

PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held its Regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 14, 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 Vice-Chairwoman Hill opened the meeting with prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA – September 7, 2021:

- Budget Amendment –Tax Commissioner: W.L. Brown, Tax Commissioner, has presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funds needed to pay current tax sale advertising notices, office supplies, and tag renewal notice invoices:

<u>Budget Amendment – Tax Commissioner– FY2021</u>	
<u>From:</u>	
100.1545.52.2325	Contracts – Copier
100.1545.52.3202	Comm – Website
100.1599.57.9000	Contingency
	<u>\$ 3,364</u>
	<u>\$ 5,400</u>
<u>To:</u>	
100.1545.52.3300	Advertising
100.1545.53.1101	Office Supplies
100.1545.53.1703	Tax Collection Supplies
	<u>\$ 2,800</u>
	<u>\$ 600</u>
	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
	<u>\$ 5,400</u>

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for current tax sale advertising notices, office supplies, and tag renewal notices, as presented by W.L. Brown, Tax Commissioner.

- Budget Amendment –Tax Assessor: Brian Madison, Chief Assessor, has presented the following Budget Amendment to cover costs of motor vehicle maintenance:

<u>Budget Amendment – Tax Assessor– FY2021</u>	
<u>From:</u>	
100.1550.51.1100	Regular Employees
100.1550.52.1320	MV Maintenance
	<u>\$ 300</u>
<u>To:</u>	
	<u>\$ 300</u>

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for motor vehicle maintenance, as presented by Brian Madison, Chief Assessor.

- Budget Amendment – Emergency Medical Services: Alfonso Ford, EMS Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to cover operation expenses due to increased call volume as a result of COVID-19 transports:

<u>Budget Amendment – EMS– FY2021</u>	
<u>From:</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	Contingency
100.3600.51.1300	Overtime
100.3600.53.1270	Energy-Diesel/Gasoline
100.3600.53.1240	Bottled Gas
	<u>\$ 19,333</u>
	<u>\$ 12,250</u>
	<u>\$ 4,750</u>
	<u>\$ 2,333</u>
	<u>\$ 19,333</u>

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to cover operation expenses due to increased call volume as a result of COVID-19 transports, as presented by Alfonso Ford, EMS Director.

- Budget Amendment – Ambulance Service: Alfonso Ford, EMS Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to cover medical expenses due to increased call volume related to oxygen administration supplies and IV fluid administration:

<u>Budget Amendment – EMS– FY2021</u>	
<u>From:</u>	
100.3600.52.2200	Repair & Maintenance
100.3600.52.3700	Education & Training
	<u>\$ 1,300</u>
	<u>\$ 1,700</u>
	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
<u>To:</u>	
100.3600.53.1718	Medical Supplies
	<u>\$ 3,000</u>

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for medical expenses due to increased call volume related to oxygen administration supplies and IV fluid administration, as presented by Alfonso Ford, EMS Director.

- Budget Amendment – EMA: Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for annual technical support with CentrAlert:

<u>Budget Amendment – EMA – FY2021</u>	
<u>From:</u>	
100.3920.52.3700	Education & Training
100.3920.52.1290	Other Prof. Services
	<u>\$ 795</u>
	<u>\$ 795</u>

**ACTION REQUESTED:** To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for annual technical support with CentrAlert, as presented by Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director.

6. Budget Amendment – Fire: Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for overages in Motor Vehicle Maintenance:

		<u>Budget Amendment – Fire – FY2021</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingency	\$ 5000
100.3500.52.1320	To:	MV Maintenance	\$ 5000

**ACTION REQUESTED:** To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for overages in Motor Vehicle Maintenance, as presented by Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director.

7. Preventative Maintenance Agreement – CMS Controls: Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, presented a Preventative Maintenance Agreement with CMS Controls for the Building Automation System located at the Board of Commissioners office building. This Maintenance Agreement is in the amount of \$23,190 annually. If approved, Mr. Smith has also requested the following Budget Amendment be approved to fund the Preventative Maintenance Agreement with CMS Controls:

		<u>Budget Amendment – Public Works – FY2021</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingency	\$ 23,190
100.1565.52.2202	To:	Repair & Maint. HVAC	\$ 23,190

**ACTION REQUESTED:** To approve the Preventative Maintenance Agreement with CMS Controls in the amount of \$23,190 annually and to approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for this Agreement.

