

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 2020**

JUNE 9, 2020 MEETING:

Chairman Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

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

Roll Call: Commissioners Deering, Smith, Lindsey, Filice 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 Deering motioned to approve the Minutes from the May 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning:

Consideration of a Preliminary Plat Request – Eagles Landing, Phase II: The Commissioners reviewed a request seeking a Preliminary Plat approval for seven residential lots along Eagle Way Drive in the Eagles Landing Subdivision. The 34.27 total acres site is zoned LR1. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the request, conducted a public hearing on the request, and voted unanimously to recommend approval. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the Preliminary Plat request submitted for Eagles Landing, Phase II, creating seven lots from 34.27 acres in the Eagles Landing Subdivision. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Conditional Use Request – 1040 Tree A Coon Place: The Commissioners reviewed a request seeking a Conditional Use approval to construct a guest house on a 0.53-acre lot in the Beaverdam Subdivision. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the request, conducted a Public Hearing on the request, and voted to recommend approval with the condition that a revised architectural plan is submitted that removes the kitchen and laundry areas from the project. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the Conditional Use Request submitted by Steve and Heidi Hausler for the construction of a guest house at 1040 Tree A Coon Place conditioned upon the submission of a revised architectural plan indicating the removal of the kitchen and laundry areas from the project. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Items:

Consideration of an Appointment to the Department of Family and Children Services: The Commissioners were informed that the term of Ms. Joan Antone on the Greene County Department of Family and Children Services Advisory Board expires on June 30, 2020. Ms. Antone is willing to serve another term if desired by the Board. The local Director for the DFCS has indicated that Ms. Antone has been an active member of the DFCS and meets the requirements of the Law. Commissioner Deering motioned to appoint Joan Antone to the Greene County Department of Family and Children Services Advisory Board for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2020. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Commissioner Smith inquired whether she was the only person that applied, and he responded affirmatively, adding that the Advisory Board is statutorily-created and that staff is notified by DFCS as appointments need to be made. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of CARES Act Funding - Airport: The Board was informed that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides funds for economic relief to eligible U.S. airports, including the Greene County Regional Airport.

Greene County's share totals \$30,000, and the County Manager provided information from the fixed base operator Spirit Aviation regarding the impacts to the airport from the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the CARES Act Georgia Department of Transportation funding contract and the use of \$20,833.35 of the CARES Act funding received for the Airport to offset costs incurred by Spirit Aviation in keeping the Airport open during the pandemic shutdown. Commissioner Filice seconded. Discussion ensued as to holding back the difference between the \$30,000 for the County and the approved amount for Spirit Aviation, with County Manager Lombard adding that the Board may be revisiting the issue later. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Senior Center Meals Contract: The Commissioners received information regarding the Senior Center contract for meals through G.A. Food Service. The vendor has provided the County with a proposed contract that was negotiated on a region-wide basis for the provision of meals for the Senior Center. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the contract between the Greene County Senior Center and G.A. Food Services of Pinellas County, Inc. for the provision of meals for the Senior Center. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Public Defender Contract: The Commissioners received information regarding the annual approval of a contract between the County and the Circuit Public Defender's Office of the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit. The funding will be included in the 2021 Budget. Commissioner Smith motioned 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 Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Declaring Surplus Property: The Commissioners reviewed a list of items that have been 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 2020.6.9 declaring certain property as surplus property, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Filice seconded. Commissioner Smith inquired as to whether the vehicles were totaled, and County Manager Lombard said they weren't but that the vehicles were high mileage with various mechanical issues that warrant declaring the vehicles as surplus. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Interim CEC Supplement: The Commissioners received information that a Verification of County Salary form was sent by UGA's Extension Service to County staff seeking a supplement of sorts to be paid to Monte Stephens while he serves as interim County Extension Coordinator for Greene County. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the Salary Verification Form for Monte Stephens to serve as the Interim CEC to cover the Greene County Extension Office. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Georgia Department of Corrections Contract – Inmate Work Detail: The Commissioners received information that the contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections for an inmate work detail for Fiscal Year 2021 would increase in cost from \$39,500 to \$49,318 if the Board chose to renew the contract. A new van for the inmate detail would likely be needed as well. Discussion ensued as to the shortcomings of the inmate work detail, with the Commissioners also discussing the litter abatement contract possibilities with Lovin Contracting Company, Inc. Commissioner Filice motioned not to renew the contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the inmate work detail. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Litter Abatement Contract: The Commissioners received information that Lovin Contracting Company, Inc. provided a price to perform litter pickup services along paved County roads at a cost of \$30,160. Commissioner Smith motioned to authorize a contract with Lovin Contracting Company, Inc. to perform litter pickup services, along with the necessary budget adjustments to pull funding from contingency to cover the increased cost. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the 5311 Transit Program: The Commissioners received background information regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the 5311 Public Transit program, with it being noted that typical revenue sources to help offset the program's expenses weren't realized due to the closure of the Senior Center and surrounding buildings. It was further noted that some increased expenses realized during the pandemic are expected to be recovered during Fiscal Year 2021 as CARES Act funding passes through to the County for the 5311 Public Transit program. Discussion ensued as to how the County's third party operator of the Transit program is paid. County staff also noted that the CARES Act funding buys time but that the Board will need to seriously consider transit program delivery options in time for the Fiscal Year 2022 budget deliberations. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the necessary budget adjustments to account for actual expenses for the Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program, taking the money from contingency. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: None

Commissioner's Report:

District One Commissioner Deering reported that she received word from Keith Ellenberg that a bridge may be washed out on Slip Rock Road.

District Two Commissioner Smith reported that he received a report about a hole in Shiloh Church Road, and that when he reported it to the Road Department, Public Works Director Scott Allen and County Manager Lombard came to look at it. He added that the hole turned out to be four feet wide and eight feet deep and was likely an old well at some point that was paved over.

Chairman Usry reported that a new Economic Development quarterly newsletter had been published by Economic Development Director Sam Young. He added that there was some very good news contained in it, and he thanked Sam for his hard work.

Adjournment: Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

The above minutes were adopted and approved this day 14th day of July, 2020.

Gary Usry, Chairman

Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

Dee Lindsey, Commissioner

Ernie Filice, Commissioner