



LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

T. PAGE THARP GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING

102 STARKSVILLE AVENUE NORTH, LEESBURG, GEORGIA 31763

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

T. PAGE THARP BUILDING
OPAL CANNON AUDITORIUM

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MEETING AGENDA

Voting 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

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

A) Pastor Robin Chaplin, Victory Baptist Church, to lead the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Consideration to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

6. NEW BUSINESS

A) Mike Talley, Stormwater Engineer with Flint River Consulting, to provide an update for the NPDES Stormwater Permit.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

A) **Fire & EMS** - Consideration to award the bid for the purchase of Turn Out Gear.

9. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS/AUTHORITIES

10. COUNTY MANAGER'S MATTERS

A) Updates on County projects.

B) Discussion of the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Contract for the Joint Provision of Services with the City of Albany.

11. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. **COUNTY ATTORNEY’S MATTERS**

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

15. **PUBLIC FORUM**

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A) Offices of the Lee County Board of Commissioners will be **closed Monday, September 2, 2024** for Labor Day. Residential garbage collection will be delayed one day beginning Monday. Commercial garbage collection will remain on schedule.
- B) The next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:00pm.**
- C) The Lee County Rivers Alive annual clean-up event will be **Saturday, September 21, 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.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

AGENDA MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Lee County is a thriving vibrant community celebrated for its value of tradition encompassing a safe family oriented community, schools of excellence, and life long opportunities for prosperity and happiness without sacrificing the rural agricultural tapestry.

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The Lee County Lee County Board of Commissioners met in a voting session on Tuesday, August 13, 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 Singletary, Vice-Chairman Chris Guarnieri, Commissioner Dennis Roland, Commissioner Billy Mathis, and Commissioner George Walls. Staff in attendance were County Manager Christi Dockery, County Clerk Kaitlyn Good, and County Attorney Jimmy Skipper. The meeting was also streamed on Facebook Live. Chairman Singletary called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

A) Pastor Shane Mullins, Move Christian Church, to lead the invocation.

Pastor Shane Mullins led the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Consideration to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2024 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Roland made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting for July 23, 2024. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Mathis voting yea.

Chairman Singletary recognized Human Resource Director Brandy Davis for her accomplishment of completing all required courses with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government of the University of Georgia to become a Certified Human Resource Manager. She has met all requirements of the Certified Human Resource Manager program and will be formally recognized at the fall conference in Athens. This program takes 84 credit hours and approximately 3 years to complete.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

8. **DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS**

- A) **Planning, Zoning & Engineering - Consideration to approve a Variance Application for Palmyra Subdivision XII (Z24-009) from Lanier Engineering requesting a variance from the requirement for new residential subdivisions in accordance with section 70-94 of the Lee County Code of Ordinances. The property owner is Billy Boggus Construction, LLC. The subject property is zoned R-1 and is located off Fussell Road, parcel number 029C003, in Land Lot 248 & 233 of the Second Land District of Lee County, Georgia. Planning department staff and Planning Commission members recommend denial, with a 5-1 vote. Public Hearing held July 23, 2024**

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve a Variance Application for Palmyra Subdivision XII (Z24-009) subject to the same covenants as previous developments. Commissioner Guarnieri seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Roland and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

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

10. **COUNTY MANAGER'S MATTERS**

- A) Updates on County projects.

County Manager Christi Dockery discussed ongoing projects in the County, including: (1) The Callaway Park, Springdale Park, and Pirate's Cove Park renovations (funded with SPLOST) have been completed except for a few minor details; and (2) the Windstream Fiber project is proceeding with updates to come.

- B) Consideration to approve a resolution to amend the ACCG Defined Benefit Plan.

