

PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2021

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held its Regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 12, 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 – October 5, 2021:

1. Speed Zone Ordinance Update: Sheriff Terry Deese, has presented the following list of roads for approval of speed zone ordinance updates based on Georgia Department of Transportation test driving, road geometrics, and an Engineering and Traffic Investigation (ETI):

Road Name	Within the City/Town Limits of and/or School Name	From	To	Length in Miles	Speed Limit
Holland Road		SR 7	Irby Road	1.7	45
Holland Road		Irby Road	Buckeye Road	1.1	55
Bleckley Road		Silvers Road	SR 96	1.1	35
Old South Way		SR 96	Dead End	0.2	30
Whispering Winds Court		Housers Mill Road	Dead End	0.2	30
Summer Breeze Drive		Whispering Winds Court	Dead End	0.3	30
Malcom Court		JW Edwards Court	Dead End	0.1	30
Mary Lou Drive		Lakeview Road	Dead End	0.5	30
Cliett Road		Lakeview Road	Dead End	1	30
Lillian Drive		Cliett Road	Dead End	0.2	30
English Court		Ruben Road	Dead End	0.2	30
Ruben Road		Plantation Drive	Dead End	0.1	30
Plantation Drive		Lakeview Road	Dead End	0.6	30
Mallory Court		Powersville Road	Dead End	0.1	30
Kimberly Drive		Kay Road	Dead End	0.5	30
Happy Lane		Kimberly Drive	Dead End	0.2	30
Roy Drive		Kay Road	Jones Road	0.2	30
Idell Court		Roy Drive	Dead End	0.2	30
Keys Road		Jones Road	South Keys Court	0.2	30
South Keys Road		Keys Road	Dead End	0.2	30
Moseley Road	<i>Peach County High School ONLY</i>	<i>1,584 feet North of Moseley Road</i>	<i>5,280 feet North of Moseley Road</i>	0.6	40

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated road list for speed zone ordinances updates based on Georgia Department of Transportation test driving, road geometrics, and an Engineering and Traffic Investigation (ETI) as recommended by Sheriff Terry Deese.

2. Budget Amendment – Emergency Medical Services: Alfonzo Ford, EMS Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to cover costs of additional training mankins and software:

<u>Budget Amendment – Emergency Medical Services – FY2021</u>	
100.3600.52.3700	From: Education & Training
100.3600.53.1102	To: Training Supplies
	\$ 435
	\$ 435

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to cover costs of additional training mankins and software, as presented by Alfonzo Ford, EMS Director.

3. Request for General Election Compensation: Betty Sims, Peach County Board of Elections Chairwoman, has requested additional compensation for work detailed in overseeing the success of the City of Fort Valley and Peach County

combined Election by Adrienne Ray, Elections Supervisor, in the amount of \$1,500.00, contingent upon approval from the City of Fort Valley.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated request from Betty Sims, Peach County Board of Elections Chairwoman, to provide additional compensation for work detailed in overseeing the success of the combined election by Adrienne Ray, Elections Supervisor, in the amount of \$1,500.00, contingent upon approval from the City of Fort Valley.

4. Budget Amendment – Elections: Adrienne Ray, Elections Supervisor, has presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for temporary services provided during supervisor training:

<u>Budget Amendment – Elections – FY2021</u>		
5,1400.52.1310	From: Computer Maintenance	\$ 847
5,1400.51.1200	To: Temporary Employees	\$ 430
5,1400.51.1100	Regular Employees	\$ 417
		\$ 847

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for temporary services provided during supervisor training, as presented by Adrienne Ray, Elections Supervisor.

5. Budget Amendment – Human Resources: Michelle Williams, Human Resources Manager, presented the following Budget Amendment to move the remaining funds in Contingencies to the FY2022 Wellness Supplies account:

<u>Budget Amendment – Human Resources – FY2022</u>		
100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingency	\$ 572
100.1540.53.1709	To: Wellness Supplies	\$ 572

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to move the remaining funds in Contingencies to the FY2022 Wellness Supplies account, as presented by Michelle Williams, Human Resources Manager.

6. Budget Amendment – Roads: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to reduce the FY2022 Budget to reflect the purchase of mower decks purchased by the Public Works Department in July 2021:

<u>Budget Amendment – Roads – FY2022</u>		
327.4220.54.2500	From: Other Equipment	\$ 27,000
327.1599.57.9000	To: Contingency	\$ 27,000

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated reduce the FY2022 Budget to reflect the purchase of mower decks purchased by the Public Works Department in July 2021, as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

7. Budget Amendment – Sheriff: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, presented the following Budget Amendment to move funds to cover the mechanic position for the Sheriff's Office as discussed and approved by the Board of Commissioners in August 2021:

<u>Budget Amendment – Sheriff – FY2021</u>		
100.3300.51.1100	From: Regular Employees	\$ 1,000
100.3300.51.1200	To: Temporary Employees	\$ 1,000

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to move funds to cover the mechanic position for the Sheriff's Office as discussed and approved by the Board of Commissioners in August 2021, as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

8. Request for FY2022 Pay Rates to Become Effective: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has requested approval for the FY2022 Pay Rates to become effective on September 30, 2021. This is the beginning for the first payroll in October.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, for the FY2022 Pay Rates to become effective on September 30, 2021, the beginning of the first payroll in October.

