

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 2020**

JANUARY 14, 2020 MEETING:

Chairman Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

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

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

Minutes: The Chairman inquired with the Commissioners to determine if any corrections were necessary for the minutes under consideration for approval. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the Minutes from the December 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting and the December 16, 2019 Called Meeting. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Items:

Consideration of a Resolution to Establish Qualifying Fees for 2020 County Elections: The Commissioners received information that Georgia Law requires the Board to establish qualifying fees for county offices during election years. The fees must be set by February 1, 2020 for this year's elections. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2020.1.14 (a) Establishing Qualifying Fees for 2020 County Elections, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Abandoning Segments of Roads – Firetower, Old Woodville: The Board was informed that two dirt road segments in Old Woodville Road and Firetower Road were identified for abandonment and that the landowners along the segments were supportive of abandonment. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2020.1.14 (b), A Resolution of Road Abandonment by the Board of Commissioners, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Indigent Care Agreement: The Commissioners received background information that the Board has entered into a contract annually with Good Samaritan Hospital in recent years to provide \$400,000 in indigent care funding. The proposed contract for 2020 includes provisions that Good Samaritan Hospital provide certain documentation to substantiate the level of indigent care services. Commissioner Filice motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2020.1.14 (c) Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with St. Mary's Health Care System, Inc. Relating to the Provision of Covered Medical Services to Eligible Indigent County Residents for Calendar Year 2020, and for Other Purposes, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Smith seconded. Discussion ensued regarding what was spent in FY19 and how funding would be paid out under the FY20 contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Small Cell Wireless Facilities: The Commissioners received public comment from March Schulz regarding the need for improved cellular coverage in Greene County. The Commissioners then received background information regarding the prepared Ordinance to regulate small cell wireless facilities. Commissioner Smith motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2020.1.14 (d) Establishing Regulatory Requirements and Fees for Small Wireless Facilities, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Commissioner Smith inquired as to where small cell wireless facilities were being installed. County Manager replied that most of the installations appear to be starting in larger, more urban

counties, but that the Ordinance under consideration was a model ordinance provided by ACCG for all counties. Further discussion ensued as to the background of circumstances leading to the regulations, as well as other attempts to improve cellular coverage in Greene County in the past. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution to Declare Surplus Property: The Commissioners reviewed the list of items identified as surplus property based on the age, condition, lack of use, or other factors that render the property no longer serviceable to the County. Commissioner Deering motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2020.1.14 (e) declaring certain property as surplus property, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Smith seconded. Commissioner Smith asked for further background on the bidding process, and County Manager Lombard discussed the bidding process and govdeals platform. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Adoption of the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement: The Commissioners reviewed a request from GEMA involving the adoption of the new Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the Georgia Emergency Management Agency-Homeland Security Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a SPLOST Project – Fencing at Public Works: The Commissioners received background information that the County insurer’s risk management division has identified the unsecured Public Works facility as a risk. To address that risk and to address other concerns, a project to install fencing was identified and quotes obtained to accomplish such a project. Commissioner Filice motioned to authorize the fencing project at Public Works using SPLOST VI Funding. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Budget Adjustment – Elections Expenses: The Board reviewed the Elections Supervisor’s itemized list of needs in connection with the new elections processes and equipment. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the necessary budget adjustments using prior year’s fund balance of the General Fund to allocate \$118,000.00 in additional funding to the Elections FY2020 Budget allocation, along with the necessary budget adjustments to account for grant revenue in anticipation of reimbursement from the Secretary of State’s Office of up to \$15,000.00. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Commissioner Smith asked about certain items and whether they were just normal elections expenses. County Manager Lombard responded that some of the items identified by Commissioner Smith weren’t part of the new elections system but rather a result of equipment needed for increased security mandates from the Secretary of State’s office. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Budget Adjustment – Patrol Car Replacement: The Board was informed that the Sheriff’s office seeks replacement of a totaled vehicle. Unfortunately, the insurance company only paid out \$6,505.00 in claim proceeds for the vehicle. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the necessary budget adjustments to recognize insurance proceeds totaling \$6,505.00, and to allocate funding in the amount of \$30,000.00 to fund the replacement of a totaled patrol car with the balance being taken from contingency. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: None

Commissioner’s Report:

District One Commissioner Deering thanked the road department for staying on top of road maintenance despite all the rain.

District Four Commissioner Filice reported that the litter on State Highway 44 is getting bad, adding that while the County doesn’t maintain it, we should push GDOT to address it. Discussion ensued as to the County’s responsibility and efforts to reach out to GDOT officials by phone to make them aware of the litter.

Chairman Usry reported that the Government Finance Officers Association awarded Greene County and its staff with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Adjournment: Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

The above minutes were adopted and approved this day 11th day of February, 2020.

Gary Usry, Chairman

Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

Dee Lindsey, Commissioner

Ernie Filice, Commissioner