County Manager Christi Dockery summarized the amendment, stating that it affects base pay and will not go into effect until January 2025 and will have no effect on the current year. Chairman Singletary added that this amendment makes it easier to budget for retirement.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve a resolution to amend the ACCG Defined Benefit Plan. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

- C) Consideration to ratify the quote from Zane Grace Construction for the installation of the fitness equipment at Pirate's Cove Nature Park.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to ratify the quote from Zane Grace Construction for the installation of the fitness equipment at Pirate's Cove Nature Park at a cost of \$10,700.00, to come from SPLOST funds. Commissioner Guarnieri seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Roland and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

- D) Discussion of a resolution to establish a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, consideration, and approval of applications for permitting new multi-family residential housing.

County Attorney Jimmy Skipper summarized the resolution, stating that this is to allow staff time to study and make changes to the existing code and land disturbance plan. Utilities Authority currently has a permit that only allows 1 million gallons a day, which they are close to exceeding due to the increase of population. With this resolution, it can give them time to figure out how to proceed to not exceed this limit. If they do exceed, it is a breach of their permit. This moratorium will end

March 15, 2025 unless an extension is required.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, consideration, and approval of applications for permitting new multi-family residential housing. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

E) Consideration to approve the engagement letter from Mauldin and Jenkins for the FY2024 audit.

County Manager Christi Dockery stated that this audit would cost approximately \$56,500.00, plus \$9,000.00 for the Utilities Authority. The process would begin in September.

Commissioner Guarnieri made the **MOTION** to approve the engagement letter from Mauldin and Jenkins for the FY2024 audit. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Mathis and Roland voting yea.

F) Consideration to approve the Georgia Public Library Service Major Repair and Renovation Grant application for roofing replacement at the Oakland Library.

County Manager Christi Dockery stated that this replacement is needed due to leaks and damage from past storms. The estimated cost for the project is around \$130,000.00, and with this grant the County would only pay 50%, approximately \$65,000.00, out of SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Guarnieri made the **MOTION** to approve the Georgia Public Library Service Major Repair and Renovation Grant application for roofing replacement at the Oakland Library. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Mathis and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

G) Consideration to approve the ACCG Safety Discount Verification Form.

County Manager Christi Dockery stated that this is a form completed every year to receive a \$5,000 grant.

Commissioner Roland made the **MOTION** to approve the ACCG Safety Discount Verification Form. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Mathis voting yea.

11. **COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS**

A) Consideration to adopt Scenario 3 of the salary study, as performed by The Archer Company, to go into effect with the paychecks issued September 5, 2024, with all employees receiving no less than a 3% increase. Additional adjustments for Deputies, Firefighters, and Paramedics have been included within the study.

Commissioner Mathis stated that he wished more information regarding the study had been placed in the packet. Commissioner Roland stated that he was opposed to the additional compensation of only certain departments.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to adopt Scenario 3 of the salary study, as performed by The Archer Company, to go into effect with the paychecks issued September 5, 2024, with employees receiving no less than a 3% increase, with additional adjustments for Deputies, Firefighters, and Paramedics having been included within the study, at a cost not exceed \$1.6 million, to come from encumbered funds within contingency in the FY2024-25 budget.

Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** passed 4-1 with Commissioner Guarnieri and Chairman Singletary voting yea and Commissioner Roland voting nay.

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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Commissioner Roland took the opportunity to honor James Hayes, a long-time employee with the Public Works Department that the County lost recently.

Randall Sexton - Discussed ongoing speed limit issue in the Buck Run Subdivision. County Attorney Jimmy Skipper responded that the speed limit is set by the state per their laws, but that he would research.

Mike Sabot - Complimented Public Works on the roads.

Lee Purvis - Discussed potential ethics violations he claimed involved Commissioner Roland and encouraged the Board to do an investigation. Mr. Purvis did not have documents to submit to the Board.

Chairman Singletary asked if anyone else would like to speak.

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

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17. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:27PM.

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/leecountyga/videos/2466795973512184>

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK



Memo

To: Christi Dockery – County Manager, Lee County

From: Michael L. Talley, P.E.