9. Resolution – Public Transportation Assistance: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, presented a Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation for a Grant for Public Transportation Assistance under title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation for a Grant for Public Transportation Assistance under title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311, as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

10. Request to move Employee Appreciation Budget to FY2022: April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, stated that due to COVID-19 restrictions, an Employee Appreciation event was not able to be held in 2021 and she is requesting that the Budget be moved to FY2022.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request to move the Employee Appreciation Budget from FY2021 to FY2022 due to COVID-19 restrictions, as requested by April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk.

11. Request Assistance from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission – Hiring: April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, advised that a letter needs to be written to request assistance from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in the application screening and hiring process for Planning and Zoning Director and EMS Director.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request for assistance from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in the application screening and hiring process for Planning and Zoning Director and EMS Director and to send a letter requesting said assistance, as presented by April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk.

12. Budget Amendment – Camera System – Convenience/Recycling Center: Rich Bennett, IT Manager, has presented the following Budget Amendment for the Camera System at the Recycling Center and Public Works Department:

<u>Budget Amendment – Information Systems– FY2021</u>			
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingency	<u>\$ 10,724</u>
100.1535.54.2500	To:	Other Equipment	<u>\$ 10,724</u>

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment for the Camera System at the Recycling Center and Public Works Department, as presented by Rich Bennett, IT Manager.

13. Change Order – Courthouse Renovations: Chairman Moseley presented a Change Order for the Courthouse Renovation project. The Change Order proposes to complete the interior changes to the Peach County Courthouse for the sum of \$48,643.00 for a total new contract amount of \$946,643.00.

<u>Budget Amendment – Buildings– FY2022</u>			
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingency	<u>\$ 48,643</u>
100.1565.54.1300	To:	Buildings	<u>\$ 48,643</u>

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the Change Order proposing to complete the interior changes to the Peach County Courthouse for the sum of \$48,643.00 for a total new contract amount of \$946,643.00, and to approve the above stated Budget Amendment, as presented by Chairman Moseley.

14. Request to Approve Resolution and Letter – LWCF/DNR Grant: David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, has presented a Resolution and Letter for submission and acceptance of the 2021-2022 Land and Water Conservation Fund/Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program Grant to fund the resurfacing of the trails located at North Peach Park and South Peach Park.

15. ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the Resolution and Letter for submission and acceptance of the 2021-2022 Land and Water Conservation Fund/Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program Grant to fund the resurfacing of the trails located at North Peach Park and South Peach Park, as presented by David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director.

16. Employee Workplace Harassment/Discrimination Webinar: Vice-Chairwoman Hill has requested a mandate for Peach County supervisors and department heads to participate in an Employee Workplace Harassment/Discrimination Webinar presented by local government risk management services.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the mandate for Peach County supervisors and department heads to participate in an Employee Harassment/Discrimination Webinar presented by local government risk management services, as requested by Vice-Chairwoman Hill.

17. Request to Close FY2021 Budget Amendments: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has requested for Michaela Jones, County Administrator, to approve the closing out of FY2021 Budget Amendments.

ACTION REQUESTED: To allow Michaela Jones, County Administrator, to approve the closing out of FY2021 Budget Amendments, as requested by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

Vice-Chairwoman 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: #2 added to Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings, #1 and #2 added to Announcements and Updates, #4 added to Old Business, and Updates on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) added to New Business. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – September 14, 2021 – Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Called Meeting – October 5, 2021 – Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

Chairman Moseley advised that September 15th through October 15th is Hispanic Heritage Month and he wanted to reach out to Peach County's Hispanic community to congratulate and thank them for their contributions to the County.

Chairman Moseley also advised that Mr. Victor Kulkosky of The Leader Tribune will be retiring following his coverage of the October Regular Meeting. The Board expressed their appreciation for Mr. Kulkosky's diligent contributions to Peach County. Mr. Kulkosky advised that he will continue to report on sports news within the County.

