



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 AT 6:00 PM
T. PAGE THARP BUILDING
OPAL CANNON AUDITORIUM
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MEETING MINUTES
VOTING SESSION

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

COUNTY STAFF

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

The Lee County Board of Commissioners met in a voting session on Tuesday, May 24, 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, Vice-Chairman John Wheaton and Commissioner Luke Singletary. Commissioner George Walls was absent. Staff in attendance was County Manager Christi Dockery, County Clerk Kaitlyn Sawyer, and County Attorney Jimmy Skipper. The meeting was also streamed on Facebook Live.

INVOCATION

Senior Pastor Andrew Kornegay, Lakeside Baptist Church, led the invocation.

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 minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting for May 10, 2022.**
Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting for May 10, 2022. Commissioner Wheaton seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Chairman Mathis voting yea.
- (B) **Consideration to approve the minutes for the Special Called meeting for the Board of Commissioners for May 10, 2022.**
Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes for the Special Called meeting for the Board of Commissioners for May 10, 2022. Commissioner Wheaton seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Chairman Mathis voting yea.

CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- (A) **Recognition of employee years of service.**
The following employee was recognized for her years of service to Lee County:
5 years – Dana Maples – Clerk, Utilities Authority
- (B) **David Dixon, Flint Riverkeeper, to address the Board regarding future projects and waterway**

concerns.

Mr. Dixon was not able to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

Planning, Zoning & Engineering

- (A) **Consideration to approve an application from Lexwig, LLC (Z22-001) to rezone a total of 151.361 acres from AG-1 (Active Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District). The property owner is Lexwig, LLC, Parcel Number is 039D 121, being part of Land Lots 209 and 210 of the Second Land District of Lee County, GA. Planning Commission members and Planning Department staff recommend approval. Public Hearing held May 10, 2022**

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CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS/AUTHORITIES

NONE

COUNTY MANAGER'S MATTERS

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

County Manager Dockery and Chairman Mathis discussed ongoing projects in the County: (1) the design for the CDBG project (Palmyra Mobile Home Park) should be completed within the next two weeks, with construction commencing soon after; (2) the LMIG road resurfacing projects have begun, with Cookville Road complete and work being started on Palmyra Road and the Woodstone Circle area; and (3) the new portable radios are being distributed, with the majority of the staff having already received theirs.

- (B) **Consideration to adopt a comp time policy for employees.**

- (C) **Consideration to adopt a social media policy for employees.**

Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to table the issues of a comp time policy and a social media policy for employees until the following meeting to allow the Board more time to review. Commissioner Wheaton seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Chairman Mathis voting yea.

- (D) **Discussion of a Resolution and Build Agreement with Windstream.**

Chairman Mathis stated, with agreement from County Attorney Skipper, that the resolution should be adopted tonight, however, the MOU will be tabled to allow for further review.

Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance by Lee County of an American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Fund Broadband Infrastructure Grant from the State of Georgia in the Amount of \$12,541,241.00; Finding that Windstream Corporation is the Sole Source Qualified to Design, Construct, Install, and Implement the Broadband Public Works Project Funded by the Grant; Awarding the Public Works Project to be Funded by the Grant Proceeds to Windstream Corporation; Ratifying the Acceptance of the Grant and its Terms and Conditions; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents Relating to the Grant Award of the Project to be Funded by the Grant to Windstream Corporation; and for Other Purposes. Commissioner Wheaton seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Chairman Mathis voting yea.

Commissioner Wheaton made the **MOTION** to table the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Windstream. Commissioner Singletary seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Chairman Mathis voting yea.

(E) **Consideration to approve a change order for Oxford Construction for the LMIG Resurfacing Projects.**
Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to approve a change order for Oxford Construction for the LMIG Resurfacing Projects in the amount of \$59,231.50 for come from TSPLOST funds. Commissioner Wheaton seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Chairman Mathis voting yea.

(F) **Consideration to accept a proposal from Reliable Engineering for professional services.**
County Manager Dockery summarized the proposal stating that Brent Davis of Reliable Engineering is a Lee County resident who we have asked to assist in the current LMIG Road Resurfacing Projects and potentially future road projects by providing oversight and review.

Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to accept a proposal from Reliable Engineering in the amount of \$16,500.00 to come from TSPLOST funds for professional services connected to the 2022 LMIG Resurfacing Projects. Commissioner Wheaton seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Chairman Mathis voting yea.

(G) **Consideration to put out a RFQ for engineering services for the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.**
The Utilities Authority will put out a RFQ for engineering services for the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant, with assistance from the County as necessary. No action taken.

COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

NONE

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.

No citizens took part in the Public Forum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A) The next regularly scheduled County Commission Meeting is **Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6:00pm.**

(B) Offices of the Lee County Board of Commissioners will be **closed Monday, May 30, 2022** in observance of Memorial Day.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:08PM.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
COUNTY CLERK

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