



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022 6:00 P.M.
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MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

COUNTY STAFF

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

The Lee County Board of Commissioners met in a work session on Tuesday, January 11, 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, Commissioner Luke Singletary, Commissioner Rick Muggridge, and Commissioner George Walls. 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

Josh Posey, First Baptist Church of Leesburg, led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

(A) **Selection of a Chairman for 2022 and by virtue of office, Chairman will serve on the following boards:**

- **DARTS Policy Coordinator – meets quarterly***
- **SWGRC Council – meets monthly****
- **Health Department – meets quarterly****

***Proxy to be appointed by Chairman of the Board/Letter to DARTS.**

****Chairman may appoint another Commissioner to serve in his stead.**

Commissioner Walls made the **MOTION** to name Commissioner Mathis as Chairman of the Lee County Board of Commissioners for 2022. Commissioner Singletary seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Muggridge and Commissioner Wheaton voting yea. Commissioner Mathis is Chairman of the Lee County Board of Commissioners for 2022.

(B) **Selection of a Vice-Chairman for 2022.**

Commissioner Walls made the **MOTION** to name Commissioner Wheaton as Vice-Chairman of the Lee County Board of Commissioners for 2022. Commissioner Muggridge seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Singletary and Chairman Mathis voting yea. Commissioner Wheaton is Vice-Chairman of the Lee County Board of Commissioners for 2022.

(C) **Chairman to make appointments to the County's 2022 Standing Committees:**

- **Budget & Finance Committee:** Commissioners Mathis and Wheaton
- **Personnel Committee:** Commissioners Singletary and Wheaton
- **Road Committee:** Commissioners Muggridge and Walls

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(A) **Consideration to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes for December 14, 2021.**

Commissioner Wheaton made the **MOTION** to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes for December 14, 2021. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Singletary and Commissioner Muggridge voting yea.

CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

(A) **Patsy Shirley, Executive Director of Lee County Family Connection, Inc., to provide an update on Family Connection programs.**

Patsy Shirley, Executive Director of Lee County Family Connection, Inc., provided a mid-year update to the Board on the various Family Connection programs in Lee County. The Backpack Blessings program distributed 1,633 bags to area children K – 5th Grade and the 6th annual Christmas Store helped 44 families (132 children, 396 gifts, 132 pairs of pajamas, 132 filled stockings, 132 books, 132 bags of school supplies, 44 bags of groceries, and 44 family gifts) with the assistance of 70 volunteers and 100 community partners. This program itself is an approximately a \$20,000.00 program, run mostly by in-kind contributions and gifts.

In the Literacy Intervention program, the retired educators have delivered 611 books to children Pre-K – 2nd Grade. There were two Family Literacy Nights that served eight families (35 children) with 15 volunteers and five community partners.

Ms. Shirley also discussed the Youth Leadership Development program. The program is in its planning phase, but has received the Innovations in Community Leadership Initiative Grant from the JW Fanning Institute for Leadership Development at UGA. This program will also hopefully then develop into a Junior Ambassador program and will potentially impact 150 students per year. There are six community partners: Chamber of Commerce, Board of Commissioners, City of Leesburg, the School System, the Library System, and Family Connections.

Ms. Shirley also quoted a passage from a book entitled “What Happened to You?” by Dr. Bruce Perry regarding the importance of programs like this after questioning whether or not these programs make a difference in the lives of the children and families in Lee County. Ms. Shirley thanked the Board for their continued support and Chairman Mathis stated that this program does make a difference in the community, citing how many families have been given food during the pandemic.

PUBLIC HEARING

(A) **Clifford Harpe, Jr. (Z21-008) has submitted an application to the Lee County Planning Commission to allow for a second single family home on a legally subdivided lot of at least 3 acres in the AG-1 (Active Agriculture District). The property owner is the Estate of Katherine Anderson Magee Wilkinson, Parcel Number 041045 of land being part of Land Lot 40 of the 15th Land District of Lee County, Georgia. Planning Department staff recommend approval and the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve.**

Chairman Mathis opened the public hearing.

Phyllis Tucker, executor of the Estate of Katherine Anderson Magee Wilkinson, addressed the Board regarding the proposed application, stating that that the property contains approximately 200 acres, and the family wishes to sell all but three (3) acres of that property, as there is an existing, family-member occupied home on that section. Commissioner Walls asked if this property had ever been previously subdivided, to which Ms. Tucker replied that it had not.

