Hearing:

<u>Budget Amendment – Recreation – New Grill – FY2021</u>		
100.6100.52.2210	From: Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$ 400
100.6100.53.1600	To: Small Equipment	<u>\$ 400</u>

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to purchase a new grill for Recreation as discussed and approved by the Board during Budget Hearing as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

8. Budget Amendment – Insurance Overages: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to cover insurance overages:

<u>Budget Amendment – Contingencies – FY2021</u>		
100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingency	\$ 38,325
100.1555.52.3100	To: Insurance – Other than Emp. Benefits	<u>\$ 38,325</u>

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to cover insurance overages as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

9. State Properties – Renewal of Lease: Michaela Jones, County Administrator, has presented a Lease Agreement between the Peach County Board of Commissioners and the Technical College System of Georgia for 11,000 rentable square feet of office space located at 425 James E. Khoury Boulevard, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030 which expires June 30, 2021. It is the tenant's desire to extend the term for additional periods of one (1) year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 under the same terms, conditions, covenants, agreements, and provisions and stipulations of the Agreement and at the annual rental rate of \$10.00.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the Lease Agreement between the Peach County Board of Commissioners and the Technical College System of Georgia for 11,000 rentable square feet of office space at the annual rental rate of \$1.00 as presented by Michaela Jones, County Administrator.

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

AGENDA:

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda with changes: #3 added to New Business; as well as #4, #5 and #6 added to Executive Session. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – May 11, 2021 – Vice-Chairman Hill moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Called Meeting – May 25, 2021 – Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the minutes as presented. Vice-Chairman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, recognized Alyssa Lunsford, Peach County Youth Commission Chairman, for her achievement in graduating from Peach County High School. Ms. Hodges advised that Ms. Lunsford has served on the Youth Commission for three (3) years and expressed her appreciation for Ms. Lunsford's dedication to being a great student, person, and active citizen. Chairman Moseley presented Ms. Lunsford with a \$500 scholarship on behalf of the Peach County Board of Commissioners and expressed his appreciation for her hard work and dedication to local government. Ms. Lunsford advised that she will be attending Central Georgia Technical College in the fall and is planning on double-majoring in sport/fitness management and education. After her first two (2) years at Central Georgia Technical College, Ms. Lunsford will be continuing her education at Toccoa Falls College with a minor in physical education and coaching.

Chairman Moseley also wanted to recognize Wayne Smith, Public Works Director; Bobby Cowart, Road Superintendent; Marcal Knolton, Building Superintendent; and their crews for all of their help during the setup of the 2021 Peach Festival. Chairman Moseley also recognized Rich Bennett, IT Director, for his part in making the World's Largest Peach Cobbler for the festival.

Chairman Moseley presented a Proclamation for Juneteenth in Peach County designating that June 19, 2021 will be a day of celebration in Peach County recognizing the ending of slavery through the Emancipation Proclamation. The Juneteenth celebration is to be recognized at 2 p.m. on June 19th. Chairman Moseley expressed his respect for the contributions made by African American citizens in Peach County. Commissioner Bryant moved to recognize the Juneteenth celebration in Peach County as well as present said Proclamation to the Peach Concerned Citizens, Incorporated, headed by Ms. Katie V. Kendrick. Vice-Chairman Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Katie V. Kendrick thanked everyone who made the Proclamation possible. The process has been a learning experience for Ms. Kendrick and has offered new opportunities to learn more about her family as well as her fellow citizens in Peach County. Ms. Kendrick stated that it was a pleasure to have the Proclamation created and that the only way we can continue to move forward is by uniting.

APPEARANCES:

Chairman Moseley recognized Ms. Bertha Ashley for her retirement as Nurse Manager at the Peach County Health Department. Ms. Ashley has served Peach County for 35 years and the Board wished her a long, healthy, and happy retirement. Ms. Ashley stated that working for Peach County was like coming home to family and it has been a joy and a pleasure to serve her fellow citizens. Chairman Moseley thanked Ms. Ashley for her service to the citizens of Peach County and wished her the best of luck.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Moseley presented a Resolution for the Broadband Joint Comprehensive Plan for Peach County and the cities of Byron and Fort Valley. Commissioner Yoder expressed his appreciation for the stakeholders who have helped throughout the process of establishing Peach County, Byron and Fort Valley as Broadband-Ready communities. These stakeholders have given information on areas of the County that are lacking Broadband. This Broadband Joint Comprehensive Plan has helped with streamlining the process for internet providers to implement access in rural areas of the County. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Resolution adding Broadband-Readiness to the County's Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Moseley also presented a TSPLOST Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement Draft. Michaela Jones, County Administrator, advised that she made the changes as previously discussed in the Work Session to the Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement. Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement Draft as presented. Vice-Chairman Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, presented a Budget Amendment for Magistrate Court to move \$1,394.00 in funds from education & training. \$1,194.00 of these funds go to Books & Periodicals

and \$200.00 go to Contracts – Copier/Printer/Fax/Shredder. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith also presented a Budget Amendment for the Byron Library for purchasing shelving, as previously approved at the Budget Hearing. An additional \$4,577.00 will be transferred from Contingency to Other Equipment. Commissioner Bryant moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Vice-Chairman Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith also presented a Budget Amendment for the new fence and new sign at South Peach Park as requested by David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, during the May Work Session. \$5,840.00 will be moved from Contingency to Site Improvements. Vice-Chairman Hill moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:30 P.M.