Date: 8/23/2024

Re: NPDES Stormwater Permit – Mid-Year Update

This memo is to give a brief update on the NPDES Stormwater Permit for Lee County. Below are the highlights:

- Permit: EPD has not approved our new permit which was submitted in June of 2023. The City of Leesburg has received comments on their permit, so it is a matter of time before Lee County receives comments. When the comments arrive, we will utilize the consultants currently under contract with Lee County to update the permit. They will address the comments and re-submit to EPD
- 2023 Annual Report: EPD has not reviewed the 2023 Annual Report. Our EPD reviewer quit at the end of 2023, so it is possible we will not receive comments for some time. This has happened numerous times in the past
- Maintenance logging: Set Public Works up to be able to log stormwater maintenance electronically. This will aid in collecting the required data each year for the annual report
- Stormwater Ponds: the stormwater pond inventory is being updated to better correlate between the stormwater inventory and the naming convention that Public Works uses. This will aid in collecting the required data each for the annual report
- Stormwater inspections: inspections of the storm system will begin in mid to late September
- Outfall inspections: the outfalls along the Kinchafoonee Creek were inspected in June 2024

At this time, we are working to see what items are still needed for the 2024 Annual Report and see no issue with completing the permit requirements.



**MEMORANDUM
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

TO: Lee County Board of Commissioners
SUBJECT: **Fire & EMS** - Consideration to award the bid for the purchase of Turn Out Gear.
MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION

Motion to award the bid for the purchase of Turn Out Gear. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder, for a total cost of \$51,925.35.

BACKGROUND

Sealed written bids were accepted from qualified vendors for the Turn Out Gear. All bids were opened during a public bid opening at 2:05pm on Thursday, August 15, 2024 in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the T. Page Tharp Governmental Building.

Sealed written bids were received from one (1) vendor:

Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.	\$51,925.35
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The bid from Municipal Emergency Services (MES) is within the budgeted amount of \$57,000.00. MES provided a brochure as well as the specs that the bid required. The County has purchased Turn Out Gear from MES for the past 7 years.

The bid was advertised on the Lee County website as required by law.

ATTACHMENT

1. Turn Out Gear Bid Info

**INVITATION TO BID
LEE COUNTY FIRE & EMS
TURN OUT GEAR
RFP #0815**

BID FORM

Name of Bidder/ Vendor: Municipal Emergency Services

Contact Person: Bob Zamudio

Mailing Address: 83 Thorahill Dr.
Brunswick, GA. 31525

Telephone: 912-237-5536

Email: rzamudio@mesfire.com

It is agreed by the undersigned bidder that the signature and submission of this bid represents the bidder's acceptance of all terms, conditions, and requirements of the bid specifications and, if awarded, the bid will represent the agreement between the parties.
No addendums will be allowed unless initiated by the County.

The undersigned bidder agrees to deliver the apparel to Lee County, Georgia complete and ready for wear within 84 days after being awarded the bid.

The undersigned bidder hereby declares that the requirements herein referred to have been carefully examined and all equipment, materials, and information called for by the bid requirements will be provided for the following sum:

Total Bid Amount = \$51,925.35

Authorized Signature:  Title: Sales Rep. South GA

Name Printed: Bob Zamudio Date: 8/1/2024



MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

(877) 637-3473

Quote

Quote # QT1839221
Date 07/19/2024
Expires 09/16/2024
Sales Rep Zamudio, Robert D
Shipping Method FedEx Ground
Customer LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (GA)
Customer #

Bill To

Chief Forrester
 Lee County Fire Sta. 1
 342 LESLIE HWY
 Leesburg GA 31763
 United States

Ship To

Chief Forrester
 LEE COUNTY FIRE DEPT Training Division
 934 U.S. Hwy 19 South
 Leesburg GA 31763
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Item	Alt. Item #	Units	Description	QTY	Unit Price	Amount
CUSTOM TURNOUT COAT	CVEL-830-939-C1-GBT		CVEL-830-939-C1-GBT Custom TURNOUT COAT Veridian Velocity Turnout Coat Lee County Spec. Quote Number: 2024165	15	\$1,941.54	\$29,123.10
CUSTOM TURNOUT PANT	TVEL-830-939-C1-GBT		TVEL-830-939-C1-GBT Custom TURNOUT PANT Veridian Velocity Turnout Pant Lee County Spec. Quote Number: 2024165	15	\$1,520.15	\$22,802.25

Subtotal \$51,925.35
Shipping Cost \$0.00
Tax Total \$0.00
Total \$51,925.35

This Quotation is subject to any applicable sales tax and shipping and handling charges that may apply. Tax and shipping charges are considered estimated and will be recalculated at the time of shipment to ensure they take into account the most current information.

All returns must be processed within 30 days of receipt and require a return authorization number and are subject to a restocking fee.

Custom orders are not returnable. Effective tax rate will be applicable at the time of invoice.



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MEMORANDUM

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TO: Honorable Board of County Commissioners
SUBJECT: County Updates

ADA Compliant Website

- NTS currently working on the Website

Agricultural/ Recreation Complex

- Located on 100 acres on Leesburg Bypass — 231 State Route 3
- Proposed plans provided July 29, 2020
- Resolution adopted and lease agreement signed on September 22, 2020 with Georgia Department of Natural Resources for a Boat Ramp
 - Renewed January 11, 2022
 - Estimated Start Date: Fall 2023
 - DNR hired EMC Engineering to survey property for canoe/kayak ramp
 - DNR staff notified us that the DNR Commissioner has signed the Boat Ramp agreement for the Lee County construction project
 - Engineering design began in January 2023
 - An Environmental study will be conducted in the next few weeks
- Improvements to the Property
 - Renovation of Covered Building: New roof, fresh paint, picnic tables, electrical system, well
 - Bobby Donley, Lanier Engineering, provided proposed site plan
 - Proposal submitted to the BOC for review
 - Trails: $\frac{3}{4}$ mile walking trail that runs along a 46 foot high ridgeline above the Kinchafoonee Creek and has a seasonal view of the waterway
 - Eight (8) picnic tables as well as a number of trash cans have been placed along this trail on the creek side
 - Directional signs for the area ordered (i.e. Parking, No Parking, trail markers, boundary signs, etc.)
- Future Improvements
 - Define the location of the road
 - Grade and place compacted crushed stone GAB/recycled asphalt on the area on top of the ridgeline for a parking area
 - Placing a gate at the trailhead so that the area can be closed to public for safety during high water events
- Planning/Designing Committee created by the Board at the May 11, 2021 meeting
 - **Committee Members:** Art Ford, Tim Sumners, Tom Sumners, Bobby Donley, Lisa Davis, David Dixon, Judy Powell, Rick Muggridge, Commissioner Luke Singletary, County Manager Christi Dockery, Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Morey
 - **Meetings:** June 14, 2021, November 15, 2021, January 11, 2022
 - Staff is working with a local engineering firm to develop a plan

- Professional Services Agreement with Lose Design approved and signed on August 8, 2023
- Onsite meeting held Friday, September 15, 2023
- Concept plan meeting held Friday, February 2, 2024
- Final plans presented to BOC on March 12, 2024
 - To be completed in phases
 - Includes: Multipurpose building, tennis courts, pickleball courts, RV campsite, walking and cross country trail, pavilions, amphitheater, practice fields, and a flexible lawn area
- Next Step: Development of bid documents for construction

Bicentennial Anniversary – June 9, 2025

- Preliminary discussions ongoing with staff and Chamber of Commerce staff on projects and ideas for a community celebration for Lee County's first 200 years

Census Numbers (2020)

- Lee County: 33,179
- Smithville: 593
- Leesburg: 3,480

Commercial Land Development Permits

- Boaters World – Ridezilla – Hwy 19
- City of Leesburg Water Improvements
- Dawson Road Commercial Subdivision Lots 3-8 – US Hwy 82
- DeSoto Silicon Ranch Phase II & III
- Drake Properties – Downtown Leesburg Restaurant Passion
- Elliano's Coffee – US Hwy 19
- Flint Ventures Commercial Subdivision – US Hwy 19
- Forrester Crossing Phase I – New Office Building
- Giovingo Properties Sanitary Sewer Expansion – US Hwy 82
- Gold Star EMS – Fussell Road
- Lamon Office Building – Ledo Road
- Lee County Utilities Authority Water & Sewer Improvements
- New Jerusalem Grove Baptist Church – Smithville
- Oakland Express convenience store – US Hwy 82
- Oxford Business Park
- Seven Brew – US Hwy 82
- Two (2) Proposed Package Stores –US Hwy 82
- Gas Station – US Hwy 82

DeSoto Solar Project

- Staff anticipates pushing power to the grid on both the DeSoto II and the DeSoto III projects by the end of this year
- Both projects to be fully completed by the end of Spring 2024
- Received first \$235,000.00 annual payment
- DeSoto I is fully completed and operating well
 - Sheep expected to be on the DeSoto I project by the end of summer or early fall 2024

GEMA

- GEMA representatives will be working with local government, businesses, and citizens to create a Disaster Recovery and Redevelopment Plan
 - There will be at least three stakeholder meetings
- Consists of a zero-cost match

- First meeting was held in the Kinchafoonee Room on Friday, April 26, 2024
 - A representative from the County and from the school system was in attendance
 - The City of Leesburg was also invited but was not in attendance
- Second meeting held Tuesday, June 25, 2024
- Third meeting held Wednesday, August 21, 2024

GIS

- Implemented Pictometry

Road Layer

- Including road width, length, and speed limits

Utilities Mapping Project

- Purpose: To map all utilities in Lee County
 - Includes water mains, water valves, water towers, fire hydrants, sewer lines, sewer manholes, sewer pump stations, fiber, gas, telephone, etc. as well as feature type, pipe size, pipe material, valve size
 - Also mapping greenspace, stormwater holding ponds, Hazard Mitigation lots, etc.
- Goal: To have an internet map in ArcGIS Online where utility workers can view utility maps on a tablet in the field

GDOT

- The Georgia Department of Transportation has activated a virtual Public Information Open House website for the GDOT project PI 0017962 Lee County
 - Comments accepted through July 26, 2024
 - Link for project information: [SR 3 - US 19 at CS 507 - Church St - Intersection improvements - PI 0017962 \(arcgis.com\)](#)

2024 LRA Funds

- March 2024: Governor Kemp announced an additional \$250 million in Local Road Assistance Administration funds (LRA) was to be included in the amended FY 2024 budget
- Same application process and eligible activities/ projects as for the traditional LMIG
- No required match
- Lee County's formula amount for this grant is **\$855,690.09**
- Application submitted May 31, 2024
 - Road Projects: English Drive, Hickory Grove Road, New York Road from Mossy dell Road to SR 195
- Application approved June 5, 2024
- Funds received June 6, 2024
- LRA funds and future LMIG funds will be combined for the next road resurfacing RFP

2025 LMIG

- Letter from GDOT received July 9, 2024
- Lee County's formula amount for 2025 is \$704,454.79, plus the 30% local match of \$211,336.44 comes to a total of **\$915,791.23**
- All electronic LMIG applications must be received no later than February 1, 2025

Playground Upgrades

Pirates Cove

- New exercise equipment has been purchased for Pirates Cove Nature Park
- Zane Grace Construction installed a 48x48x6 concrete pad
 - BOC awarded project on May 14, 2024 for \$20,493.00
- Zane Grace Construction installing fitness equipment
- Trail has been established
- Picnic tables and benches installed
- Parking stops and plants installed
- Waiting for quote for the installation of a Sun Shade

Callaway Park

- Additional playground equipment has been purchased with SPLOST
- Completed fencing and solar lights
- Waiting for picnic tables

Springdale Park

- Additional playground equipment has been purchased with SPLOST
- Completed fencing and solar lights
- Waiting for benches

