

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 2021**

FEBRUARY 9, 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 Lindsey motioned to approve the Minutes from the January 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting and the January 29, 2021 Called Meeting. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Items:

Consideration of a Request from the Board of Tax Assessors The Commissioners received background information that the Board of Tax Assessors' recent promotion of the Personal Property Appraiser to the Chief Appraiser position also caused the Assessors to revisit outsourcing personal property appraisals. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the request from the Board of Tax Assessors to move funding from the Personnel line items to fund the management of Personal Property as an outsourced service, and to make the necessary budget adjustments to reflect this change. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration Amendments to the Subdivision Regulations: The Commissioners received information regarding efforts to amend the Subdivision Regulations. Commissioner Deering motioned to table the item until the March meeting to gather some more information. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration the Probation Services Agreement for the Courts: The Board received background information that the local courts utilize a third-party provider for probation services. The Board has previously approved the current provider along with the courts, and the provider and the courts have already executed the Agreement. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the Probation Services Agreements with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc. for probation services provided for the Greene County Superior Court. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. General discussion ensued as to how the third-party provider operates without a designated office. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Property Acquisitions - Airport: The Board received background information of the need to acquire certain parcels of land around the airport to fulfill Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) mandates regarding clear zones and safety zones. The cost of the land acquisition is mostly funded with federal dollars, but the County will still need to pay for its 5% matching expense when the time comes. Commissioner Deering motioned to authorize the execution of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for property acquisitions at the West end of the runway at the Airport, and to approve the purchase of the three subject parcels including the 1.16 acre Hatsis parcel, the 3.59 acre Coleman parcel, and the 0.79 acre Johnson parcel, and to approve the necessary budget adjustments to account for the revenues and expenses associated with the transactions with the local match coming from SPLOST VII. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Commissioner Smith asked whether the sale required an appraisal, and County Manager Lombard replied that the parcels were appraised but also that the landowners and County exchanged various offers and counteroffers before settling on sale prices that satisfied the FAA. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Policy to Address Campaign Activity at the County Annex: The Board was informed that a policy to address campaign activity at the County Annex's driveway was drafted for the Board's consideration and based on various discussions. The Board was addressed by various public speakers urging the Board to reconsider the proposed changes, including Brian Burdette, Mark Schulz, and Ray Brindley. Commissioner Filice motioned to table the policy until the March meeting. Commissioner Deering seconded. Commissioner Filice commented that he'd like to see some form of compromise, and Commissioner Lindsey elaborated regarding the rationale leading up to the proposed policy but that he can support tabling the item for more discussion. County Manager Lombard gave further history regarding the development of the Board's policy for signage along C. Weldon Smith Drive, as well as staff's concerns over the enforceability of whatever policy is ultimately approved by the Board. Motion to table the item carried 4-1 with Chairman Usry opposed.

Consideration of a Resolution Declaring Property as Surplus: The Board reviewed a list of items 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 Smith motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2021.2.9(a) declaring certain property as surplus property, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Approving Projects & Expenditures to Close out Funding in SPLOST VI: The Board was informed that there was a need to ensure SPLOST VI's projects are closed out by September 30th given that SPLOST VI collections ended in December 2020. A list of projects and expenditures was compiled to utilize the remaining funds, of which the bulk is committed to road projects. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2021.2.9(b) Authorizing Certain Projects and Expenditures to Close-out SPLOST VI, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: None

Commissioner's Report:

District One Commissioner Deering expressed gratitude at the list of road projects being accomplished with the remaining SPLOST VI funds.

District Four Commissioner Filice reported that he'd been contacted by groups requesting that the Board consider resurfacing the tennis courts at the Recreation Department.

Adjournment: Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

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

Gary Usry, Chairman

Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

Dee Lindsey, Commissioner

Ernie Filice, Commissioner