

**GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 22, 2016 CALLED MEETING**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Bullard called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Smith, Human, Britt and Chairman Bullard were present. Also present was County Manager Lombard. Commissioner Deering arrived at 9:15am at the start of the Executive Session.

**Executive Session – Discussion of Ongoing Litigation with the County Attorney:**

Commissioner Smith motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing litigation with the County Attorney. Commissioner Human seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously amongst the Commissioners present at the time. The Board entered Executive Session at 9:15am.

Chairman Bullard motioned to exit Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session. Commissioner Human seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board re-entered Regular Session at 9:50am.

Chairman Bullard stated that while in Executive Session the Board discussed ongoing litigation with the County Attorney and that no action was taken.

**Minutes:** Commissioner Human motioned to approve the Minutes from the May 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of the Circuit Public Defender Contract:** The Commissioners discussed the State's Public Defender's Office indigent defense services for Greene County. The services require annual approval of a contract between the County and the Circuit Public Defender's Office of the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit. The funding required will be included in the FY2017 Budget. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement between the Circuit Public Defender's Office of the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit and the governing authority of Greene County. Commissioner Human seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of the Georgia Department of Corrections Contract – Inmate Work**

**Detail:** The County contracts with the Georgia Department of Corrections to have an inmate work detail performing work throughout the unincorporated parts of the county. Details include litter removal, clean-up around guardrails, and other similar type projects. The contract to secure the inmate work detail requires annual approval from the Board. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the contract between the Georgia Department of Corrections as an agency of the State of Georgia, and the Greene County Board of Commissioners for the inmate work detail. Commissioner Human seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of a Revision to the Alcoholic Beverage Licensure Code:** The Board approved a revision to the Alcoholic Beverage Licensure Code in January of this year that solely addressed the distance requirements from schools, churches, and similar facilities required for licensure. The revision accomplished a change to the distance requirements such that local Code now mirrors State Law. During this meeting, it was mentioned that a more comprehensive review and revision would be worked on for the Board's consideration. The results of this effort were circulated to the Board after extensive internal review. The revisions range from correction of simple typos, to adjusting provisions to align with actual practice. No changes were made that would alter the intent and application of the Code, only changes that clarify and simplify the Code. Commissioner Britt motioned to approve the amendment to Chapter 6 of the Code of Greene County, Georgia regarding regulations on the sale of alcoholic beverages. Commissioner Human seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Budget Adjustments:** Eight budget adjustments have been prepared for Board consideration. Four involve adjustments necessary to account for revenue and expenses associated with insurance claims. The remaining adjustments include one necessary to recognize grant revenues and expenses, and three to recognize revenues and expenses associated with contractors. The Commissioners reviewed the detailed budget amendment forms. Commissioner Human motioned to approve the eight budget adjustments for the 2016 Fiscal Year as submitted for all Funds. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of a Motor Grader Purchase from SPLOST:** The Road Department utilizes two motor graders for maintenance on dirt roads. One of the graders was purchased new in 1996 and has provided excellent service over the years. However, the motor has gone bad and the transmission is expected to also go bad in the near future. Replacing a motor would cost around \$35,000.00, and the transmission would be more than that. Rather than heavily invest in a 20 year old grader, the prospect of purchasing a new one from SPLOST funds seems to be the better investment. SPLOST funds for roads included equipment purchases for road maintenance and improvements. SPLOST funding replaced a couple of dump trucks early in this SPLOST, and we expect additional equipment needs before the SPLOST expires. In this case, we had hoped to get two more years from this grader, but with the motor failure, it would seem more reasonable to replace the unit now. If approved, the replacement motor grader would be purchased from State Contract pricing and would total \$227,426.00. The unit would be a Caterpillar motor grader, which would provide some advantages in that the other front-line unit is also a Cat, thus affording much of the same parts (especially the blades). Commissioner Britt motioned to approve the purchase of a motor grader using SPLOST funds, and to authorize any budget adjustments necessary to account for the purchase. Commissioner Deering seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Budgetary Guidance Items:** The Board discussed several preliminary budgetary items and provided guidance to the County Manager on these items.

- The Board discussed a request from the Board of Tax Assessors for an additional position for the remaining portion of FY2016 that would also extend into future budget years. The Board agreed to allow the advertisement to commence and the preparation of a budget adjustment to allocate funds in FY2016 for the position to be included on the next Board meeting agenda.
- The Board discussed a written request from Probate Judge Laverne Ogletree seeking pay adjustments within the Probate and Magistrate Offices. The Board agreed that pay adjustments should be considered across the board through a cost of living adjustment or some other method where all employees are afforded the benefit of the increase rather than one office or department at a time.
- The Board discussed the possibility of soliciting Request for Proposals for housekeeping services. The process would aid in evaluating whether managing these services as an in-house function versus outsourcing is more cost-effective. The Board agreed to issue an RFP for housekeeping services.
- The Board discussed the creation of tax districts for the funding of indigent care services, funding for the Recreation Board, and funding for the Uncle Remus Regional Library Board. Chairman Bullard made a motion to establish a special tax district to generate funding for hospital-based indigent care services as a fee-based tax district with a fee levied against all taxable parcels in the County. Commissioner Human seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bullard made a motion to establish special tax districts to generate funding for the Recreation Board and the Library Board as millage-based tax districts. Commissioner Deering seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed to vote on the formal Resolutions necessary to create these districts during the July monthly meeting.

**Creation of a Statutory Development Authority:** The Board discussed the possibility of establishing a Statutory Development Authority to compliment the efforts of the existing joint Development Authority. With the existing joint Authority having six members with two appointed by the City of Greensboro, two appointed by the City of

Union Point, and two appointed by the Board, the benefit of having additional resources to respond to the unique needs that can arise in the County has been discussed and evaluated extensively over the last few years. The City of Greensboro created an Authority to aid in meeting the needs of the City of Greensboro, and the City of Union Point created an Authority to aid in meeting the needs of the City of Union Point. Chairman Bullard made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 2016.6.22 regarding the creation of a Statutory Development Authority, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Human seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of Current Service Delivery Strategy IGA's:** The Board discussed the existing Intergovernmental Agreements that have been implicated in the ongoing Service Delivery Strategy negotiations. Several of the IGA's require notice of cancellation prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year, so to afford the ability to cleanly discontinue obligations under certain IGA's and enter into IGA's that reflect the provisions agreed upon during the Service Delivery Strategy negotiations, the Board received guidance from legal counsel that the implicated IGA's should be canceled pursuant to the Notice provisions. Chairman Bullard made a motion to provide notice to the cities within Greene County regarding the termination of current agreements or other arrangements relating to animal control, building inspections, municipal elections, dispatch services, and severe weather siren activation. Commissioner Human seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Bullard adjourned the meeting at 10:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

The above minutes were adopted and approved this day 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

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Ed Bullard, Chairman

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Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

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Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

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Jonathan Human, Commissioner

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Jimmy Britt, Commissioner