

PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2022

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held its Regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in the Commissioners Meeting room located at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia with all members in attendance except Commissioner Bryant. Chairman Moseley called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and Commissioner Lewis opened the meeting with prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA – October 4, 2022:

- Budget Amendment – EMA: Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funds within FY23 for repairs to the collision lights on the Lakeview Road Tower:

	<u>Budget Amendment – EMA – FY2023</u>	
327.1599.57.9000	From: Contingency	\$ 3,830
327.3920.54.2100	To: Machinery & Equipment	\$ 3,830

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding within FY23 for repairs to the collision lights on the Lakeview Road Tower as presented by Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director.

- Request to Accept Bid – Station #7 Concrete Aprons: Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, advised that concrete aprons are needed for Station #7 as they afford a transition from the concrete floor of the station to the parking lot. Chief Doles requested to accept the low bid from Gary Parks in the amount of \$9,600.00 to grade the front and back of Station #7 and to pour aprons in front of the engine bays. The Fire Department will be required to purchase and receive delivery of 36 tons of graded aggregate base to the site, costing \$1,272.00 for a total of \$10,872.00. Chief Doles has also requested the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funds for the aprons:

	<u>Budget Amendment – Fire – FY2023</u>	
326.1599.57.9000	From: Contingencies	\$ 10,872
326.3500.54.1300	To: Buildings	\$ 10,872

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, to accept the low bid from Gary Parks in the amount of \$9,600.00 to grade the front and back of Station #7 and to pour aprons in front of the engine bays. To accept the request to purchase and deliver 36 tons of graded aggregate base to the site, costing \$1,272.00 and to accept the above stated Budget Amendment as presented.

- Request for Full-Time and Temporary Positions: Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, has requested the addition of one (1) full-time firefighter on a 24-hour pay rate, to change the current Station #4 firefighter to a 24-hour pay rate, and for the addition of two (2) 29-hour temporary firefighter positions. This proposal gives optimal coverage after 5 o'clock with two (2) firefighters at each 24-hour station for the least amount of money.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, for the addition of one (1) full-time firefighter on a 24-hour pay rate, to change the current Station #4 firefighter to a 24-hour pay rate, and for the addition of two (2) 29-hour temporary firefighter positions.

- 5311 GDOT Grant Letter – Public Transportation Assistance: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, presented a letter requesting 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 letter requesting 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. *(A copy of said Letter is attached to Page 470, Minutes Book N, for future reference.)*

- Budget Amendment – District Attorney's Office: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, presented the following Budget Amendment for additional funds for personnel, as requested during the District Attorney's Office budget hearing:

	<u>Budget Amendment – DA – FY2023</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingency	\$ 45,000
100.2200.51.1100	To: Regular Employees	\$ 45,000

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above-stated Budget Amendment for additional funds for personnel as requested during the District Attorney's Office budget hearing, as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

6. Budget Transfer – Tax Assessors: Brian Madison, Chief Assessor, has requested a transfer of funds from Legal Services in the amount of \$4,914.00 to the Temporary Employees Account in the FY23 budget. This transfer is needed to allow a temporary employee to continue to work a schedule of 29 hours per week until September 30, 2023.

<u>Budget Transfer – Tax Assessors – FY2023</u>	
100.1550.51.1220	From: Legal Services
	\$ 4,914
100.1550.51.1200	To: Temporary Employees
	\$ 4,914

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Transfer to allow a temporary employee to work a schedule of 29 hours per week until September 30, 2023, as presented by Brian Madison, Chief Assessor.

7. Service Agreement – Applicant Tracking Software: Michelle Williams, Human Resources Manager, has presented a Service Agreement from PoliceApp to provide applicant tracking software for the amount of \$3,500.00 annually over a period of three (3) years. The applicant tracking software has been approved for the FY23 budget.

ACTION REQUESTED: To accept the Service Agreement with PoliceApp for applicant tracking software in the amount of \$3,500.00 annually for three (3) years, pending review by the County Attorney. *(A copy of said Service Agreement is attached to Page 469, Minutes Book N, for future reference.)*

8. Removal of CDL Requirements: Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director, has requested the removal of CDL requirements from nine out of the thirteen Public Works job descriptions as follows:

- i. (6) Senior Equipment Operator
- ii. (2) Crew Supervisor
- iii. (1) Heavy Equipment Operator

Mr. Cowart advised that requiring a CDL for the positions listed is not feasible because it could possibly eliminate applicants.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the removal of CDL requirements from the above stated Public Works job descriptions as requested by Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director.

