

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 2021**

JANUARY 12, 2021 MEETING:

Chairman Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance, and 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 December 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning:

Consideration of a Final Plat Request Del Webb at Lake Oconee, Parcel 6: The Commissioners reviewed a proposed final plat request for 5.63 acres zoned PUD that would create 15 single-family residential lots. The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing on the request, reviewed the request, and voted unanimously to recommend approval. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the Final Plat Request submitted by Del Webb at Lake Oconee for Parcel 6 in the Del Webb at Lake Oconee development creating 15 single-family lots from 5.63 acres. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Rezoning Request – Oconee Land Development, Rezoning from A1/LR1 to PUD: The Commissioners reviewed a request seeking rezoning of 1,279.04 acres located off Hatcher’s Run Road from A1 and LR1 to PUD. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the request, conducted a public hearing on the request, and voted unanimously to recommend approval. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the rezoning request submitted by Oconee Land Development amending the Zoning from A1 and LR1 to PUD for 1,279.04 acres identified as tax map and parcel numbers 077-0-00-001-0, 077-0-00-001-A, 077-0-00-001-B, 077-0-00-001-C, 077-0-00-001-D, 077-0-00-001-E, 077-0-00-001-F, 077-0-00-001-H, 077-0-00-001-M, 077-0-00-001-N, 077-0-00-002-0, 077-0-00-002-A located off Hatcher’s Run Road annexing this property into the existing Reynolds Lake Oconee PUD. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Preliminary & Final Plat Request – Oconee Land Development, The Homesteads, Section II: The Commissioners reviewed a request seeking Preliminary and Final Plat Approval for four residential lots identified as The Homesteads, Section II. The 20.15 total acres site is zoned PUD. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the request, conducted a public hearing on the request, and voted unanimously to recommend approval. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the Preliminary and Final Plat Request submitted by Oconee Land Development for The Homesteads, Section II creating four residential lots from 20.15 acres. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Final Plat Request – Sunset Bluff at Lake Oconee: The Commissioners reviewed a Final Plat Approval request to create 58 residential lots from property located at the end of Askew Road. The 75.05 total acres 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 Lindsey motioned to approve the Final Plat Request submitted by Sunset Bluff Investment Group, LLC, creating 58 single-family residential lots from 75.05 acres located off the end of

Askew Road. Commissioner Filice seconded. Commissioner Smith inquired as to whether the development had frontage on Lake Oconee. It was noted that it did not front the lake but had access to a neighboring boat ramp. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Items:

Consideration of the Reestablishment of the Probate Court Chief Clerk Position:

The Board reviewed a request from the Probate Judge to reestablish a Chief Clerk of Probate Court position. The position previously existed many years ago, but the funding for the increased pay rate for the position has not been afforded in the budget. Due to attrition in the Probate Office, funding that was budgeted for the retiring employee could be repurposed to fund the increased pay rate due to promotion. Judge Ogletree also came before the Board to provide further background information. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the reestablishment of the Chief Clerk position in the Probate Court Office using funds already included in the FY2021 Budget. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of 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 FY2021 Special Tax District Fund Budget includes provisions that Good Samaritan Hospital provide certain documentation to substantiate the level of indigent care services. Commissioner Filice motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2021.1.12 (a) 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 2021, and for Other Purposes, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Smith seconded. Commissioner Smith inquired as to whether the full, budgeted amount was requested by St. Mary's in years past. County Manager Lombard replied that they had requested the full amount in 2020 but not in 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a GDOT Local Open Roads Policy: The Board was informed of an effort led by the public safety disciplines, in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Transportation, to form a traffic incident management review team and improve awareness of the goal to clear public safety incident scenes as quickly as possible. The effort will also help the County access some GDOT grant funds for supplies and equipment for traffic incident management. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve Resolution Number 2021.1.12 (b) adopting the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Open Roads Policy. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of SPLOST Adjustments – Liberty Fire Department: The Board received background information that the Liberty Fire Department has expressed a desire to see its SPLOST VI allocation re-allocated to SPLOST VII, as was done for other fire departments at recent, previous meetings. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the repurposing of SPLOST VI funds that were allocated to the Liberty Fire Department totaling \$250,000.00 to be used for qualifying capital expenditures for County Fire, and to reallocate that same amount in SPLOST VII from County Fire to the Liberty Fire Department. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Recreation Fund Balance Project – Laser Grade Baseball Fields:

The Board was informed of the need to undertake a project to improve drainage and perform major maintenance at some of the Recreation Complex fields. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the necessary budget adjustments to utilize accumulated Fund Balance of the Recreation Fund, Fund 272, to perform contracted repairs and improvements to the baseball fields at the Recreation Complex. Commissioner Filice seconded. Discussion ensued regarding the funding source being the Recreation tax district's accumulated fund balance. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a SPLOST Expenditure – Station Alerting System, Fuel Tanks:

The Board was provided background information regarding two public safety projects,

specifically a project to install a station alerting system and another project to install above-ground fuel tanks at the outlying stations. The projects will benefit both the EMS and Fire Service. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the use of SPLOST VII funding for the Station Alerting System and the purchase of Fuel Tanks with Accountability Systems. Commissioner Filice seconded. Discussion ensued regarding how the alerting system would work from station to station. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreements – Fire Services, Siloam: The Board was advised that with the County entering into the provision of fire protection services, and with consideration for the Service Delivery Strategy and Supplementary Powers provisions of the Georgia Constitution, Intergovernmental Agreements are necessary in order for the County to be able to provide fire protection services inside any of the incorporated areas. Commissioner Deering motioned to adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Fire Protection Services in the Incorporated Areas of the Town of Siloam. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement – SPLOST, Siloam: The Commissioners reviewed background information that SPLOST VII planning efforts had envisioned the County voluntarily giving the Town of Siloam \$100,000.00 for capital improvements supporting Siloam’s fire department. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from the 2021 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Greene County Capital Outlay Projects with the Town of Siloam. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Settlement Agreement – Craft Auto Center, Inc.: The Board were informed that the County Attorney had negotiated a settlement in relation to the litigation filed by Craft Auto Center, Inc. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the General Release and Settlement Agreement between Greene County and Craft Auto Center, Inc. with such approval also including the necessary budget adjustments to utilize accumulated Fund Balance of the General Fund to satisfy the financial encumbrances related to, and directly involved in the Agreement. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Monthly Expense Allowances for County Constitutional Officers.: The Board reviewed background information regarding the need to formally authorize the monthly expense allowances for County Constitutional Officers. Commissioner Smith motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2021.1.12 (c) and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: None

Commissioner’s Report: None

Adjournment: Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 5: 28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

The above minutes were adopted and approved this day 9th day of February, 2021.

Gary Usry, Chairman

Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

Dee Lindsey, Commissioner

Ernie Filice, Commissioner