



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

T. PAGE THARP BUILDING
OPAL CANNON AUDITORIUM
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MEETING MINUTES
VOTING SESSION

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

COUNTY STAFF

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

The Lee County Board of Commissioners met in a voting session on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. 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, Commissioner Dennis Roland, Commissioner Billy Mathis, and Commissioner George Walls. Vice-Chairman Chris Guarnieri was absent. Staff in attendance was County Manager Christi Dockery, County Clerk Kaitlyn Good, and County Attorney Jimmy Skipper. The meeting was also streamed on Facebook Live.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Singletary called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

INVOCATION

Pastor Cole Frier, First Baptist Church of Albany, to lead the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (A) Consideration to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes for May 14, 2024.
Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes for May 14, 2024. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls voting yea.
- (B) Consideration to approve the minutes from the Special Called meeting on May 8, 2024 with the Lee County Development Authority and Lee County Utilities Authority.
Commissioner Roland made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the Special Called meeting on May 8, 2024 with the Lee County Development Authority and Lee County Utilities Authority. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Mathis voting yea.

CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- (A) Recognition of County employee years of service.
The following employee were recognized for their many years of service to Lee County:
5 years: Adron Bennett – Firefighter/EMT

5 years: Dudley Guerrero – Lieutenant Firefighter/AEMT
15 years: Marcia Brooks – Lieutenant Detention Officer
25 years: Jason Scott – Property Appraiser

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

Planning, Zoning & Engineering

- (A) **Consideration to approve an amendment to the zoning ordinance Chapter 70, Article III, Section 70-84 (T24-001) of the Lee County Code of Ordinances with respect to accessory building allowance for lots of five acres or more, located in Residential Districts. Planning Commission recommends approval with the following changes: (a) The maximum number of accessory buildings to be five for lots 43,561 square feet to five acres, (b) seven maximum number of accessory buildings for lots five acres to 25 acres, (c) seven maximum number of accessory buildings for lots 25 acres or more, (d) the accessory building square footage for lots 43,561 square feet to five acres to be 1,000 square feet for the first five acres, plus 750 square feet for each additional ½ acre, not to exceed a total of 7,000 square feet of floor area, (e) accessory building square footage on lots five acres to 25 acres to be 7,000 square feet for the first five acres, plus 250 square feet for each additional acre, not to exceed a total of 12,000 square feet of floor area, and (f) accessory building square footage for lots 25 acres or more to the maximum total allowable floor area shall be determined in accordance with AG-1 requirements. Public Hearing held May 14, 2024**

Chairman Singletary noted a few small changes as discussed in the previous meeting such as property with acreage over 25 acres will be treated as if in an AG district and any building setbacks will be at the judgment of the Planning Director or his/her designee. Assistant Planning Director Amanda Nava was available to answer any questions or address any concerns. Ms. Nava summarized the existing ordinance and the differences between the staff proposal and Planning Commission proposal.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to table an amendment to the zoning ordinance Chapter 70, Article III, Section 70-84 (T24-001) of the Lee County Code of Ordinances with respect to accessory building allowance for lots of five acres or more, located in Residential Districts. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS/AUTHORITIES

- (A) **Consideration to appoint four (4) members to the Development Authority for a term of four (4) years. Current term expires 05/31/2024. New term expires 05/31/2028. Letters of interest in appointment received from Tim Davis (reappointment), Bobby Donley (reappointment), Joey Kirksey, and Al Manry (reappointment).**

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to appoint Tim Davis, Bobby Donley, Joey Kirksey, and Al Manry to the Development Authority for a term of four (4) years expiring 05/31/2028. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls voting yea.

- (B) **Consideration to appoint one (1) member to the Tax Assessors Board for a term of three (3) years. Current term expires 05/31/2024. New term expires 05/31/2027. Letter of interest in appointment received from Richard Brown and Bobbie Yandell (reappointment).**

Commissioner Roland made the **MOTION** to appoint Bobbie Yandell to the Tax Assessors Board for a term of three (3) years, expiring 05/31/2027. Commissioner Mathis seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls voting yea.

COUNTY MANAGER'S MATTERS

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

County Manager Christi Dockery discussed ongoing projects in the County: (1) the Bermuda Lane Pipe Repair project is complete; (2) shoulder work and striping are being completed on portions of the road resurfacing

project; and (3) the Stocks Dairy Pipe Repair project is completed.

(B) **Consideration to approve an annual renewal NPDES Permit Contract with Flint River Consulting. Current contract expires 05/31/2024**

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve an annual renewal NPDES Permit Contract with Flint River Consulting in the amount of \$20,000.00 to come from Planning Professional Services. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls voting yea.

(C) **Consideration to approve an annual renewal On Call Contract with Flint River Consulting. Current contract expires 05/31/2024**

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve an annual renewal On Call Contract with Flint River Consulting in the amount of \$14,500.00 to come from Planning Professional Services. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls voting yea.

(D) **Discussion of a potential text amendment relating to the permitting and licensing requirements for filming in Lee County.**

County Manager Christi Dockery stated that a process is recommended to develop guidelines for any television/film making within Lee County. Lee County is already a certified camera ready community. With no objection from the Board, County Attorney Skipper will draft a text amendment and bring back to the Board at a future meeting.

(E) **Discussion of DOT's round-a-bout project at the Haley Street/Cedric Street/SR 133 intersection.**

County Manager Dockery summarized the project stating that GDOT will be paying for the project, and only needed the County to complete a lighting agreement and pay for any landscaping in the area. Public Works Director Mike Sistrunk has visited the area and stated that there are existing light poles.

(F) **Consideration to approve the annual healthcare renewal.**

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve the annual healthcare renewal as presented by the consultants. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Walls voting yea. There will be no change in pricing or coverage for employees.

COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

(A) **Discussion of 2024 Local Road Assistance Administration funds (LRA) and potential projects.**

The eligible activities/projects and application process are the same for these LRA funds as they are for traditional LMIG. The application process is currently open, but will close June 15, 2024. Lee County's formula amount for this grant is \$855,690.09 and no match is required.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve the remainder of New York Road (Hwy 195 to Mossy Dell Rd), English Drive, and Hickory Grove Road to be included in the 2024 Local Road Assistance Administration funds (LRA) application. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with 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.

No citizens took part in the Public Forum.

Chairman Singletary asked if anyone else would like to speak.

With no further comments or questions from the audience, the Public Forum was closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (A) The next regularly scheduled County Commission Meeting is **Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:00pm.**
- (B) The offices of the Lee County Board of Commissioners will be **closed Wednesday, June 19, 2024** in observance of Juneteenth. County offices will reopen Thursday, June 20, 2024 for regular business hours. **Garbage services will not be affected.**

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Roland made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Mathis voting yea. The meeting adjourned at 6:22PM.

Facebook video link: <https://www.facebook.com/leecountyga/videos/444100238210566>

ATTEST: _____
COUNTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

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