



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

T. PAGE THARP GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING
102 STARKSVILLE AVENUE NORTH, LEESBURG, GEORGIA 31763

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 6:00 P.M.
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OPAL CANNON AUDITORIUM
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MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Billy Mathis, Chairman	District 3
John Wheaton, Vice-Chairman	District 1
Luke Singletary, Commissioner	District 2
Rick Muggridge, Commissioner	District 4
George Walls, Commissioner	District 5

COUNTY STAFF

Christi Dockery, County Manager
Kaitlyn Sawyer, County Clerk
Jimmy Skipper, County Attorney

The Lee County Board of Commissioners met in a work session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. The meeting was held in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the Lee County T. Page Tharp Governmental Building in Leesburg, Georgia. Those present were Chairman Billy Mathis, Commissioner Luke Singletary, Commissioner Rick Muggridge, and Commissioner George Walls. Staff in attendance was County Manager Christi Dockery, County Attorney Jimmy Skipper, and County Clerk Kaitlyn Sawyer. Vice-Chairman John Wheaton was absent. The meeting was also streamed on Facebook Live.

INVOCATION

Pastor Lee Smith, Leesburg United Methodist Church, to lead invocation. Pastor Smith also summarized Holy Week community events hosted by Leesburg United Methodist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and the audience said the Pledge of Allegiance in unison.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (A) **Consideration to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes for March 22, 2022.**
Commissioner Muggridge made the **MOTION** to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes for March 22, 2022. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Singletary voting yea.
- (B) **Consideration to approve the minutes for the Special Called meeting for the Board of Commissioners for March 22, 2022.**
Commissioner Muggridge made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes for the Special Called meeting for the Board of Commissioners for March 22, 2022. Commissioner Singletary seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls voting yea.

CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC HEARING

- (A) **The Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing for an ordinance updating existing speed limits, as prepared by GDOT.**

Chairman Mathis opened the Public Hearing.

Chairman Mathis stated that this is a list of roads and the purpose of periodically updating this list is to check every County road.

Matthew Inman, Advanced Engineering Services, LLC addressed the Board regarding the updates to the ordinance. This ordinance is sent to the County every couple of years to be checked. This year, staff noticed several major routes that were not on the list that should have been, for example, Graves Springs Road. Therefore, prior to this update, anyone could go 100mph down that road and not have to have been given a speeding ticket. Mr. Inman emphasized the importance of looking into this list and continuing to update it, as necessary, moving forward. We receive LMIG funding for every mile of road we have, so it's important to keep the list updated so this information is correct for GDOT and LMIG funding purposes.

Mr. Inman stated that several inconsistencies were found on County roads during this process, noting a 55mph zone in a residential area of Winifred Road, which will now subsequently be lowered to the appropriate 35mph. So this gives us an opportunity to correct those that need correcting and add roads that need to be added to make this as accurate a list as possible. Commissioner Walls stated that in looking at the list, it seemed that the majority of residential streets are 25mph, to which Mr. Inman confirmed, adding that several speed limit signs will have to change. Commissioner Walls stated that there have been reports of speeding on Sportsman's Club Road, where the marked speed limit is believed to be 45mph, but people go much faster. Commissioner Walls asked Mr. Inman if it would be possible to drop the speed limit on that road. Mr. Inman stated he could look at it, but if they are already speeding, dropping the posted speed limit may not do much, unless it is also policed.

With no further comments or questions from the Board or audience, the Public Hearing was closed.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

E-911

- (A) **Consideration to adopt a Proclamation declaring April 10 – 16, 2022 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.**

Commissioner Muggridge commended our E-911 Center staff, stating we were blessed to have them.

Commissioner Muggridge made the **MOTION** to adopt a Proclamation declaring April 10 – 16, 2022 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Singletary voting yea.

Planning, Zoning & Engineering

- (B) **Consideration to adopt a resolution granting final approval for Hillridge Section Three Subdivision (SD20-015) and accepting deeds of rights-of-way, easements, roads, and water system infrastructure.**

Chairman Mathis stated that this item needed to be tabled as some more info had come in earlier this afternoon.

Commissioner Muggridge made the **MOTION** to table this item. Commissioner Singletary seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls voting yea.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS/AUTHORITIES

- (A) **Consideration to appoint one (1) member to the Utilities Authority Board to fulfill a vacancy for a term of one (1) year. Current term expiring 06/30/2022. Letter of interest received by Levent Gokcen.**

Commissioner Muggridge made the **MOTION** to appoint Levent Gokcen to the Utilities Authority Board to fulfill a vacancy for a term of one (1) year, expiring 06/30/2022. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Singletary voting yea.

(B) **Consideration to ratify a three (3) year Subscription License and Services Agreement with Tyler Technologies for Magistrate Court.**

County Manager Christi Dockery summarized the technology, stating that the current software did not provide this service needed. Tyler Technologies is used for many other platforms throughout the County already.

Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to ratify a three (3) year Subscription License and Services Agreement with Tyler Technologies for Magistrate Court, to come from Law Library funds. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Muggridge voting yea.

COUNTY MANAGER'S MATTERS

(A) **Updates on County projects.**

County Manager Christi Dockery discussed ongoing projects in the County: (1) the National Weather Service did confirm an EF-1 tornado on Larsen Road last week and our Public Works crews have worked hard to remove trees and clean up the debris, and (2) the RFP for garbage services will be coming out soon.

(B) **Consideration to award the bid for the 2022 LMIG Road Projects.**

An RFP was published for the resurfacing of the following roads: Palmyra Road, Story Lane, Pineridge Drive, Southill Drive, East Century Road, Cookville Road, Stocks Dairy Road, Woodstone Circle, Waterbury Court, Wayside Court, Winners Court, Groover Street, and Gus Martin Road. A pre-bid meeting was held Thursday, March 24, 2022 and a public bid opening was held Monday, April 11, 2022 at 2:05pm in the upstairs Kinchafoonee Room of the T. Page Tharp Governmental Building. Two vendors provided sealed bid packages for this project.

Commissioner Muggridge made the **MOTION** to award the bid for the 2022 LMIG Road Projects to Oxford Construction Company for \$2,018,312.20, to come from LMIG and TSPLOST funds. Commissioner Singletary seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls voting yea.

COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

(A) **Consideration to adopt a resolution in support of the Albany Rails to Trails project.**

Chairman Mathis summarized the resolution, stating it was a document offering support to the City of Albany in their grant application for assistance in building their Rails to Trails project. There will be no requirements of taxpayers; the County is simply lending support and help with any documents they may need. Commissioner Muggridge added that if they could finish the trail, that would allow us to do some of our own projects that have been held up.

Commissioner Muggridge made the **MOTION** to adopt a resolution in support of the Albany Rails to Trails project. Commissioner Singletary seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls voting yea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

PUBLIC FORUM

Citizens will be allowed to address the Board of Commissioners regarding any issues or complaints. Individuals should sign up prior to the start of the meeting.

Sam Johnson- Grading, ditching, and potential paving of Old Leslie Road

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (A) The next regularly scheduled County Commission Meeting is **Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:00pm.**
- (B) Offices of the Lee County Board of Commissioners will be **closed Friday, April 15, 2022** in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
COUNTY CLERK

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