With no further comments or questions from the Board or the audience, the public hearing was closed.

- (B) Guy Joiner (Z21-009) has submitted an application to the Lee County Planning Commission requesting to rezone a total of 3.00 acres from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to C-2 (General Business District). The property owners are William and Sherry Stith, Parcel Number 040D607000 of land being part of Land Lot 242 of the Second Land District of Lee County, Georgia. Planning Department staff recommend conditional approval and the Planning Commission voted to deny (5-2). Chairman Mathis opened the public hearing.

In Favor

1. Guy Joiner, applicant, addressed the Board regarding the application, stating that the proposed gas station would be 30 yards off Haley Drive to the North and 100 yards from the nearest house, would have low density lighting that would be no brighter than what would be in a neighborhood, and the store would close at 9:00pm, with employees gone by 10:00pm. Mr. Joiner stated he aims to provide a safe, clean, friendly environment, free of crime. Mr. Joiner also cited a traffic study showing 14,000 a day; currently there are 3,660 travel units a day on that road, which is less than 25%; however, Mr. Joiner acknowledged the congestion in the area at certain times of the day at that intersection. Mr. Joiner stated that he recognizes that the area can become congested when the train is coming through twice a day and that it takes about 15 minutes to clear; however, stated that this station should not increase traffic flow.

The GDOT has also already approved the right of way, so they must recognize the traffic pattern in the area. Additionally, reports show a total of only nine motor vehicle accidents at the intersection during the calendar year 2021, compared to the traffic study that mentions 1,335,000 units traveling per year.

Mr. Joiner stated that property values should not decrease as over the past three to four years, property values in Lee County have increased approximately 60%, which includes the residential properties around commercial developments as well. To address the environmental issue, Mr. Joiner stated that they have a GUST fund that they have to participate in that will pay for any spills; Mr. Joiner added that he was not aware of any oil spills in Lee County in the past few years.

In Opposition

1. Phillip Reed, resident, stated that no one can predict the future, so while Mr. Joiner says that property values will not decrease and no criminal activity will take place or the traffic won't be affected, there's no way to know for sure. There are just some of the concerns from the residents in the immediate area. Mr. Reed stated that this was a very dangerous intersection, with speeders, numerous accidents, and many near misses (which go unmentioned, yet should be taken into consideration) as well as the daily congestion from the train. Mr. Reed stated that this area is primarily residential, which is different than other gas station lots on Hwy 19 that have commercial developments on several sides. Mr. Reed added a fear that injuries may occur if residents from the Long Dirt Road/Cedric Road/ Winding Way areas decide to take a scooter, ATV, golf cart, or even walk across Old Leesburg Road, where no traffic light or crosswalk exists, to reach the store.

Mr. Reed re-emphasized the issue of congestion due to the train and how when traffic gets backed up, it gets heavily backed up. The addition of the Pheasant Drive Extension may bring more traffic to the area as people may begin cutting through the neighborhood to avoid the train congestion or other traffic. The area residents do not want a gas station at this location, which is virtually in their backyards. Mr. Reed stated that there were enough gas stations in the area (six within a two mile radius) and there is not a need for one more. Mr. Reed closed by reading the code section defining C-2 from the Lee County Code of Ordinances. Bringing in this gas station will increase traffic; Hwy 133 can take more traffic, but what about Haley and/or Cedric?

2. Thomas Dukes, resident, agreed with everything Mr. Reed had spoken about, with the addition of concern for the geese in the area. Down Haley Drive, about 300 feet away from the proposed development site property, geese cross the roadway a few times during the day to feed and there is even

a "Geese Crossing" sign in place. The county must have known about the geese to put up a sign. Mr. Dukes questioned what this development might do to the environment and the geese population in the area, if they would be disturbed or have to relocate. Mr. Dukes offered to show the Board pictures of the geese.

3. David Kelley, resident, stated that while he does not live in the area of the proposed development, he has friends with children who do and he has also witnessed a similar case in a neighboring county. In that case, after a gas station was built nearby, the individual's property value was lowered and he was not able to sell his home for what it was worth. This station wishes to install EV chargers and Mr. Kelley questioned why anyone would need to charge at a gas station when they could charge at their home. Mr. Kelley stated that there will be an influx of crime and drug use if the gas station opens, citing again an experience with the individual in the neighboring county. If there are kids in the area, which there are, there will be drug usage. Mr. Kelley asked the Board to consider how the development might influence power usage in the area, how much power it might pull from the grid, and if the residents will be affected by this use of power.