9. Change of Title – Heavy Equipment Operator: Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director, has requested to change the title of one (1) Heavy Equipment Operator position to Relief Sanitation Driver. This is a position with the primary purpose of transporting heavy construction equipment used for maintenance and repair of county roads, rights of way, and Public Works projects. This position will also assist the Sanitation Driver in daily bulk waste pickup.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director, to change the title of one (1) Heavy Equipment Operator position to relieve Sanitation Driver.

10. Request Additional Funds – New Grapple Truck: Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director, has requested the following Budget Amendment in the amount of \$2,000.00 to appropriate funding for the solid waste program's new grapple truck due to a price increase:

<u>Budget Transfer – Roads – FY2023</u>	
327.1599.57.9000	From: Contingencies
	\$ 2,000
327.4220.54.220	To: Vehicles
	\$ 2,000

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment in the amount of \$2,000.00 to appropriate funding for the solid waste program's new grapple truck due to a price increase, as requested by Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director.

11. Request Travel Funds – New Grapple Truck: Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director, has requested a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$2,500.00 in travel funds for the purpose of picking up the new grapple truck for the solid waste program:

<u>Budget Transfer – Roads – FY2023</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	From: Contingencies
	\$ 2,500
100.4220.53.1270	To: Gasoline/Diesel
	\$ 2,500

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment in the amount of \$2,500.00 in travel funds to pick up the new grapple truck for the solid waste program, as requested by Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director.

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

AGENDA:

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to approve the agenda with the addition of #1 and #2 under Announcements & Updates. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – September 13, 2022 – Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, advised that State Representative Patty Bentley would like to notify the Board regarding the Economic Development Summit that will be held Monday, October 17th, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Flint Energies in Reynolds, Georgia. Representative Bentley also wishes to invite the Board to attend the Occupational License Task Force meeting on Friday, October 14th, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Byron Municipal Complex.

Commissioner Yoder introduced Ms. Angela Holt, CEO of Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare. Ms. Holt provided an update on projects underway at the Behavioral Health Center. Middle Flint will be holding an open house in February of 2023 for the new Women’s Treatment and Recovery Center. Ms. Holt also stated that Middle Flint is looking to expand addition recovery services to Peach County so that individuals will not have to travel elsewhere to connect with these services.

Vice-Chairwoman Hill advised that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. It is important for men and women to recognize symptoms and signs of breast cancer.

APPEARANCES:

Ms. Jo Ann Carter addressed the Board concerning pit bulls running loose in her neighborhood and advised that the dogs occasionally break loose from their chains and jump the fence to get out of their yard. The dogs bark continuously and there is also an unpleasant smell due to improper cleaning. Ms. Carter stated that she does not feel safe walking in her neighborhood and often needs assistance from the Sheriff’s Department with getting her mail and taking her trash out to the road. Ms. Carter stated that she would like the Board to respond to the needs and concerns of the residents of the County. Jimmy Russell, County Marshal, will visit the residence to assess the situation and find a solution.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that Ms. Tisa Horton will be holding a Hispanic Culture Expo at North Peach Park on November 5, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Expo will be a celebration for Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), which honors ancestors and remembers loved ones who have passed. Ms. Horton has requested the County waive event and power fees for the Celebration. Ms. Horton also advised that she wishes to hold a horse show at the Expo if approved by the Board. There will be a safe distance between the horses and the crowd, as the area will be roped in.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:30 P.M.

Roscoe Miller, Interim Planning and Zoning Director, presented a Rezoning Request from Mr. Brad Woodruff. The property consists of two (2) parcels located on Aultman Road. Mr. Miller advised that Mr. Woodruff has requested to rezone the property from R-AG to C-2 to erect an RV and boat storage building. The property was properly posted and advertised and received one (1) response inquiring about what the rezoning request was for. 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 if anyone would like to speak in favor of the rezoning request. Mr. Robert Moore spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Moore advised that he is the civil engineer for the site and he would be willing to answer any questions about the storage building.

Mr. Joe Meadows also spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Meadows advised that he is the real estate broker representing the parcels of property.

After further discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board to rezone the two (2) parcels of property located on Aultman Road from R-AG to C-2. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:37 P.M.

