

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 15, 2016 CALLED MEETING

Chairman Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Human opened with prayer.

Call to Order: Chairman Usry called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

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

Work Session – Public Hearing for proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance concerning solar panels and solar farms: County Manager Lombard provided background on the efforts to develop the proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. Chairman Usry also added some thoughts on appropriateness of public hearing comments and how decorum would be maintained. The Board then received public comments and asked questions from some of the following individuals: Loretta Need, Beltline Energy's Ryan Sanders, Jan Thurmond, Paula Moore, Jim Meek, and Mark Shulz. Comments ranged from favorable to negative comments on solar farm developments, but most of the discussion focused on Mr. Sanders' thoughts on how he believed the proposed regulations would make it difficult for a project he had been working on to locate a solar farm in Greene County. He requested that the Board consider grandfathering his proposed solar farm development that was to be located on land belonging to Paula Moore.

Consideration of a Resolution Amending the Zoning Ordinance of Greene County, Georgia concerning solar panels and solar farms: The Board discussed Mr. Sanders' request for grandfathering his specific project, as well as whether or not to include certain changes. Commissioner Filice made a motion to approve Resolution 2016.12.15 Amending the Zoning Ordinance of Greene County, Georgia, and to waive the reading of the resolution. Chairman Usry seconded. Further discussion ensued as to whether or not Mr. Sanders request to be grandfathered could be considered. Upon conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Usry called for the vote. Chairman Usry and Commissioners Filice and Deering voted in favor. Commissioner Human voted no, and Commissioner Smith abstained. Motion carried 3-2.

Adjournment: Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 6:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

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

Gary Usry, Chairman

Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

Jonathan Human, Commissioner

Ernie Filice, Commissioner