APPEARANCES:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alfonzo Ford, EMS Director, advised that he, along with two (2) paramedics and one (1) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) are preparing to retire. Michaela Jones, County Administrator, stated that she has gathered the information on the costs to fill said vacant positions. Ms. Jones advised that two (2) months total is \$31,473.74, three (3) months is \$49,257.18, and four (4) months is \$65,688.24. These totals are all without fringe benefits. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to proceed with backfilling the vacant positions in order to have the adequate staff to continue EMS operations and to approve Budget Amendments for the process when needed. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Michaela Jones, County Administrator, advised that Sherry Gonzalez, Clerk of Superior Court, is attending a training and she will be presenting her agenda item on Ms. Gonzalez's behalf. Ms. Jones stated that she has contacted the County auditor and that the best way to proceed with the historical indexing invoices is to have a line item in the Clerk of Superior Court Budget that is increased through Budget Amendments by the amount of the funds received for the historical indexing process. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the \$19,218.00 from the Clerks Authority for the historical indexing, the creation of a line item, and to allow Budget Amendments for the line item as needed. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LaTonia Ages, Juvenile Court Administrator, advised that she is requesting a County vehicle for Juvenile Court duties. Ms. Ages stated that she has been using her personal vehicle for County duties for eight (8) years and her mileage is roughly 3200 miles per month. The Juvenile Court serves Peach, Crawford and Bibb Counties through hearings and probation/supervision visits. The mileage check she receives from the County is not enough to cover maintenance on her personal vehicle after her trips to neighboring counties. Ms. Ages also stated that she has been using County vehicles from other departments, but they are not always readily available. Commissioner Lewis moved to table the item until the Board can review the documentation provided by Ms. Ages. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, stated that she is requesting to extend the COVID-19 vaccination incentive deadline for Peach County employees to October 31st, 2021. Ms. Hodges advised that this extension will give her time to plan an onsite vaccination event. Vice-

Chairwoman Hill moved to extend the COVID-19 vaccination incentive deadline for Peach County employees to October 31st, 2021. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:30 P.M.

Roscoe Miller, Interim Planning and Zoning Director, presented a rezoning request from Maxine Cherry, Eddie Latimore, and Brandon Latimore. The property is located on Holt Road in Byron. Mr. Miller advised that the family would like to rezone the property from R-1 to R-3 to allow for multifamily townhouses. 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. Brandon Latimore spoke in favor of the rezoning request and advised that it is his intention to build farmhouse-style homes on the property which would correspond with the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Ms. Maxine Cherry and Mr. Eddie Latimore were also in favor of the request.

Commissioner Bryant moved to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board to rezone the property on Holt Road from R-1 to R-3. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller presented a rezoning request from Mr. Steve Perry of Five Peach Property, LLC. Mr. Perry is requesting to have property on U.S. Highway 341 rezoned from R-AG and M-1 to M-1 to consolidate zoning. Mr. Miller advised that there are plans to construct a 45,000 square foot warehouse for manufacturing and plant assembly line packaging. 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. Todd McPhail spoke in favor of the request. Mr. McPhail advised that Five Points Services is relocating to the piece of property because they are landlocked at their current location. Five Points will begin distributing their products nationally once they have relocated. Mr. Todd Lanier from Lanier Engineering expressed that he is also in favor of the request.

Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board to rezone the property on U.S. Highway 341 from R-AG to M-1. Commissioner Yoder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:44 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jann Culppepper, Keep Peach County Clean and Beautiful Executive Director, advised that she met with Ms. Tamakio Scott from the Peach and Crawford County Accountability Court regarding a Community Service Agreement. The Agreement provided requests that Peach County send any information or reports related to the participant for the purpose of tracking community service work performed for the Peach and Crawford County Accountability Court. Commissioner Bryant moved to accept the Agreement from the Peach and Crawford County Accountability Court for Community Service. Commissioner Yoder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk advised that she received a de-annexation request from Mr. Dale Dalrymple and Mr. Kenneth B. Walters for property at 1397 Walker Road. Mr. Dalrymple and Mr. Walters are requesting to be de-annexed from the City of Byron due to the

property being the only one annexed into the city in the immediate area. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the request from Mr. Dale Dalrymple and Mr. Kenneth B. Walters for de-annexation from the City of Byron. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hodges also advised that she and Michaela Jones, County Administrator, have reached out to other counties in order to gather information on the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding. Ms. Hodges stated that she compiled a list of the uses for the Board to review.

Wayne Smith, Public Works Director advised that trash pickup has been lacking and he has reached out to Advanced Disposal and has not received adequate answers from representatives regarding the issue. Commissioner Lewis stated that the County has been very patient with waste management and made the motion to address the issue by sending a letter informing Advanced Disposal of a breach of contract on several fronts as well as a meeting with upper management. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Michaela Jones, County Administrator, presented a request for the FTA Section 5311 Grant Application to aid in the operation of the Peach County Transit System for FY2023 in the amount of \$357,046.00. Commissioner Bryant moved to approve the request for the FTA Section 5311 Grant Application. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bryant moved to go into an Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for a Personnel Matter. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

--- EXECUTIVE SESSION ---

Commissioner Lewis moved to appoint Bobby Cowart and April H. Hodges as the Sexual Harassment Coordinator for Peach County. Vice Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn at 7:14 p.m., Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:  CHAIRMAN	PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BY:  COUNTY CLERK
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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, October 12, 2021.

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

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:00 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 November 2021.

