

**GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
DECEMBER 2016**

**DECEMBER 8, 2016 SESSION:**

Chairman Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened with prayer.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Usry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Deering, Filice, Human, Smith and Chairman Usry were present. Also present was County Manager Byron Lombard.

**Minutes:** The Minutes from the November 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting were discussed. The Chairman inquired with the Commissioners to determine if any corrections were necessary. No corrections were noted. Commissioner Human motioned to approve the Minutes from the November 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

**Business Items:**

**Consideration of Appointments to the Airport Authority:** The Commissioners received information that the terms of Paul McGill and Mark Watkins on the Airport Authority will expire on 12/31/16. Mr. McGill has offered to continue serving if the Board desires, but Mr. Watkins does not seek reappointment. Commissioner Human then recused himself from voting, noting that one of the possible candidates was his father-in-law. Commissioner Deering motioned to appoint Paul McGill and Alex Brazier to the Airport Authority for two-year terms beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2018. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motioned carried 4-0 with Chairman Usry and Commissioners Deering, Smith and Filice voting in favor.

**Consideration of Appointments to the Lake Oconee Area Development Authority:** The Commissioners were informed that the Lake Oconee Area Development Authority is a joint Authority between Greene and Putnam Counties. Bob Moran and Bob Lofgren currently serve on the Authority as the two appointees from Greene County. Commissioner Filice motioned to re-appoint Bob Moran and Bob Lofgren to the Lake Oconee Area Authority for five-year terms beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2021. Commissioner Human seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

**Consideration of a Contract between the Airport Authority and Spirit Aviation:** The Board was informed that the Intergovernmental Agreement entered into between the Board and the Airport Authority in 2008 requires that these Agreements also be approved by the Board of Commissioners. The Airport Authority and Spirit Aviation Management Services have negotiated an updated contract to provide the structure under which the parties operate and manage the Airport. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the Airport Services Agreement and the Fixed Base Operator Agreement entered into between Spirit Aviation Management Services, Inc. and the Greene County Airport Authority. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

**Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Continuation of Expense Allowances for Constitutional Officers:** The Board has previously approved expense allowances for Constitutional Officers and included funding in the FY2017 Budget for the continuation of expense allowances. In order for the expense allowances to be paid for the term of these Officers that begins January 2017, the Board must formally authorize the allowances. Commissioner Human motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2016.12.8 authorizing monthly expense allowances for the County Constitutional Officers. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

**Consideration of an Amendment to the Rules of Order:** The Board has considered changes to the Rules of Order to make updates as necessary. Chairman Usry has

proposed that the regular monthly meeting day be changed from the second Thursday of each month to instead be held on the second Tuesday of each month. Commissioner Smith motioned to adopt a revision to the Rules of Order for the Board of Commissioners making the change effective upon adoption. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

**Commissioner's Reports:**

Commissioner Human discussed complaints from residents in District Four and other areas concerning the quality of broadband internet services and the desire for improved quality and increased competition from other internet service providers. Commissioner Filice noted that AT&T was running additional cabling in areas traditionally only served by Hargray.

Commissioner Filice discussed the need to fill Greene County's open seats on the Regional Solid Waste Authority. He also discussed conversations he's had with Board of Education Chairman-elect Mike Lynch on strategic planning efforts, the College and Career Academy, and the desire and possibilities for cooperation between the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education.

**Executive Session:** Commissioner Smith motioned to leave Regular Session and enter into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. to discuss ongoing litigation with the County Attorney. Commissioner Human seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Human motioned to leave the Executive Session and re-enter the Regular Session at 6:10 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Usry announced that while in the Executive Session, the Board discussed ongoing litigation matters with the County Attorney. No official action was taken.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

The above minutes were adopted and approved this day 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

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Gary Usry, 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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Ernie Filice, Commissioner