Rickey Blalock, Planning and Zoning Director, presented a request from Swift Creek Ventures on behalf of Mr. Kenneth Childers to rezone 2.25 acres of property on Highway 341 South from R-AG to R-1. The property is under conservation use and Mr. Childers desires to sell the house on the property at the minimum lot size of 5 acres. However, Mr. Childers cannot sell more than 2.25 acres without facing a penalty as a result of the land conservation use. 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. Kenneth Childers advised that the house on the property is 101 years old as of this year and it will be in much better hands with an owner rather than a tenant.

Ms. Lashawna Hunt advised the Board that she is in favor of the rezoning because she is looking to purchase the home.

Commissioner Bryant moved to accept the recommendation from Planning & Zoning and rezone the property on Highway 341 South from R-AG to R-1 as presented. Vice-Chairman Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blalock presented a request from Mr. Gerard Latimore and Mr. Telvin Zanders to rezone their tracts of heir property on Holt Road to R-3 which are 6.12 acres and 5.33 acres, respectively. Mr. Latimore and Mr. Zanders feel that it would be a better use of the land to be rezoned 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 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. Gerard Latimore advised that the current zoning of the property will not fit the purpose of the family's future endeavors.

Mr. Cicero Latimore stated that he is one of the heirs of M.V. Latimore. Mr. Cicero Latimore also advised that the family is trying to use the property in order to benefit the Latimore family as well as Peach County.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he did not see any water or sewer access to support R-3 zoning. Mr. Gerard Latimore stated that the family is hoping to tap into a neighboring road byway of an easement or seeing what other options are available.

Commissioner Lewis also advised that the surrounding areas are single-family residential zonings and R-3 may be a detriment to those neighborhoods in the area and that he would like to see the Latimore family come back before the Board with more concrete plans for the use of the property.

Vice-Chairman Hill moved to accept the recommendation from Planning & Zoning and rezone the 6.12 acres on Holt Road from R-1 to R-3 as requested by Mr. Gerard Latimore. Commissioner Bryant seconded, and the motion carried four in favor. Commissioner Lewis opposed.

Commissioner Bryant moved to accept the recommendation from Planning & Zoning and rezone the 5.33 acres on Holt Road from R-1 to R-3 as requested by Mr. Telvin Zanders. Vice-Chairman Hill seconded, and the motion carried four in favor. Commissioner Lewis opposed.

Mr. Blalock also presented a proposed Junk Car Ordinance for the Board's consideration. Mr. Blalock advised that the ordinance states, "it shall be unlawful for any person to keep, except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from public view, on any property unless properly zoned or permitted; any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, recreational vehicle, camper, boat or all-terrain vehicle which is inoperable, or which has no current licensed tag." Mr. Blalock advised that he has received numerous calls about junk cars, which is the reasoning for the ordinance. The owner will have 30 days to move the junk vehicle off the premises or otherwise shield it from public view.

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 ordinance.

Planning and Zoning will go forward with advertising and the Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:15 P.M.

Commissioner Bryant moved to go into an Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. for Board Appointments and Personnel Matters. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

--- EXECUTIVE SESSION ---

Vice Chairman Hill moved to terminate Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bryant moved to appoint Mr. Joel Thames to the Fort Valley Utility Commission for a four (4) year term. Vice Chairman Hill seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-3 with Chairman Moseley, Commissioner Lewis and Commissioner Yoder opposing.

Vice Chairman Hill moved to appoint Mr. Ellison Kendrick to the Fort Valley Utility Commission for a four (4) year term. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-3 with Chairman Moseley, Commissioner Lewis and Commissioner Yoder opposing.

Commissioner Lewis moved to appoint Mr. Daryl West to the Fort Valley Utility Commission for a four (4) year term due to expire on June 30, 2025. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Vice Chairman Hill and Commissioner Bryant opposing.

Commissioner Lewis moved to appoint Mr. Ned Watson to the Fort Valley Utility Commission for a four (4) year term due to expire on June 30, 2025. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Vice Chairman Hill and Commissioner Bryant opposing.

Commissioner Lewis moved to re-appoint Ms. Brenda Gilstrap to the Peach Public Library Board for an additional four (4) year term expiring June 30, 2025. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to re-appoint Ms. Joy Smith Bassett to the Peach Public Library Board for an additional four (4) year term expiring June 30, 2025. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


Commissioner Bryant moved to re-appoint Ms. Kattie V. Kendrick to the Region 6 Mental Health and Disability Board to serve an additional three (3) year term expiring February 28, 2024.

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

Meeting adjourned.

July 13, 2021

APPROVED:



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, June 08, 2021.

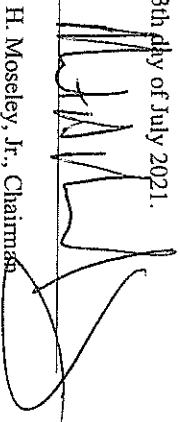
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

The Executive Session was called to order at 8:10 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 13th day of July 2021.


Martin H. Moseley, Jr., Chairman

Peach County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of July 2021.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

FY2022 BUDGET WORK SESSION
Peach County Board of Commissioners
5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2021

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held a budget work session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 9, 2021, in Commission Chambers at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia, with all Commissioners in attendance except Commissioner Bryant. The purpose of the work session was to consider the proposed FY2022 Budget requests submitted by the various departments and agencies of Peach County. The budget work session adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