Mr. Kelley added that there will be a lot more traffic and a lot more accidents and if the zoning is approved, we should look into traffic lights or infrastructure changes. While there have not been major oil spills in Lee County, there still could be. Also, vehicles pull into gas stations leaking oil; where does that oil go once the property owner washes it off their pavement? Mr. Kelley asked if there was a hazmat plan, an environmental impact plan, or the plan to say underground gas tanks can be built there. Mr. Kelley added that there are chemicals being transported on the train over to Proctor and Gamble and questioned how we could have a train with chemicals and a gas station on the same side of the street. Mr. Kelley encouraged the Board to look into the DOT laws applicable to the abovementioned issues before passing this zoning application.

4. Augusta Roberts, resident, stated that there is too much traffic for this to be approved without a traffic light at that intersection, which Ms. Roberts acknowledged would be state jurisdiction. Ms. Roberts added that while she understands the revenue this establishment could bring in for the County, revenue is not more important than safety. This station could bring more traffic and more accidents to the area. Ms. Roberts also cited the congestion caused by the train stating traffic can be backed up for a while down the block before it clears. Ms. Roberts asked the Board to consider the residents and their wishes and deny this application and not allow a gas station to be built there.

With no further comments or questions from the Board or the audience, the public hearing was closed.

- (C) **Joe and Beth Pollock (Z21-010) have submitted an application to the Lee County Planning Commission requesting to rezone a total of 25.00 acres from AG (Active Agricultural District) to R-1L (Low Density, Single Family Residential District). The property owners are Joe and Beth Pollock, Parcel Number 054160046 of land being part of Land Lot 29 of the First Land District of Lee County, Georgia. Planning Department staff recommend denial and the Planning Commission voted unanimously for approval, with the following condition: That this be a one-time approval to divide (no future subdivision of this property) the 25 acre tract into a 15 acre tract and a 10 acre tract. This is approved based on the sale of the 10 acre tract.**

Chairman Mathis opened the public hearing.

Joe Pollock, applicant, addressed the Board regarding the application, stating that the property is 25 acres total, with two homes, one currently occupied by the applicant (primary residence, built 2003) and the other being vacant. The smaller home was built (2004) on the back of the property for family members who have since passed away and has its own well and septic tank. Mr. Pollock stated that because he was told he could not rent the house to anyone other than family members, and with no interested family members, he would like to sell the home, along with approximately 10 acres of land (includes road frontage).

Mr. Pollock stated that he does not wish to add another structure onto the property, just sell a portion of it that

he has no use for any longer, adding that there is already a potential buyer. Mr. Pollock stated he was unaware he had to subdivide or rezone the property and assumed it could stay AG, citing a zoning map of Scott Road showing lots of less than 25 acres zoned as AG. Mr. Pollock reiterated that he does not wish to subdivide it again, only to sell the home and 10 acres that he is no longer in need of. Mr. Pollock added that so far he has not received any opposition.

With no further comments or questions from the Board or the audience, the public hearing was closed.

- (D) **Pinewood Solar, LLC (Z21-011), a Subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources (NextEra): Griffin Leone, Project Manager, has submitted an application to the Lee County Planning Commission proposing to construct and operate a large scale (1500 acres) ground mounted solar energy system as principal use in the AG-1 (Active Agriculture District) zone. There are multiple property owners as follows: Cross Creek Plantations LLC, Parcel 044 005; Cross Creek Plantations LLC, Parcel 044 002; Cross Creek Plantations LLC, Parcel 045 001; Griffith Farms LLC, Parcel 046 014; Griffith Farms LLC, Parcel 035 066; Lagg Farms LLC, Parcel 044 001; Michigan Homes, Inc., Parcel 035 015; R & S Farms Inc., Parcel 035 041; Jimmy C Smith, Parcel 035 100. The project site is located approximately 6 miles north of the City of Leesburg, south of State Route 377, and west of State Route 195 within four contiguous parcels. Planning Department staff recommend conditional approval and the Planning Commission voted for approval, with the conditions set forth by staff recommendation (see page 39) and the following additional condition (5-1): The commencement of construction is to begin within 18 months from the Lee County Board of Commissioners January 25, 2022 meeting.**

Chairman Mathis opened the public hearing.