Rivers Alive Cleanup

- Saturday, September 21, 2024
- Volunteer Sign-ups at www.chamberorganizer.com

Sidewalks

- Georgia Department of Transportation, GDOT, has approved the City of Leesburg's request for funding assistance for sidewalks on State Route 3, State Route 32, and Firetower Road
- GDOT is committing up to \$304,000.00, or 70% of the project cost, whichever is less
- December 22, 2022: Board voted to pay the County's share of the cost for sidewalks on Firetower Road (\$13,500.00)
- Ongoing progress

Smithville Road Bridge

- Georgia Department of Transportation, GDOT, plans to replace the bridge over the Muckaloochee Creek on Smithville Road
- Construction and Maintenance Easements received from adjoining property owners and recorded
- Estimated Start Date: August 15, 2024
 - Detour will be implemented during this construction as bridge will be closed to thru traffic
 - Estimated completion date: January 2025

Speed Limit Ordinance

- Approved by BOC at April 26, 2022 meeting
- Staff has submitted documents to GDOT
- Requested DOT examine Old Leesburg Road/State Route 133
- Awaiting GDOT review and approval

SPLOST VII

- Collection Period: October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2025
- Ballot amount: \$20,825,603.00
 - Current collection: \$23,137,628 as of July 2024 (111%)

SPLOST VIII

- Citizens voted on referendum March 12, 2024
 - Vote passed
- Collection Period: October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2031
- September 12, 2023: BOC approved placing on the March 2024 ballot
- Meeting with Lee County, Leesburg, and Smithville officials held Tuesday, October 10, 2023 with all entities in agreement
- IGA and projects list approved by the BOC on October 24, 2023
- Completed IGA submitted to the Elections and Registration Office November 10, 2023

Storm Drainage Repair/ Holding Ponds

- Lumpkin Road
 - BOC approved a contract with Lanier Engineering to survey in March 2020

- Survey completed June 2020
- BOC currently reviewing plans and options

TSPLOST II

- Joint meeting held Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 5:00pm
- Voters approved continuation of TSPLOST II in November 2022
- Collection Period: April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2029

Telecommunications Tower

- To be located at the Smithville Fire Station
- Partnering with Motorola
- Conditional Use and Variance: Approval recommendation from the Planning Commission on May 2, 2024 and approved by the BOC on May 14, 2024 following a Public Hearing
- Estimated Completion: December 2024
- Meetings held every two weeks to provide updates
- Motorola conducted a Private Locate of the site
- Soil boring analysis completed to test the soil to decide what type of foundation is appropriate
 - 30x30 8ft deep pad and pier foundation
 - 10ft down for the steel foundation
- Awaiting permit filings and approvals

Utilities Authority

- SAG Well Grant - \$1,200,000.00 – LC match \$300,000.00
- The funding would be used to improve the reliability and redundancy of Lee County’s drinking water supply by providing a 1.0 million gallon per day well and treatment facility to provide safe, reliable, and potable drinking water
- The drinking water supply will allow the community to avoid lapses in service during peak water usage months and allow the drinking water to be treated to EPA standards

Westover Extension

- GDOT project - DARTS support
- Will connect Westover Road and Ledo Road at Capstone Connector
- Oxford Construction Company awarded bid from GDOT
 - Project ongoing
- Staff is working with GDOT and DARTS on signal and safety issues for Ledo Road intersection
- Estimated Completion Date: December 2024
- Discussions with GDOT regarding a traffic study and signal installation ongoing
- GDOT committed to conducting a traffic study of this intersection once the project is completed
- Estimated Completion: December 2024

Windstream – Kinetic Fiber Installation

- Kinetic staff is currently staking installation areas throughout the County
- Engineering design completed by January 2024
- Crews began fiber installation in early 2024 with anticipated completion of over 4,234 underserved properties by the end of 2026
- Project is required to be completed by 2026 with minimum speeds of 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload
- Funding for this project includes:
 - Grant award from Georgia’s State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - \$12,541,241.00
 - Kinetic funding of \$7,337,804.00 with Lee County’s match of \$1,200,000.00
 - ARPA funding
 - Total Investment: \$21,079,046.00