Discussion on the Hispanic Culture Expo continued. Ms. Horton stated that there will be Police and Fire personnel on site as the number one priority is safety. David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that the County can obtain liability insurance for events such as these. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the waiving of event and power fees and to allow the horse event to take place during the Hispanic Culture Expo, pending liability insurance approval. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that a single vehicle accident occurred at South Peach Park, damaging the fence near the playground. Mr. Parrish presented a quote in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Lock Out Fence, LLC. and advised that a Budget Amendment is needed.

<u>Budget Transfer – Recreation – FY2023</u>			
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingencies	\$ 1,000
100.6100.52.2210	To:	Buildings & Ground Maint.	\$ 1,000

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$1,000.00 to repair the damaged fence at South Peach Park. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Tisa Horton, Peach Festival Director, has requested an increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in supporting funds for the Georgia Peach Festival. Ms. Horton advised that the Cities of Byron and Fort Valley have agreed to a \$5,000 increase. After further discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to table the item until Ms. Horton could provide a Budget outlining festival expenses and invoices from previous festivals. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, advised that she received a notification from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) stating that they are preparing preliminary plans to construct a roundabout at 247 Connector and Housers Mill Road. GDOT is requesting a Mowing and Maintenance Agreement with the County for the roundabout landscaping, once constructed. Commissioner Lewis advised that the roundabout would fall within the Cities of Warner Robins, Fort Valley, and Byron and stated that Peach County would be shouldering all the landscaping responsibilities. Commissioner Lewis moved to table the item until more information is received. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Michaela Jones, County Administrator, presented a Budget Amendment for the Sheriff's Office to move funds from FY22 to FY23 to purchase equipment for a new vehicle:

<u>Budget Transfer – Sheriff – FY2023</u>			
326.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingencies	\$ 11,779
326.3300.54.2200	To:	Vehicles	\$ 11,779

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Budget Amendment to move \$11,779 from FY22 to FY23 to purchase equipment for a new vehicle. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Yoder moved to go into an Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. for two (2) Personnel Matters and a Property Acquisition. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

--- EXECUTIVE SESSION ---

Commissioner Lewis moved to terminate the executive Session at 8:25 p.m. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this Regular Meeting on this date, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

November 8, 2022

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, October 11, 2022.

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

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:07 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 November 2022.



Martin H. Moseley, Jr., Chairman

Peach County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of November, 2022.



Notary Public

Janet B. Smith
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires

Peach County, GEORGIA

My Commission Expires 02/21/2026

CALLED MEETING
PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 8, 2022

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 8, 2022, in Commission Chambers at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia, with all members in attendance except Chairman Moseley and Commissioner Bryant. The purpose of the Called Meeting was to discuss engineering and contracts for dirt road improvements.

Triple Point Engineering has presented a Summary of Proposed Scope of Services and Fees to offer engineering services on Avera Lane and Sharon Road. Avera Lane services consist of a topographic survey, construction drawings, contract documents & bidding services, easement or right-of-way plats, and construction administration in the amount of \$60,650.00. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the Proposed Scope of Services and Fees from Triple Point Engineering for Avera Lane improvements. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

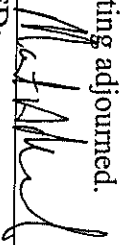
Triple Point Engineering also provided a Summary of Proposed Scope of Services and Fees to offer design revisions for Sharon Road. The Scope of Services for this project are NPDES Updates, stakeholder requested design revisions, contract documents & bidding services, easement or right-of-way plat updates, and construction administration in the amount of \$25,500.00.

The County will save \$5,000 if the Avera Lane and Sharon Road projects are under one (1) contract to go out to bid, resulting in a total cost of \$81,150.00 for both projects. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the Proposed Scope of Services and Fees for Sharon Road design revisions and to have both Avera Lane and Sharon Road projects bid together for a single contractor in the amount of \$81,150.00. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Michaela Jones, County Administrator, presented a quote from Total Computer Solutions (TCS) for the purchase of a Sonicwall for Fire Station #3 and a new wifi system at the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$4,151.00. Ms. Jones advised that the County will only be billed for the equipment and the time it takes TCS to install equipment. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the quote from Total Computer Solutions for the purchase of a Sonicwall and wifi system in the amount of \$4,151.00. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this Called Meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: 
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

PEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BY:

CHAIRMAN

COUNTY CLERK

CALLED MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION
PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2022

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2022, in Commission Chambers at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia, with all members in attendance except Chairman Moseley and Commissioner Bryant. The purpose of the Called Meeting was to go into an Executive Session for a Personnel Matter.