In Favor

1. Griffin Leone, Senior Project Manager, addressed the Board regarding the application, stating that this would be a 200mW project (\$200 million capital investment project) that is projected to produce approximately \$18 million in additional tax revenue. During the 16 month construction phase, the project will also bring around 350 jobs to the area. Mr. Leone also stated that the solar farm would be essentially invisible (95% of the facility) from the roadway due to vegetation buffers both existing and new, adding that no existing trees would need to be disturbed for the construction. Mr. Leone also stated that they had a fully completed wetland delineation, and are avoiding all jurisdictional wetlands. This project has been in the works for nearly four years and would reportedly use and impact little, if any, County resources. There is also a \$1 million decommissioning security (decommissioning in 30 years) that is voluntarily submitted by the company.

Commissioner Wheaton asked if \$1 million in a decommissioning security would be enough to cover the decommissioning in 30 years, to which Mr. Leone stated that in year 15, a third party expert would evaluate the property and replace that figure with a more appropriate estimate, if necessary, which would then replace that \$1 million.

Commissioner Walls asked if the land being used for this project was to be purchased or leased from the current property owners. Mr. Leone stated that the property is to be leased.

Commissioner Singletary asked Mr. Leone if the additional condition of having the commencement of construction begin within 18 months from the Lee County Board of Commissioners January 25, 2022 meeting was reasonable, to which Mr. Leone assured him that it was. There are still several outstanding tasks to be completed before this project could be constructed, adding that 18 months would allow time to complete all that is necessary.

In Opposition

1. David Kelley stated that he lives across the street from the transmission site of the proposed solar facility and supports the projects, stating that if it's your property you can do whatever you wish to with it. However, he has a concern about the hazardous waste that comes with solar panels, adding that we don't know where these panels are coming from and all solar panels have silicon in them and those

coming from overseas have more than those made in America. There is also a material in the solar panels that is highly toxic and causing cancer at a high rate. Over the next 30 years, we will have severe weather that will inevitably damage the panels. Mr. Kelley stated that he read that the company would be responsible for cleanup and hazardous materials; however, inquired as to if the decommissioning security also covers the hazmat fees. Mr. Kelley also asked who was paying to decommission the solar panels and who is paying the hazmat fees for that. What would happen if the 18 months were extended due to the COVID pandemic, or other unforeseen reasons? Mr. Kelley also said that to his understanding, there would be no run off into the wetlands, to which Chairman Mathis stated that was his understanding as well. Lastly, Mr. Kelley inquired as to if there will be a cooling system to cool the panels as he did not see mention of one, which is something the residents should know.

With no further comments or questions from the Board or the audience, the public hearing was closed.

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

Building Inspection

- (A) **Consideration to approve an alcohol license renewal for Temp Coffee & Brew for malt beverages and wine for the year 2022.**

Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to approve an alcohol license renewal for Temp Coffee & Brew for malt beverages and wine for the year 2022. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Muggridge and Commissioner Wheaton voting yea.

Planning, Zoning & Engineering

- (B) **Review of the minutes of the October 7, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.**

The minutes were reviewed as presented.

- (C) **Review of the minutes of the January 6, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.**

The minutes were reviewed as presented.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS/AUTHORITIES

- (A) **Consideration to appoint four members to the Utilities Authority Board for a term of one year. Current term expires 01/31/2022. New term expires 01/31/2023. Letter of interest in reappointment received from Johnny Barthlein, Ed Duffy, Troy Golden, and Commissioner George Walls (by virtue of office).**

Commissioner Wheaton made the **MOTION** to reappoint Johnny Barthlein, Ed Duffy, Troy Golden, and Commissioner George Walls (by virtue of office) to the Utilities Authority Board for a term of one year, expiring 01/31/2023. Commissioner Singletary seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls and Commissioner Muggridge voting yea.

COUNTY MANAGER'S MATTERS

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

County Manager Christi Dockery discussed ongoing projects in the County: (1) The 2021 LMIG SAP projects are nearly completed and should only take a few more weeks; and (2) the Tharp Building exterior masonry project is also nearly completed and is slated to hopefully be completed by Valentine's Day.

- (B) **Consideration to award the bid for the Water Improvement Project on US Hwy 82.**

Chairman Mathis summarized the project, stating this extension is going to the Woodgrain site on Hwy 82. Commissioner Singletary asked if this project would be fully funded by the County or if partially by the Utilities Authority. Chairman Mathis stated it would be County funded (SPLOST VII), including possible federal grant funds. Commissioner Singletary inquired as to if the Utilities Authority reimburses the County for projects such as this, as they are their own authority and receive revenues. Chairman Mathis replied that there has been no discussion of reimbursement and emphasized the importance of this project for the Woodgrain expansion.