- Groundbreaking held Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at Oakland Court
- Approximately 75 permits issued so far
- Total footage of 501,601, with 295,817 feet being aerial (58%) and 205,784 feet being buried (42%)
- Monthly meetings held with Windstream & Staff
- Windstream is projecting 100% completion of entire project mid-year 2025
- Sumter EMC construction department has completed 41% of make-ready attachments requested by Windstream in Lee County

RFPs and RFQs

Open

Public Works Equipment

- Motorgrader, Track Excavator, and two Front End Loaders
- Bid Opening: August 29, 2024
- Bid results to be presented to the BOC at September 10, 2024 meeting

Turn Out Gear

- Fifteen sets for Fire & EMS personnel
- Bid Opening: August 15, 2024
- Bid results to be presented to the BOC at August 27, 2024 meeting

Recently Awarded

Painting for the Interior of the Tharp Building

- ARPA funds expenditures approved by BOC at April 23, 2024 meeting
- Bid Opening: July 3, 2024
- Bid results presented to the Board on July 23, 2024
- BOC awarded bid to Affordable Painting for \$75,000.00

Flooring for the Interior of the Tharp Building

- Approved by BOC at April 27, 2021 meeting
- ARPA funds expenditures approved by BOC at April 23, 2024 meeting
- Bid Opening: July 3, 2024
- Bid results presented to the Board on July 23, 2024
- BOC awarded bid to New World Restoration for \$99,125.81

Coston Road Paving Project

- Approved by BOC at September 26, 2023 meeting
- Pre-Bid Meeting: November 16, 2023
- Re-published February 2024
- Pre-Bid Meeting: March 14, 2024
- Bid Opening: April 4, 2024
- BOC awarded the bid to Advanced Engineering Services on April 9, 2024 for \$49,800.00
- April 10, 2024: Notice of Award
- April 25, 2024: Notice to Proceed – 120 days to complete this design
- Survey should have been done by the end of this week July 5th and will begin engineering design immediately upon receipt of the survey

Road Resurfacing Projects (including LMIG 2024)

- Pre-Bid Meeting: November 28, 2023
- Bid Opening: December 11, 2023
- Approved by BOC at September 12, 2023 meeting
- BOC awarded bid on December 12, 2023 to **Oxford Construction Company** at a total cost of **\$5,032,661.75**
- **Roads:** Argyll Place, Aylesbury Place, Berkeley Road, Cambridge Road, Carillon Court, Carowinds Drive, Chokey Road, Coosaw Court, Country Drive, Creek Isle Drive, Creekshire Court, Creekview Drive, Danbury Lane, Doris Drive, Foxworth Drive, Halifax Place, Huntingdon Drive, Johns Drive, Knollwood Drive, Lavender Lane, Longleaf Drive, Margate Drive, Marion Court, Midway Street, Morning Mist Drive, Muckalee Lane, New York Road, Pebble Ridge Drive, Pineview Drive, Pinewood Road, Red Bay Court, Springlake Drive, Towne Lane, Victorian Court, Village Lane, Warrington Road, Willard Court, Winnstead Drive, and Wiregrass Way
- Completed: July 2024

Future

Renovation of the E-911 Center

- Approved by BOC at April 23, 2024 meeting
- Staff writing RFP documents
- Projected Bid Opening: October 2024

Expansion of the Public Works Office Building

- Approved by BOC at April 23, 2024 meeting
- Staff writing RFP documents
- Projected Bid Opening: October 2024

Sewer Extension on Hwy 19

- Approved by BOC at June 22, 2021 meeting
- Staff writing RFQ documents
- Projected Bid Opening TBD
- The plans and easement plats are completed and ready for submittal from Lanier Engineering
- Estimated Completion: December 2024