8. Budget Amendment – Buildings: Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for renovations to the Peach County Courthouse:

		<u>Budget Amendment – Buildings – FY2021</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingency	\$ 898,000
100.1565.54.1300	To:	Buildings	\$ 898,000

**ACTION REQUESTED:** To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for renovations to the Peach County Courthouse, as presented by Wayne Smith, Public Works Director.

9. Budget Amendment – Buildings: Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for renovations to the E911/Board of Commissioners building:

		<u>Budget Amendment – Buildings – FY2021</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingency	\$ 161,617
100.1565.52.2200	To:	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 161,617

**ACTION REQUESTED:** To approve the above stated Budget Amendment for renovations to the E911/Board of Commissioners building, as presented by Wayne Smith, Public Works Director.

10. Budget Amendment – Planning and Zoning: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, presented the following Budget Amendment to cover expense overages in Planning and Zoning:

		<u>Budget Amendment – Planning and Zoning – FY2021</u>	
100.7400.53.1728	From:	Code Enforcement	\$ 456
100.7400.52.3211	To:	Cell Phone	\$ 456

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

11. Authorization to Write off Bad Debt – Ambulance Service Fees Collection: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has requested to write off the amount of \$453,452.06, which has been deemed uncollectable by our billing service as well as our collection service.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** To approve the request from Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, to write off the uncollectable amount of \$453,452.06 from the accounts receivable for ambulance service fees collection, which has been deemed uncollectable by our billing service as well as our collection service.

12. Annual Leave Payout – FY2021: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has requested authorization from the Board to proceed with the Annual Leave Payout for FY2021. The current budget includes an appropriation of \$100,000.00 for this payout. However, Ms. Smith has requested that this amount be increased to \$126,634 to cover 100% of the eligible hours to further reduce the cost for overtime and temporary salaries for personnel covering shifts for full time employees taking their accrued leave to prevent losing hours under the County’s “Use or Lose Policy.” The Board has indicated its

will/ingress to consider \$26,634 increase to the \$100,000.00 appropriation in the FY2021 Budget for this purpose, as follows:

<u>Budget Amendment – Human Resources– FY2021</u>			
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingency	\$ 26,634
100.1540.57.9000	To:	Contingency	<u>\$ 26,634</u>

**ACTION REQUESTED:** To authorize the Annual Leave Payout for FY2021, not to exceed and to approve the above stated budget amendment to appropriate the additional \$26,634.00 to be used for this purpose.

13. Annexation Notice – City of Fort Valley: Michaela Jones, County Administrator, advised that a notice of annexation has been submitted by the City of Fort Valley, concerning a parcel that falls into the city limits of Fort Valley on Ira Hicks Boulevard.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** To authorize a letter to be sent to the City of Fort Valley indicating that the County has no objection to the Annexation Notice dated August 20, 2021, concerning the parcel on Ira Hicks Boulevard, submitted by the City of Fort Valley.

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

**AGENDA:**

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

**MINUTES:**

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

Called Meeting – August 19, 2021 – Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Bryant abstaining due to absence.

Called Meeting – August 24, 2021 – Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Bryant abstaining due to absence.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:**

None.

**APPEARANCES:**

Ms. Angela Holt from Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare stated that she became CEO of the organization in November of 2020 and she wanted to venture out and meet the different county governments served. Ms. Holt advised that upon entering her new leadership position, she noticed how little these communities knew about the services offered by Middle Flint. Ms. Holt advised that outpatient and group home facility services are offered by Middle Flint in the Peach County area. Middle Flint also offers day programs which are based around mental health, substance abuse or intellectual development disabilities. Ms. Holt advised that Middle Flint has recently absorbed the Phoenix Health Center located in the Warner Robins area that previously serviced the counties of Peach, Crawford and Houston.

As a CEO of a community service board, Ms. Holt stated that she wants to be as transparent as possible with the government in the areas served in regard to future plans for property. Ms. Holt advised that Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare is looking into property at 300 Green Street in Fort Valley to serve as a women’s treatment recovery center for those experiencing substance abuse issues with involvement from the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Kristie Layne Wornick, Assistant E911 Director, presented a Budget Amendment on behalf of Angela Tharpe, E911 Director. The Board of Commissioners typically appropriates a budget of \$500 for the E911 Employee Recognition account. Ms. Wornick advised that E911 holds fundraisers in the community in order to help go above and beyond for National Telecommunicator Week in April as well as boosting employee morale throughout the year. Ms. Wornick is requesting to keep the total of \$1,512 in donated funds and previous balances for fiscal year 2022 for the purpose of employee recognition projects. Commissioner Lewis stated that it needs to be clear that donated money is spent first and the budgeted \$500 does not carry over to the following fiscal year. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to continue with a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$1,512.00 including the \$500 already in the budget. Commissioner Yoder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Smith, Public Works Director, presented an Agreement for renewal from Quality Tire Recycling, Inc. This Agreement allows Quality Tire, Inc. to pick up tires off right-of-way during community cleanups for recycling. Commissioner Yoder moved to renew the Agreement with Quality Tire Recycling, Inc. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, presented a letter from the City of Fort Valley stating that Mayor Barbara Williams is asking Peach County to give \$250,000 to assist with building a stormwater infrastructure on Campus Drive. The project consists of a combination ditch cleaning/maintenance and the installation of approximately 300 linear feet of 24-inch stormwater pipe and associated appurtenances.

Commissioner Lewis stated that the County has already agreed to fund two (2) projects in the Fort Valley and Byron areas related to water and sewer infrastructure. Both projects will be beneficial to Peach County as a whole. Commissioner Lewis stated that he does not see how the proposed stormwater project has anything to do with city water or sewage and made the motion to deny the request for funding for the stormwater infrastructure.

Commissioner Yoder stated that he believes in supporting both cities as much as possible and he does not differentiate between the Fort Valley Utility Commission and the City of Fort Valley due to the City of Fort Valley benefiting from the expansion of the Utility Commission infrastructure. Commissioner Yoder advised that to do what is fair, the County should not double fund the City of Fort Valley and seconded the motion to deny the request for funding for the stormwater infrastructure.

Commissioner Bryant stated that the respectful thing to do is to speak to a City's leadership and not take it upon the County to decide what is best for the City, Commissioner Bryant also stated that the Fort Valley Utility Commission is not who runs the City of Fort Valley and that Mayor Williams, and her Council should have been afforded the chance to request funding rather than having the County make decisions on their behalf.

Vice-Chairwoman Hill stated that it is not double funding because the Fort Valley Utility Commission and the City of Fort Valley are separate entities. The County has previously given funds to the Utility Commission rather than the City of Fort Valley. Vice-Chairwoman Hill also advised that the stormwater project on Campus Drive is relevant to the City of Fort Valley because it will relieve an existing flood prone area and provide additional relief of overburdened local roadways.

Chairman Moseley advised that the stormwater project for the Fort Valley Utility Commission is a 30-million-dollar wastewater facility for industrial and economic development. If the project comes to fruition, it will be a tremendous help to the City of Fort Valley as well as Peach County. Chairman Moseley called for the vote. Motion carried 3-2 with Vice-Chairwoman Hill and Commissioner Bryant opposing.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Commissioner Bryant moved to go into an Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. for Board Appointments and Personnel Matters. Vice-Chairman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

--- EXECUTIVE SESSION ---

Commissioner Yoder left Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.

Commissioner Lewis moved to reappoint Mr. Randy Gordon and Mr. Wayne Lettice to the Tax Assessors Board for an additional three (3) year term, expiring September 20, 2024, and October 11, 2024, respectively. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to reappoint Mr. David Cleveland, Mr. William Gresham, and Mr. Kelvin Blalock for an additional four (4) year term, expiring September 30, 2025. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bryant moved to appoint Mr. Roscoe Miller as interim Planning and Zoning Director. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bryant moved to deny hearing the Grievance submitted by Heike Howell, Vice Chairwoman 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, Vice Chairwoman Hill moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

PEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN

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, September 14, 2021.

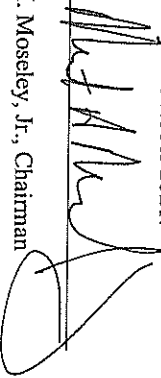
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

The Executive Session was called to order at 6:55 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 12th day of October 2021.

  
Martin H. Moseley, Jr., Chairman  
Peach County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October 2021.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_