Commissioner Walls asked if all necessary paperwork had been completed for the Woodgrain expansion project, to which County Manager Christi Dockery replied that it had. Chairman Mathis also added that there

would be a 'clawback provision', as with the state and the Development Authority.

Bobby Donley, Lanier Engineering addressed the Board regarding this project, citing the issues with getting materials and the differences in type of piping to possibly use. Mr. Donley stated that he had been talking with the lowest bidder about potential material pricing and changes. Iron pipes came in cheaper than PVC piping, which is not the norm. Mr. Donley explained that he is exploring options for a possible change order, as the unit price may differ by around \$50,000.00 due to material changes.

Commissioner Walls asked about the possibility of rust in 20-30 years from the iron pipes, as he recalls experiencing a situation similar and questioned if it was worth \$50,000.00 to potentially have that issue here. Mr. Donley added that another option is the use the DR18 PVC pipe. Mr. Donley explained that he was looking into two things: Potential cost savings and the lead time on pipe, as materials are limited. Commissioner Singletary clarified that no matter which vendor is chosen for the project, there is an option for pipe based on availability; to which Mr. Donley confirmed. Chairman Mathis added that the number presented on the proposal would be worst case scenario. The proposal is all inclusive, with the pricing including mostly PVC piping.

Commissioner Walls asked what timeframe we may be looking at. Mr. Donley stated that a construction period of 90 days was included in the RFP; however, the project timeline really depends on the lead time of pipe. Time is of the essence with Woodgrain so the sooner we can get started the better.

Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to award the bid for the Water Improvement Project on US Hwy 82 to Popco, Inc., to not exceed \$829,621.26 to come from SPLOST VII funds. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Wheaton and Commissioner Muggridge voting yea. Project to be overseen by Lanier Engineering.

(C) **Consideration to approve a lease with American Tower. HANDOUT**

Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to table this item. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Wheaton and Commissioner Muggridge voting yea.

(D) **Consideration to adopt a Resolution Supporting Reform to Georgia's Annexation Dispute Resolution Law.**

Chairman Mathis stated that this resolution comes from a recommendation from ACCG and is needed.

Commissioner Wheaton made the **MOTION** to adopt a Resolution Supporting Reform to Georgia's Annexation Dispute Resolution Law. Commissioner Muggridge seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Singletary and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

(E) **Consideration to ratify an updated resolution to set qualifying fees for 2022 elections.**

Commissioner Wheaton made the **MOTION** to ratify an updated resolution to set qualifying fees for 2022 elections. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Muggridge and Commissioner Singletary voting yea.

(F) **Consideration to approve a letter of intent for a lease renewal with the State Properties Commission for the DFCS Office, located at 121 Fourth Street in Leesburg. HANDOUT**

Commissioner Wheaton made the **MOTION** to approve a letter of intent for a lease renewal with the State Properties Commission for the DFCS Office (current tenants), located at 121 Fourth Street in Leesburg for a term of three years. Commissioner Muggridge seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Singletary and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

(A) **Discussion of LMIG 2022 application and potential projects.**

The Board was provided a list of potential road projects. Chairman Mathis asked if anyone wished to add anything to the list. Commissioner Singletary asked that staff add Cookville Road West. Staff will move

forward to compile the LMIG application.

Certificate Presentation:

Chairman Mathis presented Commissioners John Wheaton and George Walls with their official certificates from ACCG and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government for completing the requirements of the Lifelong Learning Academy to be a certified County Commissioner.

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.

Otis Westbrook – State of Gray Moss Road (blading, mowing, and the possibility of paving)

Sheila Bruner – Zoning issue regarding her property on Old Leslie Road (dog kennel)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (A) The renewal process for 2022 Occupation Tax/Business License has begun. **All 2021 business licenses expired on December 31, 2021. On January 15, 2022, a late fee of \$50.00 will be added. On January 31, 2022, the late fee will increase to \$100.00.**
- (B) Offices of the Lee County Board of Commissioners will be **closed Monday, January 17, 2022** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- (C) The next regularly scheduled County Commission Meeting is **Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:00pm.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
COUNTY CLERK

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