

**GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 2021**

**May 11, 2021 MEETING:**

Chairman Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Steve Kilgore led the 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 April 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Zoning & Subdivision Items:**

**Consideration of a Final Plat Request – Oconee Land Development Company, LLC, Richland Pointe – Section II:** The Commissioners reviewed a proposed final plat for 32 single-family residential lots to be created from 35.33 acres zoned PUD of property located in the Reynolds Lake Oconee development. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the Final Plat Request submitted by Oconee Land Development Company, LLC, for Richland Pointe, Section II, creating 32 single-family residential lots from 35.33 acres. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Business Items:**

**Consideration of the Chamber of Commerce Agreement:** The Board was advised the County enters into a contract annually with the Chamber of Commerce for provision of specified services. The contract was prepared several years ago by the County Attorney and remains substantially the same. Commissioner Deering motioned to the contract with the Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2021. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of an IGA for the Firefly Trail Project:** The Board was advised the County was awarded a \$2.1 million grant towards the \$2.8 million project to extend the Firefly Trail through Union Point, Woodville, Maxeys and unincorporated Greene County. An intergovernmental agreement was drafted to specify the responsibilities associated with, and use of, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources GOSP grant proceeds. A local match is required as part of the grant and overall project. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approval an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Union Point, the City of Woodville, the City of Maxeys, and Greene County for the Extension of the Firefly Trail. Commissioner Filice seconded. Discussion ensued as to the lengths of the extension in the jurisdictions involved, correspondence with the cities regarding the proposed IGA, and the need to get the IGA executed by all parties in order to move the project forward. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of the Cancellation of the Collection Services Agreement – Probate Court:** The Board was advised of a request from the Probate Judge requesting that the Board terminate the Collection Services contract with Penn Credit for collecting unpaid traffic citations. The County attorney will send the Notice of Termination on behalf of the County. Commissioner Filice motioned to terminate the Greene County Probate Court Collection Services Agreement between Penn Credit Corporation and the Greene County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of a Collection Services Agreement – Probate Court:** The Board was advised that the Probate Court has requested that the Board approve a contract with i3 Verticals, LLC doing business as Graves Humphries Stahl LTD, for the collection of unpaid traffic citations. This vendor would replace the services formerly provided by Penn Credit. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the Greene County Probate Court Collection Services Agreement between i3 Verticals, LLC, dba Graves Humphries Stahl LTD and the Greene County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Audio/Visual Needs in the Courtrooms:** The Board was advised that the Superior Court judges have inquired directly and through Sheriff Harrison seeking audio and video capability improvements in the courtrooms. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the necessary budget adjustments to allocate \$20,000.00 to Special Projects from prior year's Fund Balance of the General Fund. Commissioner Deering seconded. Commissioner Smith asked who would manage the bids and project, and County Manager Lombard advised that the Sheriff and his staff would be handling it. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Revisions to the Retirement Plan Documents:** The Board was advised of a proposed change to the County's retirement plan to increase the matching contribution from five to seven percent in the 401(a) Defined Contribution program. The County used to contribute up to seven percent before cutting back in the recession years. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve Resolution Number 2021.5.11 (a) amending the ACCG 401 (a) Defined Contribution Program Adoption Agreement, and to adopt Resolution Number 2021.5.11 (b) amending the ACCG 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan, and to waive the reading of the Resolutions. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of a County Facilities Parking Lots Paving Project:** The Board was advised that a proposal had been submitted to manage a request-for-proposal process to resurface parking lots serving county facilities. The resulting bids and subsequent services would be brought before the Board for further consideration. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the proposal totaling \$2,000.00 for consultant services for the County facility parking lot paving project using funding from SPLOST VII. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of a Shoulder Building Project on Willow Run Road:** The Board was advised of a proposed project to build up the shoulders along Willow Run Road using an outside contractor given the continued in-house labor shortage in the Road Department. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the proposal totaling \$49,500.00 for the building of the road shoulders along Willow Run Road to include the purchase of the dirt necessary for the project, also approving the necessary budget adjustments to re-allocate funding from personnel expenses in the Road Department budget to fund this project. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Discussion ensued as to how the County will be paying for the dirt, as well as how, in a separate effort, Novelis will be adding a parking lot for semi-trailer trucks that should help in preserving the shoulders. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of a County Road Pavement Condition Evaluation & Rating Project:** The Board was advised of a proposed project to have an outside vendor assess the County's paved roads using a methodology employed by the Georgia Department of Transportation. The resulting report would be used to inform decisions and undertake various, alternate pavement maintenance methods actively in use by GDOT. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the proposal totaling \$40,000.00 for the development of a Pavement Management Plan for all Greene County paved roads, also approving the necessary budget adjustments within the General Fund Budget to fund this project. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of a Resolution Acknowledging Covert Vehicles:** The Board was advised that the list of law enforcement vehicles that utilize covert tags was in need of an update for insurance purposes. Commissioner Deering motioned to adopt Resolution

Number 2021.5.11(c) acknowledging the covert function of certain law enforcement vehicles so that such vehicles can be added for insurance coverage through the County's insurance policy, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner's Report:**

District One Commissioner Deering reported that she had some road issues actively being taken care of by the road department.

District Two Commissioner Smith reported that he was thankful for the shoulder building work done by County Manager Lombard on Randolph Church Road.

District Three Commissioner Lindsey reported that he was glad to see the Firefly Trail project moving forward.

Chairman Usry reported that he was glad to participate in the National Day of Prayer at Briar Patch Farms with Steve Kilgore.

**Executive Session:** Commissioner Smith motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss the disposal of real property. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Smith motioned to exit Executive Session and enter back into Regular Session. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Usry noted that the Board only discussed the disposal of real property and that no action was taken.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

The above minutes were adopted and approved this day 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

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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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Dee Lindsey, Commissioner

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Ernie Filice, Commissioner