



## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 5:00PM  
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KINCHAFOONEE ROOM  
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JOINT SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
CITY OF LEESBURG  
CITY OF SMITHVILLE

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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 Sawyer, County Clerk  
Jimmy Skipper, County Attorney

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The Lee County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 5:00pm. The meeting was held in the Kinchafoonee Room of the Lee County T. Page Tharp Governmental Building in Leesburg, Georgia. Those present from the County were Chairman Billy Mathis, Commissioner Luke Singletary, Commissioner Dennis Roland, Commissioner Chris Guarnieri, Commissioner George Walls, County Clerk Kaitlyn Good, Finance Director Heather Jones, and County Manager Christi Dockery. Those present from the City of Leesburg were City Manager Bob Alexander, City Attorney Bert Gregory, Councilwoman Judy Powell, Councilman Jason Renfro, Councilman David Daughtry, Councilman Rufus Sherman, Councilman Richard Bush, and Finance Director Cheryl Allison. Those present from the City of Smithville were Mayor Vincent Cutts, Councilman Dwight Hickman, Councilwoman Ilean Bady, and Councilman James Champion.

Chairman Mathis called the meeting to order at 5:08PM.

### CALL TO ORDER

(A) **Discussion of an Intergovernmental Agreement for SPLOST VIII.**

Commission Chairman Mathis opened the room for discussion about the allotted percentages for each entity for the collection of SPLOST VIII. In the agenda packets, the officials are presented with the following two (2) percentages for each entity: The percentage based on population as reported in the 2020 Census and the current percentages for collection of SPLOST VII.

Leesburg City Manager Bob Alexander stated that it was the consensus of the City of Leesburg's officials to use the percentage as determined by the population (10.49%) as they had recently passed a worksheet with that figure in mind. Commission Chairman Mathis stated that an intergovernmental agreement must be signed prior to November 10, 2023 to be eligible for the March 2024 election date.

Smithville Councilwoman Bady asked if one entity wishes to select the percentage based on population if the other entities had to choose their population percentage as well. Leesburg Attorney Gregory and Chairman Mathis stated they thought each entity could pick whatever percentage they wanted. Chairman Mathis added that if Smithville did not choose the population percentage, they would get more money.

Smithville Mayor Vincent Cutts entered the meeting at 5:12pm. Mayor Cutts stated that it was the consensus of the City of Smithville's officials to use the current percentage used for SPLOST VII (2.03%). The Board of Commissioners agreed that Lee County's percentage will be the difference, 87.48%.

The next step would be for each entity to determine their list of projects for the ballot and approve and sign the Intergovernmental Agreement. The agreement, once finalized with the details discussed tonight, will be sent to all

entities to approve and sign at future meetings.

**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.*

No citizens took part in the Public Forum.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(A) The next regularly scheduled County Commission meeting is **October 10, 2023 at 6:00pm.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 PM.

*Lee County is a thriving vibrant community celebrated for its value of tradition encompassing a safe family oriented community, schools of excellence, and life long opportunities for prosperity and happiness without sacrificing the rural agricultural tapestry.*

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