



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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, February 8, 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, and Commissioner Rick Muggridge. Commissioner George Walls attended via phone. Staff in attendance was County Manager Christi Dockery and County Attorney Jimmy Skipper. County Clerk Kaitlyn Sawyer was absent. The meeting was also streamed on Facebook Live.

INVOCATION

Pastor Les Reed, Alpha Baptist Church, led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Possible consideration of a motion of reconsideration of previous business related to the Guy Joiner zoning matter (Z21-009) in accord with Sec. 2-39 of the Lee County Code of Ordinances.

At the January 25, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting, the vote for this item led to some confusion. Therefore, it will be brought back before the Board tonight for clarification.

Commissioner Wheaton made the **MOTION** to reconsider the previous business related to the Guy Joiner zoning matter (Z21-009) in accord with Sec. 2-39 of the Lee County Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Singletary seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Muggridge and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

Commissioner Walls made the **MOTION** to deny an application from Guy Joiner (Z21-009), as submitted 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, in accord with Sec. 2-39 of the Lee County Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Wheaton seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was opposed with Commissioner Muggridge and Commissioner Singletary voting nay. Chairman Mathis abstained his vote. Per County Attorney Skipper, the application remains pending as the **MOTION** did not pass nor fail.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(A) Consideration to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes for January 25, 2022.

Commissioner Muggridge made the **MOTION** to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes for January 25, 2022. Commissioner Singletary seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Wheaton and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

Planning, Zoning, & Engineering

- (A) **Consideration to approve an application from Joe and Beth Pollock (Z21-010), as submitted 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. PUBLIC HEARING HELD JANUARY 11, 2022**
At the January 25, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting, this item received a motion, but the motion was not seconded. Therefore, it will be brought back before the Board tonight for clarification.

Commissioner Muggridge made the **MOTION** to deny the application from Joe and Beth Pollock (Z21-010) 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. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was approved with Commissioner Singletary voting yea and Commissioner Wheaton voting nay. With a majority vote (3-1), the application was hereby denied.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS/AUTHORITIES

- (A) **Consideration to appoint one member to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to fulfill a current vacancy for a term of one year. New term expires 01/01/2023. Letter of interest in appointment received from Jason Scott.**

Commissioner Wheaton made the **MOTION** to appoint Jason Scott to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for a term of one year, expiring 01/31/2023. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Muggridge and Commissioner Singletary voting yea.

COUNTY MANAGER'S MATTERS

- (A) **Updates on County projects.**
County Manager Christi Dockery discussed ongoing projects in the County: (1) The T. Page Tharp Building restoration project should be completed by the end of this month, February 2022, and this building will be 100 years old this year, and (2) staff will be working on documents pertaining to the approximately \$12,000,000 received for the Broadband grant and its accompanying projects.
- (B) **Consideration to authorize staff to put out a bid for garbage services.**
Chairman Mathis stated that the current contract is almost at an end. Commissioner Singletary asked if on the request for proposals, we would specify a time length for the winning contract as the current contract had such a long term. Chairman Mathis agreed the term for the new contract did not need to be as long as that of the current contract. Commissioner Muggridge inquired about the possibility of having the chosen contractor

handle the billing. Commissioner Singletary agreed, stating it would make the process a bit more seamless for citizens. Chairman Mathis suggested the Board send all suggestions to staff to take under consideration in the writing of the bid documents. Commissioner Singletary added that he would like to see a proposal with billing and one without billing. There are approximately 10,000 cans in Lee County.

Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to authorize staff to put out a bid for garbage services. Commissioner Muggridge seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls and Commissioner Wheaton voting yea.

(C) **Consideration to approve a change order for Oxford Construction for the Grand Island Roadway Grading project.**

Chairman Mathis summarized the change order, stating that the project will now involve pipes instead of a culvert, due to material availability and demands.

Commissioner Muggridge made the **MOTION** to approve a change order for Oxford Construction for the Grand Island Roadway Grading project substituting a 48" reinforced concrete pipe in lieu of the 6' x 5' box culvert included in the original contract price of \$453,585.00 that would produce a final cost of \$418,297.00, which is a savings of \$35,288.00. Commissioner Wheaton seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Singletary and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

NONE

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.

Paul Clayton – Paving of Old Leslie Road

Sam Johnson – Paving of Old Leslie Road

Henry Jones- Commending Lee County Public Works on their fast response to putting up speed limit signs and discussing the speed limits on Winifred Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A) The next regularly scheduled County Commission Meeting is **Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00pm.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:19PM.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____

COUNTY CLERK

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