



LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

T. PAGE THARP GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING

102 STARKSVILLE AVENUE NORTH, LEESBURG, GEORGIA 31763

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

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

Scott Addison, County Manager

Kaitlyn Good, County Clerk

Jimmy Skipper, County Attorney

The Lee County Board of Commissioners met in a voting session on Tuesday, June 24, 2025. 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, Vice-Chairman Chris Guarnieri, Commissioner Dennis Roland, Commissioner Billy Mathis, and Commissioner George Walls. Staff in attendance were County Manager Scott Addison, County Clerk Kaitlyn Good, and County Attorney Jimmy Skipper. The meeting was also streamed on Facebook Live. Chairman Singletary called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

- A) Pastor Jonathan LaBarge, New Hope Baptist Church, to lead the invocation.

Pastor Jonathan LaBarge led the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) Consideration to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Roland made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Mathis voting yea.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Recognition of employees' years of service.

Chairman Singletary recognized the following employees for their years of service:

5 years: Dominique Mincey - Sergeant Detention Officer

10 years: Lindsey Melton - Firefighter

20 years: Joseph Smith - Fire Captain

20 years: Ricky Thompson - Fire Captain

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

8. **DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS**

- A) **Building Inspection** - Consideration to approve an alcohol license for Mr. Qaiser Ahsan for retail sales for off-premises consumption of malt beverages and wine. Mr. Ahsan is the new owner of the Kaiser dba Kum and Go Inc., previously known as Peachtree Mini Mart, located at 1250 Hwy 82 West.

Commissioner Mathis asked about previous discussions regarding staff approving alcohol licenses. Chief Building Inspector Joey Davenport stated that there has been discussion regarding this, but they are following the current ordinance. Chairman Singletary stated that he believes the Board approves new licenses, but staff can approve renewals. Commissioner Mathis asked if that is something the Board wants to continue to do or possibly change the ordinance. Chairman Singletary stated that he would be fine with the change since the Board goes off the recommendation of staff. County Attorney Jimmy Skipper added that he has been asked to look into changing this ordinance and will provide a draft to the Board.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve an alcohol license for Mr. Qaiser Ahsan for retail sales for off-premises consumption of malt beverages and wine for Kaiser dba Kum and Go Inc. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

- B) **Planning, Zoning & Engineering** - Consideration to adopt a resolution approving the proposed amendment to the Multi-Family Housing section of the Comprehensive Plan. **Public Hearing held June 10, 2025**

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to adopt a resolution approving the proposed amendment to the Multi-Family Housing section of the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Guarnieri seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Roland and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

- C) **Planning, Zoning & Engineering** - Consideration to approve Text Amendment (T25-005) to amend the zoning ordinance Chapter 70, Article VI, Sections 70-196, 70-199, 70-200, 70-201, and 70-202 of the Lee County Code of Ordinances, to remove, amend, and add regulations, based on the Lee County R-2 moratorium and the results of the requested studies for the R-2 Multi-Family Zoning District. **Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval. Public Hearing and First Reading held June 10, 2025**

Commissioner Guarnieri made the **MOTION** to approve Text Amendment (T25-005) to amend the zoning ordinance Chapter 70, Article VI, Sections 70-196, 70-199, 70-200, 70-201, and 70-202 of the Lee County Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Mathis seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Roland and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

- D) **Public Works** - Consideration to purchase equipment using funds from GovDeals.

Public Works Director Mike Sistrunk stated that there are funds available from the sale of vehicles and equipment on GovDeals and Public Works is requesting to use some of these funds to purchase a Z700 Series Kubota Commercial Zero-Turn Mower for \$11,900.00. Public Works staff have taken over the lawn maintenance of more county buildings and there is a staff member dedicated to handling them.

Commissioner Guarnieri made the **MOTION** to approve the purchase of a Z700 Series Kubota

Commercial Zero-Turn Mower for \$11,900.00 from Linder Turf and Tractor using funds from GovDeals. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Mathis and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

9. **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS/AUTHORITIES**

- A) Consideration to appoint one (1) member to the **Division of Family & Children Services Board** for a term of five (5) years. Current term expires 06/30/2025. New term expires 06/30/2030. Letter of interest in appointment received from Dana Hager (reappointment).

Commissioner Roland made the **MOTION** to reappoint Dana Hager to the Division of Family & Children Services Board. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Mathis voting yea.

- B) Consideration to appoint two (2) members to the **Library Board of Trustees** for a term of three (3) years. Current terms expire 06/30/2025. New terms expire 06/30/2028. Letters of interest in appointment received from Lisa Cannon, Lisa Davis, and Donna Ford (reappointment).

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to appoint Lisa Davis and Donna Ford to the Library Board of Trustees. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Roland voting yea.

- C) Consideration to appoint three (3) members to the **Utilities Authority** for a term of one (1) year. Current term expires 06/30/2025. New term expires 06/30/2026. Letters of interest in appointment received from Leo Crimbley, Victor Stubbs (reappointment), and Larry Walters (reappointment).

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to appoint Leo Crimbley, Victor Stubbs, and Larry Walters to the Utilities Authority. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Roland voting yea.

10. **COUNTY MANAGER'S MATTERS**

County Manager Scott Addison stated that the pit at Stroud Road has been cleaned up by Public Works. They have added barriers and a fence to limit access.

- A) Consideration to adopt the FY2025-2026 Budget.

Commissioner Guarnieri made the **MOTION** to adopt the FY2025-2026 budget. Commissioner Mathis seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Roland and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

- B) Consideration to approve a one (1) year NPDES Permit Contract with Aulick Engineering.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve a one (1) year NPDES Permit Contract with Aulick Engineering for \$26,000.00, effective July 1, 2025. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Roland voting yea.

- C) Consideration to approve a one (1) year On-Call Contract with Aulick Engineering.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve a one (1) year On-Call Contract with Aulick Engineering for \$18,500.00, effective July 1, 2025. Commissioner Walls seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Roland voting yea.

D) Consideration to approve an agreement with Reliable Engineering for the 2025 LRA projects.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve an agreement with Reliable Engineering for the design, bid, and construction administration for the 2025 LRA resurfacing projects for \$41,000.00. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Roland voting yea.

E) Consideration to approve an agreement with Reliable Engineering for the Ledo Road project.

Commissioner Mathis made the **MOTION** to approve an agreement with Reliable Engineering for the design, bid, and construction administration for the Ledo Road resurfacing project for \$34,500.00. Commissioner Roland seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioner Guarnieri and Commissioner Walls voting yea.

11. **COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS**

Item not on the Agenda: Commissioner Mathis stated that there has been discussion regarding a day at the landfill for citizens to take debris. He stated that he believes that the Board voted to do this quarterly, but he knows that there was a lengthy discussion regarding this. Commissioner Mathis asked County Clerk Kaitlyn Good to look into possibly finding this discussion.

Item not on the Agenda: Chairman Singletary stated that the Board needs to work on deciding on roads for the road projects outside LMIG and LRA. They have received a grade list from Mr. Brent Davis and the pricing is currently good due to cost being down.

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

13. **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS**

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

15. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Chairman Singletary asked if anyone would like to speak.

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

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A) The offices of the Lee County Board of Commissioners will be **closed Friday, July 4, 2025** in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. County offices will reopen for regular business hours on Monday, July 7, 2025. Residential garbage collection will be delayed one day.

B) The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held **July 8, 2025 at 6:00pm**.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK