

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 2021**

JULY 8, 2021 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 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 June 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting, and the June 8, 2021 Executive Session. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning & Subdivision Items:

Consideration of a Final Plat Request – Oconee Heights Subdivision, Section II: The Commissioners reviewed a proposed final plat for seven single-family residential lots to be created from 13.801 acres zoned LR-1 in the Oconee Heights Subdivision. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the Final Plat Request for Oconee Heights, Section II creating seven single-family residential lots from 13.801 acres. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Final Plat Request – Oconee Land Development Company, LLC, Richland Pointe Village, Phase IB, Lots 1-13 and 18-23: The Commissioners reviewed a proposed final plat for 19 single-family residential lots to be created from 2.57 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 Village, Phase IB, Lots 1-13 and 18-23 creating 19 single-family residential lots. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Preliminary Plat Request – Oconee Land Development Company, LLC, Richland Pointe, Section III: The Commissioners reviewed a proposed preliminary plat for 28 single-family residential lots to be created from 44.35 acres zoned PUD of property located in the Reynolds Lake Oconee development. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the Preliminary Plat request submitted by Oconee Land Development Company, LLC, for Richland Pointe, Section III creating 28 single-family residential lots. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Items:

Consideration of an Alcoholic Beverage License Application - Lake Diner, LLC: The Board was advised that Lake Diner, LLC, is seeking to open in Greene County as a full-service restaurant to be located in an existing building at 6141 Lake Oconee Parkway, Suite A. The owner seeks a consumption on the premises license for liquor, beer, and wine. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve an alcoholic beverage license for consumption on the premises for liquor, beer, and wine, for Lake Diner, LLC, located at 6141 Lake Oconee Parkway, Suite A, Greensboro, Georgia, in the name of Donna Evette Adams as the holder of the License. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Commissioner Smith inquired as to the location of the restaurant, and County Manager Lombard replied that it is in the old Huddle House location attached to the gas station on Highway 44 near the intersection of Linger Longer Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of an Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Board – District 4: The Board was informed Jonathan Vining stepped down from his position on the Planning and Zoning Board citing the busy real estate market demanding more of his time. The position is designated for a resident from District Four. Commissioner Filice motioned to appoint Jim Lynch as the District Four representative on the Greene County Planning and Zoning Board for the unexpired term of the seat designated for District Four that ends April 22, 2023. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Private Sector Representative on the NEGRC: The Board was advised that the NEGRC requests “Private Sector” appointees from each of the 12 counties in the region to serve as members on the NEGRC Council. Terry Lawler has been serving in this role to represent Greene County, and he has agreed to continue serving if the Board desires to reappoint him. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to appoint Terry Lawler to the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission as the private sector representative for Greene County. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of an IGA – Greene County Board of Education: The Commissioners were advised that the Board of Education approached the County about acquiring the 20-acre site on Meadow Crest Road that is owned by the Board of Commissioners. An Intergovernmental Agreement that will accomplish the transfer was prepared and has been approved by the Board of Education. To finalize the transaction, the IGA also needs to be approved by the Commissioners. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between Greene County and the Greene County School District Regarding the Purchase and Sale of Real Property. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Revised IGA for the Firefly Trail Project: The Board was advised that the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Firefly Trail Project was slightly modified after edits were requested by Maxeys and Woodville and that re-approval by the Board was necessary. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the revised 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. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Budget Adjustments to Convert Part-time Positions to Full-time Positions (Deputy Animal Control Officer, Economic Development Director): The Board was advised that with pending retirements in the Animal Control and Economic Development offices, there was a desire to re-evaluate the duties of each position and to subsequently convert each position from part-time to full-time. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the necessary budget adjustments to convert the existing part-time position in the Animal Control Department, and the existing part-time position in the Economic Development Department, to full-time positions. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Project to Upgrade the Caliber CAD System: The Board was advised that the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system from Spillman Technologies approved in 2017 unfortunately failed to satisfy the Enhanced 911 Center’s needs despite years of the County and vendor attempting to work through various challenges. The County’s longstanding CAD vendor has offered a proposal to upgrade Greene County to its newest CAD system that should better suit the County’s needs. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve a project to upgrade the Computer Aided Dispatch system utilizing Caliber Public Safety as the vendor for the project, and to fund the project utilizing SPLOST VII funds allocated for the 911 system. Commissioner Filice seconded. Commissioners Smith inquired as to the amounts expended attempting to make Spillman Technologies’ CAD work, and County Manager Lombard advised that the County intended to recover some of those expenses based on various discussions and past business dealings with Spillman’s parent company Motorola Solutions. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Budget Adjustment to Purchase Trucks: The Board was advised that the timely acquisition of new vehicles is complicated by the computer chip shortages and other supply chain issues. Instead of waiting for the next fiscal year, it was proposed that the County move forward with a budgetary allocation that allows purchase of vehicles whenever the right vehicles become available. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the necessary budget adjustments utilizing Prior Year's Fund Balance of the General Fund to purchase four trucks, and Prior Year's Fund Balance of Fund 260 to purchase two trucks. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Revised Policy for Greene County EMS: The Board was advised that the County's legal counsel reviewed the County's hospital-to-hospital transfers policy for its Emergency Medical Service based on input from staff, concerns of other stakeholders, and relevant State and federal laws. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to adopt a revised Policy Governing Use of Greene County EMS for Hospital-to-Hospital Transfers, and to rescind the version adopted November 14, 2017. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a GDOT Contract for Removal of Obstructions at the Airport: The Board was advised that a project to remove obstructions at the airport's western end was identified as a necessity by the Georgia Department of Transportation and a contract was subsequently prepared to accomplish the project scope. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Removal of Obstructions at Runway 7 and 25, and to approve the necessary budget adjustments to account for the Project with any local share coming from SPLOST VII. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Sewer Line Project at C. Weldon Smith Drive: The Board was advised that a project to install a sewer line connecting the end of the Annex by the 911 Center into the city sewer had been prepared for the Board's consideration. The project would abandon the older septic system and be accomplished before any asphalt resurfacing of the parking lots. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the necessary budget adjustments to fund a sewer line project for C. Weldon Smith Drive that will abandon the current septic system and tie the wastewater into the city sewer system. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report:

District Two Commissioner Smith reported that he would be circulating a resolution concerning support for the U.S. Constitution.

District Four Commissioner Filice reported that he gave a community presentation at Del Webb.

Executive Session: None

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 10th day of August, 2021.

Gary Usry, Chairman

Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

Dee Lindsey, Commissioner

Ernie Filice, Commissioner