



**LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
T. PAGE THARP GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING  
102 STARKSVILLE AVENUE NORTH, LEESBURG, GEORGIA 31763

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 AT 6:00 PM  
T. PAGE THARP BUILDING  
OPAL CANNON AUDITORIUM  
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MEETING MINUTES  
Voting Session

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**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

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**COUNTY STAFF**

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

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The Lee County Board of Commissioners met in a voting session on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. 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, Vice-Chairman Chris Guarnieri, commissioner Dennis Roland, Commissioner Billy Mathis, and Commissioner George Walls. Staff in attendance were County Manager Christi Dockery and County Clerk Kaitlyn Good. County Attorney Jimmy Skipper was absent. 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 Lee Smith, Leesburg Methodist Church, to lead the invocation.

Pastor Lee Smith led the invocation.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Consideration to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Roland made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Mathis voting yea.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A) Recognition of County employees' years of service.

Chairman Singletary announced that County Manager Christi Dockery is retiring and this would be her last regularly scheduled board meeting. He thanked Ms. Dockery for her service to the County.

Chairman Singletary recognized the following employees for their years of service:

10 years: Toney Smith – Equipment Operator

20 years: Christopher Stokes – Landfill Attendant

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

8. **DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS**

A) **E-911 - Consideration to purchase radios for the E-911 backup center.**

E-911 Director Nikkie Celinski stated that to have a fully equipped backup center, it would cost an estimated \$360,000.00. Instead, another option is consolettes. The proposed consolettes, which are \$31,709.46, would be operational and ready to go when plugged in. These can be repurposed as larger consoles if necessary and can record audio. Ms. Celinski stated that these consolettes are mobile in the event that they need to evacuate the E-911 Center. Chairman Singletary stated that this is part of the SPLOST VII obligation. County Manager Christi Dockery confirmed that the 911 Center funds are in SPLOST VII and the County will begin SPLOST VIII in October. Commissioner Mathis asked how much had been spent on the line item. Ms. Dockery stated that there was a remaining balance of \$356,000.00. Commissioner Mathis asked staff to provide an exact amount that had been spent.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve the purchase of three (3) consolette mobile units from Motorola at a total price of \$31,709.46 for the E-911 backup center. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Roland and Commissioner Guarnieri voting yea.

B) **Public Works - Discussion of a speed hump policy.**

Public Works Director Mike Sistrunk stated that this was a proposed plan. He discussed the speed signs that were approved and purchased. These signs will collect information regarding speeding in areas where speed humps are requested. There are currently 47 speed humps throughout the county. Mr. Sistrunk stated that they wanted to get a policy in place due to issues in the past with someone asking for a speed hump, but the majority of the neighborhood did not want it. Chairman Singletary stated that this is a reasonable policy. He would like to see a limit on how long they stay. Mr. Sistrunk stated that a limit of 60 days was recommended. Commissioner Mathis stated that they previously had a petition in the past, but it did not work. However, the speed signs are a good idea and could help get data on certain areas. Mr. Sistrunk stated that they will send the information to the commissioner and decide if a speed hump is to be placed. Chairman Singletary stated that even if the petition is not a requirement, they could offer it and bring it to the commissioner along with the data from the speed sign.

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

A) **Consideration to appoint one (1) member to the Community Foundation Board of Trustees for a term of two (2) years. Term expires 03/25/2027. Letter of interest in appointment received from Sherry Askey (reappointment).**

Commissioner Roland made the **MOTION** to appoint Sherry Askey to the Community Foundation Board of Trustees for a term of two (2) years. Commissioner Mathis seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

10. **COUNTY MANAGER'S MATTERS**

A) **Updates on County projects.**

County Manager Christi Dockery discussed the following updates to County Projects: (1) Work is ongoing on the ADA-compliant website; (2) a committee is looking into developing a new logo; and (3) Windstream is currently working to get railroad permits.

Chairman Singletary stated that he spoke with a technician. They are currently working to turn on a switch on the west side and there should be people starting to be connected. Ms. Dockery stated that their deadline is December 2026 but hope to have the majority done by June 2025.

B) Discussion of the City of Leesburg water service extension to Lakeview Mobile Home Park.

Bert Gregory, City of Leesburg Attorney, stated that the Lakeview Mobile Home Park is adjacent to the City limits. They approached the City about connecting to water due to their well going bad. This will require an intergovernmental agreement. This has been done on Cannon Subdivision and the school on Robert B Lee. This is not an annexation request, this will only be an agreement to allow the City to provide water. County Manager Christi Dockery stated that they would have to amend the service delivery, which is already currently in progress for other issues. Commissioner Guarnieri asked if there was an expiration for this contract. Ms. Dockery stated that according to County Attorney Jimmy Skipper, the contract could be up to 50 years.

Mr. Gregory stated that they would not want to interfere with any long-term plans for the Utilities Authority. He stated that they are not allowed to charge extra for this service, as they were allowed to at one time. They will not make any additional money from this. Commissioner Walls stated that the closest water hook up for the Utilities Authority is two miles away, and it would cost approximately \$1 million to extend to the mobile home park. Commissioner Walls asked if the existing lines would be used in this extension. Mr. Gregory stated that there has been discussion about whether this would be individual units or a master meter. It currently seems like it will be a master meter, meaning it will be extended to the park, but the customer would be responsible for extending it to the homes.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to amend the service delivery strategy to allow the City of Leesburg to extend water service to Lakeview Mobile Home Park until the Lee County Utilities Authority extends their water service. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Roland voting yea.

11. **COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS**

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

13. **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS**

A) Consideration to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chehaw Park Authority relating to the expenditure of hotel-motel tax funds received by the County under Title 48 of the Georgia Tax Code.

Chairman Singletary stated that County Attorney Jimmy Skipper has redone this agreement for a term for one year. It was determined that this is the only option to stay compliant with these funds.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Chehaw Park Authority for the expenditure of hotel-motel tax funds. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

15. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Margo Clayton - Thanked the board on behalf of the residences of Old Leslie Road for the decision to pave their road.

Paul Clayton - Thanked Commissioner Roland for the sand on Old Leslie Road.

Commissioner Roland clarified that the board did not make a decision to pave the road. The motion was to get pricing on paving the road.

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 Board of Commissioners meeting will be held May 13, 2025 at 6:00pm.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:24PM.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK