

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 2020**

JULY 14, 2020 MEETING:

Chairman Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance, and City of Union Point Mayor Lanier Rhodes 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 June 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Items:

Consideration of an Appointment to the Library Board of Trustees: The Board received information that the Library Board asked the Board of Commissioners to appoint Cornelia Lowery to the Board of Trustees. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to appoint Cornelia Lowery to serve as the District Three designee on the Greene County Library Board of Trustees for a six-year term ending June 30, 2026. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution to Amend the Greene County Zoning Code: The Board was informed that several areas of the Zoning Code were reviewed and revised to make appropriate adjustments to reflect the public policy desired for our community. Commissioner Filice motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2020.7.14 amending the official Zoning Ordinance for Greene County to revise governance relating to minimum distance between buildings on the same lot, Conditional Uses in the B2 Zoning District, language defining ‘hotel’, and corresponding provisions relating to these changes, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Commissioner Filice asked about the scope of the changes and whether they address some pending issues, and County Manager Lombard replied that the definitions changes did deal with a couple of those pending issues. Commissioner Smith asked about the boat sales conditional use and whether the revisions under consideration materially changed those conditions, and County Manager Lombard replied that they did not and the boat sales dealer has met the conditional use requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Law Enforcement Services – City of Union Point: The Commissioners received background information related to an intergovernmental agreement with the County for the Sheriff to provide a higher level of law enforcement services to the City of Union Point at the City’s expense. Per Georgia law, the Commissioners have to consent to the agreement. Legal counsel also thoroughly reviewed the proposed agreement. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between Greene County, Georgia, the Sheriff of Greene County, and the City of Union Point for Law Enforcement Services, and authorizing the necessary budget adjustments to the FY2020 Budget to account for the revenue and expenses associated with the Agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded. Commissioner Filice and the Commissioners discussed the payment provisions related to the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of an Update to the List of Roadways for the Use of Speed Detection Devices Permit: The Commissioners were advised that the intergovernmental agreement just passed necessitates an update be sent to the Georgia Department of Transportation

listing the roadways in which the use of speed detection devices will be used by the Sheriff. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the updated List of Roadways for Greene County and the Greene County Sheriff's Department as provided by the Georgia Department of Transportation identified as List Number 07202001 and 07202002 respectively. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Commissioner's Report:

District Two Commissioner Smith inquired with District Four Commissioner Filice as to what he's been hearing regarding a new group opposing the widening of State Route 44, and Commissioner Filice replied that he has taken a number of calls and received many emails. He said the feedback has split between overwhelming support to continue supporting GDOT's project to widen SR44 versus people that want to see the widening pared back to a three-lane project or some alternative that only focuses on reducing truck traffic. He added that people on both sides of the issue realize that GDOT will ultimately make its own decision as to what type of project to pursue anyway.

District Three Commissioner Lindsey reported that he considers the SR44 widening a necessary and important project to other areas of the County in that it will afford improved and safer access by citizens to the hospital.

Adjournment: Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

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

Gary Usry, Chairman

Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

Dee Lindsey, Commissioner

Ernie Filice, Commissioner