Fencing

- Approved by BOC at April 25, 2023 meeting
- Staff writing RFP documents
- To be placed at several County facilities
- Projected Bid Opening: TBD

LED Lighting in the Fire Stations

- Previous Pre-Bid Meeting: September 20, 2022
- Previous Bid Opening: October 19, 2022
- Results brought to the Board on October 25, 2022
 - Bids rejected
- Project to be reopened at a future date

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF LEE

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT
FOR THE JOINT PROVISION OF SERVICES BETWEEN
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
AND THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA**

This First Amendment to Intergovernmental Contract for the Joint Provision of Services Between the Board of Commissioners of Lee County, Georgia and the City of Albany, Georgia is hereby entered into this _____ day of _____, 2024 by and between **The Board of Commissioners of Lee County, Georgia** (hereinafter referred to as “Lee County”) and **The City of Albany, Georgia** (hereinafter referred to as “Albany”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Lee County and Albany previously entered into an Intergovernmental Contract for the Joint Provision of Services between the Board of Commissioners of Lee County, Georgia and the City of Albany, Georgia dated May 3, 2016 regarding procedures and obligations of each party in connection with Albany installing, operating, and maintaining certain natural gas services and fiber optic cable services to various subdivisions in the unincorporated area of Lee County (the “Original IGA”); and

WHEREAS, the Original IGA expired by its terms as of May 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, such expiration was applicable to the provisions of the Original IGA pursuant to which Albany could obtain permits for the installation of natural gas utilities and fiber optic cable services in the unincorporated areas of Lee County in accord with the terms of the Contract, but the expiration date did not apply to the continuing obligation of Albany to pay Lee County for such services that Albany continued to provide after such termination, including, but not limited to the annual continuing obligation of Albany to pay the amounts required under Paragraph 4(A) of the Original IGA; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to enter into this First Amendment to the Original IGA so as to extend the original termination date to December 31, 2024 so as to authorize Albany to continue to apply for and obtain permits from Lee County for the installation, operation and maintenance of natural gas services and fiber optic cable services within certain

areas of the unincorporated areas of Lee County which would otherwise be authorized but for the termination of the Original IGA .

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

1. The termination date of the Original IGA shall be, and is hereby, extended to December 31, 2024, at which time, the Original IGA and this First Amendment shall terminate except for the continuing obligation of Albany to pay Lee County for natural gas services and fiber optic cable services that continue to be provided by Albany after such termination pursuant to permits issued by Lee County prior to such termination, as herein extended, including, but not limited to, the annual continuing obligation of Albany to pay to Lee County the amounts required under Paragraph 4(A) of the Original IGA.

2. The extension of the original termination date for the time period established in this First Amendment shall be for the purpose of authorizing Albany, during the time period commencing on the effective date of this First Amendment and concluding on December 31, 2024, to continue to apply for and obtain permits from Lee County for the installation, operation and maintenance of natural gas services and fiber optic cable services within certain areas of the unincorporated areas of Lee County which would otherwise be authorized but for the termination of the Original IGA .

2. It is the intent of the parties to negotiate upon and enter into a new Intergovernmental Contract regarding the same subject matter as the Original IGA between the date of this First Amendment and December 31, 2024.

3. All of the terms, conditions, and obligations of the parties appearing in the Original IGA which are not modified, revised, amended, or changed by the terms of this First Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

4. No future modification of the Original IGA or this First Amendment to the Original IGA between the parties with respect to the subject matter thereof shall be binding unless the same is reduced to writing and signed by all parties to this Contract. No representation, promise, or inducement not included in the Original IGA or in this First Amendment thereto shall be binding upon any party hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands and affixed their seals to this First Amendment as of the day and year first above written.

**The Board of Commissioners
of Lee County, Georgia**

Unofficial Witness

By: _____
Chairman

Notary Public

Attest: _____
County Clerk

The City of Albany, Georgia

Unofficial Witness

By: _____
Mayor

Notary Public

Attest: _____
City Clerk