



## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023 6:00 P.M.

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MEETING MINUTES  
VOTING SESSION

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### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Billy Mathis, Chairman	District 3
Luke Singletary, Vice-Chairman	District 2
Dennis Roland, Commissioner	District 1
Chris Guarnieri, Commissioner	District 4
George Walls, Commissioner	District 5

### 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, August 22, 2023. 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 Luke Singletary, Commissioner Dennis Roland, Commissioner Chris Guarnieri, and Commissioner George Walls. Staff in attendance was County Manager Christi Dockery and County Clerk Kaitlyn Good. County Attorney Jimmy Skipper was absent. The meeting was also streamed on Facebook Live. Chairman Mathis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

### INVOCATION

Associate Minister Anna Miller, First United Methodist Church of Albany, led the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### CALL TO ORDER

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (A) Consideration to approve the minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting for August 8, 2023.  
Commissioner Roland made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes for the Board of Commissioners meeting for August 8, 2023. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Singletary and Commissioner Guarnieri voting yea.

### CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

### NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Mathis recognized the following employees for their years of service to Lee County:

- 5 years – Jeffrey Clements – Wastewater Operator, Utilities Authority
- 5 years – Joseph Pait – Fire & EMS
- 5 years – Nikkie Celinski – E-911 Director
- 5 years – Randy Weathersby – GIS Director
- 10 years – Shanika Henry – E-911 Communications Officer
- 20 years – Brendon Browning – Investigator, Sheriff's Office
- 25 years – Lewis Harris Jr. – Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office

## PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

## DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

### Building Inspection/ Business Licensing

- (A) Consideration to approve an alcohol license for consumption on premise of distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages for Rebecca Reynolds Daniel, the new owner of Rooster's, located at 1636 Philema Road South.

Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to approve an alcohol license for consumption on premise of distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages for Rebecca Reynolds Daniel, the new owner of Rooster's, located at 1636 Philema Road South. Commissioner Guarnieri seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Roland and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

## CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS/AUTHORITIES

- (A) Elections and Registration - Consideration to award the bid for the Elections and Registration Office Renovation Project.

Co-Assistant County Manager/ Chief Building Official Joey Davenport summarized the project and bid process stating that as the scope of the project had changed, including the additional need for carpeting, the cost proved to be higher than initially expected. The project will be completed in two phases so as to accommodate the November municipal elections.

Commissioner Guarnieri made the **MOTION** to award the Elections and Registration Office Renovation project to 3D Construction Service, Inc. for \$90,200.00 to come from the General Fund. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Singletary and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

## COUNTY MANAGER'S MATTERS

- (A) Updates on County projects.

County Manager Christi Dockery discussed ongoing project in the County: (1) Windstream, whom has made a \$21 million investment to bring broadband to Lee County, has begun staking and turning in permit applications. Co-Assistant County Manager/ Chief Building Official Joey Davenport added that the next step is to organize a large project meeting with Windstream staff. The project is aiming for a completion date of the end of 2024; however, must be complete by 2026. Chairman Mathis asked that an update be provided at every other meeting on the status of the project.

- (B) Consideration to adopt a resolution authorizing the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to apply for rural transit 5311 funds through the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to adopt a resolution authorizing the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to apply for a rural transit 5311 funds through the Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Guarnieri seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Roland and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

- (C) Consideration to approve a proposal from Condrey and Associates, Inc. for the completion of a Classification and Compensation Study.

Chairman Mathis asked if they could be asked to provide two (2) prices, one with job descriptions and one without. Chairman Mathis suggested gathering more quotes before bringing to the Board for a decision. Staff will gather more quotes and bring the item back before the Board at a future meeting.

## COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

- (A) Discussion of a text amendment to Chapter 70, Article XII, related to the C-2 General Business District of the Lee County Code of Ordinances.

Co-Assistant County Manager/ Chief Building Official Joey Davenport summarized the proposed text amendment pertaining to ancillary healthcare. This text amendment will need to go before the Planning

Commission.

Commissioner Singletary made the **MOTION** to send a text amendment to Chapter 70, Article XII, related to the C-2 General Business District of the Lee County Code of Ordinances to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation. Commissioner Guarnieri seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Roland and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

### **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.*

Carol Kluball – Request for consideration of the addition of a playground into the design for the 100 Acre Park

Sam Johnson – State of Old Leslie Road and a complaint against a Public Works employee

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (A) Offices of the Lee County Board of Commissioners will be **closed Monday, September 4, 2023** in observance of Labor Day.
- (B) The next regularly scheduled County Commission Meeting is **Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 6:00pm.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:36PM.

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