

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 2025**

OCTOBER 14, 2025 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, and Chairman Usry were present. Also present was County Manager David Crawley.

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 September 9, 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting and the Called Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2025 and September 11, 2025. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning & Subdivision Items:

Consideration of a Rezoning Request – Application to Amend the Land Use Regulation for 19.5 Acres at 1420 Brooks Cemetery Road from A1 to LI: The Commissioners received background information that a rezoning request was received from Leighton Channell acting on behalf of Mallory and Karen Granitz. The Planning and Zoning Board reviewed the request and recommended approval, with contingencies. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the rezoning request submitted, amending the zoning from A1 to LI for 19.5 acres identified as tax map and parcel number 126-0-00-035-0 located on Brooks Cemetery Road, with the following contingencies:

1. An approved plat for the proposed parcel combining it with the parcels known as TMP#125-0-00-027-0 & TMP#125-0-00-036-0 is recorded within 90 days from the date of the sale of the parcel.
2. A master plan of the proposed Industrial Development to include the parcels known as TMP #126-0-00-035-0, TMP# 125-0-00-027-0 and TMP #125-0-00-036-0 is submitted within 60 days from the date of the sale of the parcel
3. Removal of the existing Manufactured Home from the parcel..

Commissioner Lindsey seconded. There was general discussion between one of the applicants attorneys Russell Wall and the Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Preliminary Plat Request – Oconee Land Development Company, LLC, The Homesteads – Section IVC: The Commissioners reviewed a request seeking Preliminary Plat approval for one lot to be created from 13.82 acres zoned PUD in The Homesteads area of Reynolds Lake Oconee. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the Preliminary Plat submitted by Oconee Land Development Company, LLC for The Homesteads – Section IVC creating one lot from 13.82 acres. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Items:

Consideration of a Resolution Appointing an Open Records Officer: The Commissioners received background information of the need to update the Open Records Officer Resolution. Commissioner Lindsey motioned approve Resolution 2025.10.14(a) Appointing an Open Records Officer, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Services with the Historical Society: The Commissioners received background information that the approved FY2026

Budget allocated \$2,000.00 to provide funding support to the Greene County Historical Society to facilitate their role in storing, archiving, and handling historically significant items owned by Greene County. In order to distribute the funding allocation, a contract is required. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve Resolution 2025.10.14(b) Authorizing a Contract for Services with the Historical Society, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Contract with the Chamber of Commerce: The Commissioners received background information that the County enters into a contract annually with the Chamber of Commerce for provision of specified services. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the County's Fiscal Year 2026. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Budget Adjustment for FY2025: The Commissioners received background information that the Finance Manager has prepared various Fiscal Year 2025 budget adjustments for the Board's consideration. The adjustments involve insurance claims, excess interest income, various line-item overages across departments, and increased hotel/motel taxes. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2025 as detailed on the Budget Amendment Forms. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of to Provide/Continue a Monthly Expense Allowance for all Constitutional Officers: The Commissioners received background information that the Board has previously provided a monthly expense allowance to all four Constitutional Officers. While not requested at the beginning of the calendar year, the Board of Commissioners received a written request September 30th to continue to provide the monthly expense allowance. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the request to provide a supplement for Constitutional Officers and the Coroner and Deputy Coroners for Fiscal Year 2026. Commissioner Deering seconded. Chairman Usry explained that the supplement is not for the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Airport Capital Improvement Program: The Commissioners received background information that the Airport Advisory Committee helped develop and review the proposed Airport Capital Improvement Program with County staff and the contracted engineer. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the Airport Capital Improvement Program for submission to the Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Adopting an Amendment to the Greene County Comprehensive Plan: The Commissioners received background information that the Greene County Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission and DCA. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve Resolution 2025.10.14(c) Authorizing the adoption of the amended Greene County Comprehensive Plan, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Enacting an Emergency Moratorium on Acceptance of Applications for Rezoning for any Parcel of Land Lying within 1,500 Feet of the Centerline of Veazey Connector Between Walker Church Road and Veazey Road: The Commissioners received background information that the Board could consider a temporary emergency moratorium of the acceptance of applications for rezoning of any land lying within 1,500 feet of the centerline of the Veazey Connector between Walker Church Road and Veazey Road while staff considers recommendations associated with utility and transportation infrastructure in that area. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve Resolution 2025.10.14(d) Enacting an Emergency Moratorium on acceptance of applications for rezoning for any parcel of land lying within 1,500 feet of the centerline of the Veazey Connector between Walker Church Road and Veazey Road, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Reports:

District Two Commissioner Smith reported that he attended the ACCG Legislative Forum, and the number one priority of most counties was Next-Gen 911 and encouraging the State and Federal governments to participate in cost-sharing. He said road improvements were also a top priority.

District Three Commissioner Lindsey encouraged everyone to go vote.

Executive Session: Commissioner Lindsey motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m. to discuss authorizing negotiations to purchase property. Commissioner Deering seconded. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to leave Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

The above minutes were adopted and approved this day 18th day of November 2025.

Gary Usry, Chairman

Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

Dee Lindsey, Commissioner

Mark Blanton, Commissioner