



LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

T. PAGE THARP GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING

102 STARKSVILLE AVENUE NORTH, LEESBURG, GEORGIA 31763

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

T. PAGE THARP BUILDING

OPAL CANNON AUDITORIUM

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MEETING MINUTES

Work Session

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Luke Singletary, Chairman, District 2

Chris Guarnieri, Vice-Chairman, District 4

Dennis Roland, Commissioner, District 1

Billy Mathis, Commissioner, District 3

George Walls, Commissioner, District 5

COUNTY STAFF

Christi Dockery, County Manager

Kaitlyn Good, County Clerk

Jimmy Skipper, County Attorney

The Lee County Board of Commissioners met in a work session on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. 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 Luke Singletary, Commissioner Dennis Roland, Commissioner Billy Mathis, and Commissioner George Walls. Staff in attendance was County Manager Christi Dockery and County Clerk Kaitlyn Good. County Attorney Jimmy Skipper and Vice-Chairman Chris Guarnieri were absent. The meeting was also streamed on Facebook Live. Chairman Singletary called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

A) Pastor Sam Hall, Rock Creek Church, to lead the invocation.

Pastor Sam Hall led the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Consideration to approve the minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting for June 25, 2024.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting for June 25, 2024. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls voting yea.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

6. NEW BUSINESS

A) Patsy James, Executive Director of Lee County Family Connection, to provide the year end report.

Ms. James informed staff and the Board prior to the meeting of her inability to attend. Her presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. **DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS**

9. **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS/AUTHORITIES**

- A) Consideration to appoint one (1) member to the Housing Authority Board for a term of five (5) years. Current term expired 06/30/2024. New term expires 06/30/2029. Letter of interest received from Renea Miller.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to appoint Renea Miller to the Housing Authority Board for a term of five (5) years to expire 6/30/2029. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Roland voting yea.

10. **COUNTY MANAGER'S MATTERS**

- A) Updates on County projects.

County Manager Christi Dockery discussed ongoing projects in the County, including: (1) The reimbursement of approximately \$700,000.00 for the HVAC renovation at the Sheriff's Office has been received; (2) the letter from GDOT regarding the 2025 LMIG application was received today, with a formula amount of \$704,454.79; (3) the Callaway and Springdale Parks are only awaiting fencing and the installation of solar lighting; (4) the fitness equipment is to be installed at Pirate's Cove soon; (5) Windstream is moving forward with their fiber project with approximately 75 permits having been issued thus far and an estimated completion date of December 2024; and (6) the survey for the paving of Coston Road has been completed, with the engineering element to be completed within the 120 days.

- B) Consideration to award the bid for flooring in the Tharp Building.

County Manager Christi Dockery summarized the project, stating that two (2) vendors had submitted bids and it would be funded with ARPA. This item was tabled.

- C) Consideration to award the bid for painting in the Tharp Building.

County Manager Christi Dockery summarized the project, stating that two (2) vendors had submitted bids and it would be funded with ARPA. This item was tabled.

- D) Consideration to adopt Chapter 22, Article V: Motion Picture, Television, and Photographic Production to the Lee County Code of Ordinances. *FIRST READING*

The first reading was conducted. Chairman Singletary noted that it was also necessary to designate a department to be over this process, to which County Manager Christi Dockery replied that both the Finance and Planning, Zoning & Engineering department heads had agreed to be considered. Commissioner Mathis asked that this, and all ordinances that include an appeal, be amended so that any appeals come to the Board of Commissioners instead of the County Manager or his/her designee.

- E) Discussion of the 2025 LMIG application and potential projects.

Chairman Singletary stated that the letter from GDOT regarding the 2025 LMIG application was received today, with a formula amount of \$704,454.79. There is also a required 30% local match. The commissioners will bring projects from the districts to the next meeting for consideration as part of this application, which is due in February 2025.

- F) Discussion of DOT's round-a-bout project at the Haley Street/Cedric Street/SR 133 intersection and accompanying lighting agreement.

County Manager Christi Dockery summarized the project and agreement, stating that GDOT is dedicating approximately \$2.2 million for this project and is only asking the County to commit to a lighting agreement for approximately \$100.00 per month.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve the lighting agreement. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls voting yea.

- G) Consideration to approve a corrective Warranty Deed from Oakland Plantation Partners, LLC for Oakland Crossing Drive and the Oakland Crossing Drive Extension.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve a corrective Warranty Deed from Oakland Plantation Partners, LLC for Oakland Crossing Drive and the Oakland Crossing Drive Extension. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Roland voting yea.

11. **COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS**

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

13. **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS**

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

15. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Paul Clayton spoke on the state of Old Leslie Road and the possibility of future paving.

Chairman Singletary asked if anyone else would like to speak.

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

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A) The next regularly scheduled County Commission Meeting is **Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 6:00pm.**
- B) The Lee County Rivers Alive annual clean-up event will be **Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.** There will both be on water and on land opportunities to volunteer. A Waiver must be signed for participation. Please contact the Lee County Chamber of Commerce at (229) 759-2422 for more information.

Chairman Singletary stated that the date of this event may change and asked that citizens watch the County's Facebook and website for any notices or updates from staff or the Flint Riverkeeper's office.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Roland made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Mathis voting yea. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Facebook Live link for this meeting: <https://www.facebook.com/leecountyga/videos/773565828324793>

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
COUNTY CLERK