



**LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024 AT 10:00 AM

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KINCHAFOONEE ROOM

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MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED

MEETING

**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 special called meeting on Monday, November 25, 2024. The meeting was held in the Kinchafoonee Room of the Lee County T. Page Tharp Governmental Building in Leesburg, Georgia. Those present were Chairman Luke 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. Also present was Development Authority Chairman Greg Crowder and Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Davis. Chairman Singletary called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Singletary led the invocation and the Board and audience said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **NEW BUSINESS**

A) **Discussion of a Request for Annexation received from the City of Leesburg.**

County Attorney Jimmy Skipper summarized this item and the communication sent to the County from the City of Leesburg. The County must notify the City if any County-owned facilities are located on the property in question. Mr. Skipper has drafted that response letter and plans to send it today. A full response is due 45 days after notice is received, which would be around January 3, 2025. The reason for the 45 day response period is to allow the other party (the County in this case) time to discuss and determine if they are in support of the annexation or would like to file an objection. Mr. Skipper explained the process of annexation, which is similar to that of a trial and involves a panel of arbitrators, referencing the ACCG Annexation Arbitration Guidance provided to those present as a handout. This item will be brought to the Board at their December 10 meeting for further discussion; most likely as an Executive Session.

B) **Appointment of a Board of Directors for MCLCG, Inc.**

Chairman Luke Singletary made the **MOTION** to recommend the following individuals for the Board of Directors for MCLCG, Inc.: Billy Mathis, Greg Crowder, Dr. Bruce Houston, Luke Singletary, and Lisa Davis. Commissioner Billy Mathis seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Vice-Chairman Chris Guarnieri, Commissioner Dennis Roland, and Commissioner George Walls voting yea.

County Attorney Jimmy Skipper summarized the need for a Board of Directors, stating a local

Board of Directors will contract out the management of the potential medical center to a 3rd party. A resolution and by-laws will soon be put in place for this board.

- C) Consideration to approve an Intergovernmental Contract with the Lee County Development Authority and Lee County Hospital Authority in connection with the provision of services related to economic development activities and in connection with the provision of public health care facilities and services, including, but not limited to, the development and construction of a hospital.

County Attorney Jimmy Skipper summarized the agreement stating the Development Authority will convey the property to the non-profit entity and the County will pay upfront costs, which will be reimbursed upon the issuance of bonds for the project.

Commissioner Guarnieri made the **MOTION** to approve an Intergovernmental Contract with the Lee County Development Authority and Lee County Hospital Authority in connection with the provision of services related to economic development activities and in connection with the provision of public health care facilities and services, including, but not limited to, the development and construction of a hospital. Commissioner Mathis seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Chairman Singletary, Commissioner Roland, and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

Commissioner Roland made the **MOTION** to add the following item to the agenda: Consideration to approve the issuance of retention payments to County staff in December. Commissioner Mathis seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Chairman Singletary, Commissioner Guarnieri, and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

- D) Consideration to approve the issuance of retention payments to County staff in December.

Finance Director Heather Jones stated that this would come out of Contingency funds. She will put numbers together and get them to the Board for discussion at their December 10 meeting.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to table the item the issuance of retention payments to County staff until the December 10, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Chairman Singletary, Commissioner Guarnieri, and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

### 3. **PUBLIC FORUM**

No citizens took part in the Public Forum.

### 4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A) Offices of the Lee County Board of Commissioners will be **closed Thursday, November 28, 2024 and Friday, November 29, 2024** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Residential garbage collection services will not run on Thursday, November 28, 2024, but will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.
- B) The next regularly scheduled County Commission Meeting is **Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00pm.**

### 5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK