

PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2022

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held its Regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2022, in the Commissioners Meeting room located at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia with all members in attendance except Vice-Chairwoman Hill. Chairman Moseley called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and Commissioner Lewis opened the meeting with prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA – February 1, 2022:

1. Budget Amendment – Various Divisions: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, presented the following Final Budget Amendment to close out FY21:

<u>Budget Amendment – Various Divisions – FY2021</u>		
From:	Contingency	\$ 538,285
To:	Board of Equalization	\$ 505
	Engineering	\$ 15,844
	Clerk of Court	\$ 3,989
	Roads	\$ 255,447
	Economic Development	\$ 262,500
		<u>\$ 538,285</u>

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Final Budget Amendment to close out FY21 as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

2. Budget Amendment – American Rescue Plan: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment for the American Rescue Plan End of Year Closeout:

<u>Budget Amendment – American Rescue Plan – FY2021</u>		
From:	Fed Grant Direct	\$ 97,936
To:	Transfer Out	\$ 97,917
	Other Gen Gov	\$ 19
		<u>\$ 97,936</u>

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to close out the American Rescue Plan account as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

3. Budget Amendment – Emergency Medical Services: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to create a line item and set up budget appropriations for Dr. Giles, EMS Medical Director, through the remainder of the FY22 Budget:

<u>Budget Amendment – Emergency Medical Services – FY2022</u>		
From:	Contingencies	\$ 9,375
To:	Professional	\$ 9,375

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to create a line item and set up budget appropriations for Dr. Giles, EMS Medical Director, through the remainder of the FY2022 Budget, as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

4. Budget Amendment – Library: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for a price increase in monthly pest control for the library:

<u>Budget Amendment – Library – FY2022</u>		
From:	Contingencies	\$ 28
To:	Pest Control	\$ 28

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for a price increase in monthly pest control for the library, as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

5. Budget Amendment – E911: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for a price increase in monthly pest control for E911:

<u>Budget Amendment – E911 – FY2022</u>		
From:	Contingencies	\$ 24
To:	Pest Control	\$ 24

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funding for a price increase in monthly pest control for E911, as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

6. Budget Amendment – Clerk of Superior Court: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment for an increase in Superior Court Bond renewal:

		<u>Budget Amendment – Clerk of Superior Court – FY2022</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingencies	\$ 478
100.2180.52.3100	To:	Ins. Other than Emp. Benefits	\$ 478

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment for an increase in Superior Court Bond renewal, as presented by Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director.

7. Title VI Plan – Peach Transit System: Janet Smith, Assistant Finance Director, advised that the Peach Transit System Title VI Plan is up for renewal. This agreement reflects no changes from previous agreements.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the renewal Title VI Plan with Peach Transit System and to authorize the Chairman to sign said agreement on behalf of Peach County. *(A copy of said Agreement is attached to Page 500, Minutes Book N, for future reference.)*

8. Budget Amendment – Roads: Michaela Jones, County Administrator, has presented the following Budget Amendment to cover the expense to repair the Case Track-hoe that was previously damaged:

		<u>Budget Amendment –Roads– FY2022</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingencies	\$ 4,900
100.4220.52.1330	To:	Heavy Equipment Maint.	\$ 4,900

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to cover the expense to repair the Case Track Hoe that was previously damaged, as presented by Michaela Jones, County Administrator.

9. Budget Amendment – Fire: Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director, has presented the following Budget Amendment to appropriate funds for the purchase of four (4) 25' sections of 1" hardline for hose reels on the brush trucks:

		<u>Budget Amendment – Fire – FY2022</u>	
100.1599.57.9000	From:	Contingencies	\$ 2,500
100.3500.53.1600	To:	Small Equipment	\$ 2,500

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the above stated Budget Amendment to appropriate funds for the purchase of four (4) 25' sections of 1" hardline for hose reels on the brush trucks, as presented by Jeff Doles, Fire Chief/EMA Director.

10. ~~Change of Title – EMT Resene/Maintenance Coordinator: Alfonso Ford, EMAS Director, has requested to change the title of the current position EMT Resene/Maintenance Coordinator to Paramedic Resene EMR/Maintenance Coordinator. This change will allow a Paramedic to be responsible in the position.~~

~~ACTION REQUESTED: To allow the change of title of the current position EMT Resene/Maintenance Coordinator to Paramedic Resene EMR/Maintenance Coordinator in order to allow a Paramedic to be responsible in the position, as requested by Alfonso Ford, EMAS Director.~~

11. Request to Purchase Vehicles – Public Works: Bobby Cowart, Interim Public Works Director/Road Superintendent is requesting to purchase the following vehicles/equipment from All-State Ford Truck Sales and Allan Vigil Ford-Lincoln Government Sales to replace department vehicles that have reached the end of their service life:

- #1 - 2022 Ford F350 Crew Cab 4x4 Gooseneck Platform Stake Bed & 40-foot Gooseneck Big Tex Trailer - \$91,261
- #2 - Three (3) Ford F150 Super Crew XL Work Trucks - \$118,000
- #3 – 2022 Ford Explorer SUV - \$28,225

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the purchase of five (5) vehicles/equipment items from All-State Ford and Allan Vigil Ford-Lincoln Government Sales in the total amount of \$237,500 as requested by Bobby Cowart, Interim Public Works Director/Road Superintendent.

12. Request to Purchase Vehicle – Parks & Recreation: David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director, has advised that Damien Smith, Athletic Director, is no longer able to drive his 2009 Ford Ranger truck due to numerous issues disabling the vehicle. Mr. Parrish is recommending the purchase of a used 2019 Ford 150 Truck with 56,000 miles and a Camper Top from McLeod Auto Company in the amount of \$25,000.00.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the purchase of a used 2019 Ford 150 Truck with 56,000 miles and a Camper Top from McLeod Auto Company in the amount of \$25,000.00 as recommended by David Parrish, Parks and Recreation Director.

13. Firefighter Retirement – Volunteer: Chairman Moseley has requested to pay \$25.00 a month toward the Firemen's Pension Fund capped at fifty (50) volunteers in a total amount of \$15,000. Chairman Moseley also recommended raising the per-call pay rate from \$18.50 to \$25.00.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the recommendation from Chairman Moseley to pay \$25.00 a month toward the Firemen's Pension Fund capped at fifty (50) volunteers in a total amount of \$15,000 as well as raising the per-call pay rate from \$18.50 to \$25.00.

14. COVID-19 Sick-LLeave Extension: April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, is requesting extending the COVID-19 Sick-LLeave to a five (5) day maximum for an additional three (3) month period, as discussed and approved during the January 2022 Work Session.

ACTION REQUESTED: To approve the request from April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, to extend the COVID-19 Sick-LLeave to a five (5) day maximum for an additional three (3) month period as discussed and approved during the January 2022 Work Session.

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of #10. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA:

Commissioner Bryant moved to approve the agenda with changes: #4 added to Announcements & Updates, #2 added to New Business, and a Personnel Matter #3 added to Executive Session. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – January 11, 2022 – Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Called Meeting – January 25, 2022 – Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Bryant abstaining due to absence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

Chairman Moseley advised that Mr. Alfonso Ford, EMS Director, is retiring after 37 dedicated years to Peach County. Mr. Ford stated that he is humbled by the recognition and he wanted to give credit to the crews he has had the pleasure of working with over the years. Mr. Ford advised that longevity with Peach County EMT Personnel is obvious, and it shows the dedication to the role as well as the value of teamwork present in Peach County. Mr. Ford thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the County's citizens. Chairman Moseley also advised that Mr. Ford is a finalist for the 2021 Georgia EMS Award and congratulated him on his nomination.

Commissioner Yoder stated that Peach County has partnered with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) on the demolition project located at Highway 96 and 341 in order to help with traffic caused by passing trains. Commissioner Yoder advised that GDOT was able to successfully rework the intersection.

Commissioner Lewis advised that the Cities of Fort Valley and Byron have partnered with Peach County to create a list of roads to benefit from the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) funds. Requests for bid proposals from vendors will open February 23, 2022. Commissioner Lewis commended the Cities and County for working together to complete these projects.

Chairman Moseley advised that February is Black History Month and he wanted to honor Mr. Henry Edward Bryant, who was one of the unsung heroes/pioneers in black education. Mr. Bryant was born in Richmond, Georgia in 1908 and eventually settled in Fort Valley, Georgia where he established Henry A. Hunt High School. The high school went on to produce four (4) National Merit Scholars between 1966 and 1972. Chairman Moseley commends Mr. Henry Edward Bryant on his impact and success in black education.

APPEARANCES:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Moseley presented the Career, Technical and Agriculture Education (CTAE) Department at Peach County High School with a Proclamation establishing the week of February 7-11, 2022 as SkillsUSA Week. The CTAE education program provides students with a school-to-career connection and is the backbone of a strong and educated workforce that fosters productivity in business and industry while also contributing to leadership in national and global economics. This program allows high school students to participate in empowering experiences of applying skills in reading, writing and mathematics, and in the development of a personal, workplace and technical skillset—all grounded in academics.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Greg Boike from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC) has advised that the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has approved the 2022-2026 Joint Comprehensive Plan between the Cities of Fort Valley, Byron and Peach County. Approval of the Joint Comprehensive Plan is needed by the end of February. Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the 2022-2026 Joint Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

April H. Hodges, Assistant County Administrator/County Clerk, advised that Ms. Tisa Horton, Peach Festival Director, has requested support from Peach County for the 2022 Peach Festival as approved in the FY2022 Budget. Ms. Hodges added that if approved, a Resolution must be signed by the County and the Peach Festival to ensure that funding is used specifically for this project. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Resolution to authorize the release of \$10,000.00 for the 2022 Peach Festival and allow the Chairman to sign the Resolution of behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:30 P.M.

Rosecoe Miller, Interim Planning and Zoning Director, presented a rezoning request from Mr. Lonnie Sledge. The ten (10) acre property is located at 209 Clint Howard Road in Fort Valley. Mr. Miller advised that Mr. Sledge has requested to rezone the property from R-AG to R-1 to allow his daughter to build a house on two (2) of those acres. The property was properly posted and advertised and received no notable responses opposing the rezoning request. The Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the rezoning request.

Chairman Moseley asked for anyone speaking in opposition. No one spoke in opposition. Chairman Moseley asked for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the request.

Ms. Lona Wheeler advised that she is in favor of the rezoning request. Ms. Wheeler desires to build a house on the property in order to be closer to her parents. She is only requesting to rezone two (2) of the ten (10) acres from R-AG to R-1.

Commissioner Bryant moved to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board to rezone two (2) of the ten (10) acres of property at 209 Clint Howard Road in Fort Valley from R-AG to R-1. Commissioner Yoder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:35 P.M.

Commissioner Bryant moved to go into an Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for three (3) Board Appointments, a Safety Officer appointment, three (3) Personnel Matters, and a Property Acquisition. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

--- EXECUTIVE SESSION ---

Commissioner Yoder moved to terminate the Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to reappoint Mr. Ezekiel Harvey to the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals for an additional two (2) year term, expiring March 1, 2024. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to reappoint Mr. Al Wilson to the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals for an additional two (2) year term, expiring March 1, 2024. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to reappoint Mr. Donald Rouse to the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals for an additional three (3) year term, expiring March 1, 2025. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

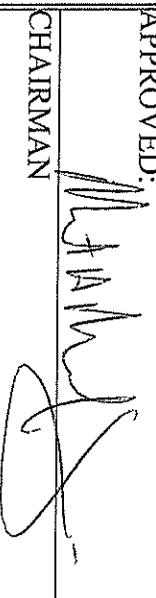
Commissioner Lewis moved to appoint Mr. Michael Ryan Roberts as the Safety Officer for Peach County. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to promote Mr. Bobby Cowart the Public Works Director, and to make his promotion effective February 9, 2022. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

APPROVED:



PEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BY:   
COUNTY CLERK

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF PEACH

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN

Martin H. Moseley, Jr., Chairman of the Peach County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

The Peach County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

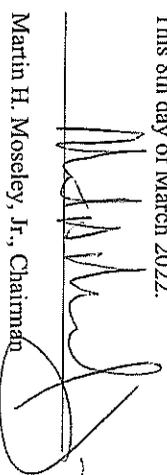
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

The Executive Session was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

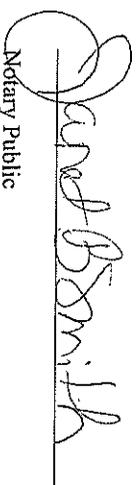
- (1) Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(6).
- (2) Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4)

This 8th day of March 2022.

  
Martin H. Moseley, Jr., Chairman

Peach County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 21, 2026

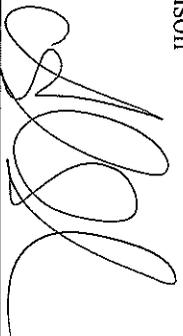
WORK SESSION

Peach County Board of Commissioners  
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2022

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2022, in Commission Chambers at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia. All Commissioners were in attendance. Chairman Moseley called the Work Session to order. The purpose of the Work Session was to interview the following four (4) candidates for the Peach County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director position.

- Francis Paul Peed
- Benjamin Heber
- Thomas Doyle
- Brian A. Donaldson

The Work Session adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

  
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COUNTY CLERK  
Date 3/8/2022

CALLLED MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Peach County Board of Commissioners  
4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2022

The Peach County Board of Commissioners scheduled a Called Meeting at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2022, in Commission Chambers at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia, with all Commissioners in attendance. The purpose of the Called Meeting was to further discuss the four (4) candidates interviewed on February 22, 2022 for the Peach County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Director position.

Commissioner Lewis moved to go into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the interviewed candidates. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

--- EXECUTIVE SESSION ---

Commissioner Bryant moved to terminate Executive Session at 5:01 p.m. Vice-Chairwoman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this Called Meeting on this date, Commissioner Bryant moved to adjourn at 5:02 p.m. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

APPROVED:

  
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CHAIRMAN

PEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY:

  
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COUNTY CLERK

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN

Martin H. Moseley, Jr., Chairman of the Peach County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

The Peach County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

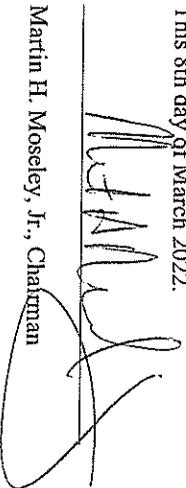
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

The Executive Session was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

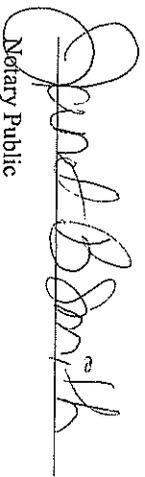
- (1) Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(6).

This 8th day of March 2022.



Martin H. Moseley, Jr., Chairman  
Peach County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 21, 2026

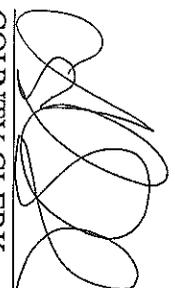
MONTHLY WORK SESSION  
Peach County Board of Commissioners  
5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2022

The Peach County Board of Commissioners held their monthly Work Session at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2022, in Commission Chambers at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia. All Commissioners were in attendance. Chairman Moseley called the Work Session to order. The purpose of the work session was to discuss topics being considered for the regular monthly meeting to be held on March 8, 2022, as follows:

1. Tim Ingram – Ingram & Associates – Crestview Church Road – Change Order
2. Big Brothers Big Sisters Program – Memorandum of Understanding
3. W.L. Brown – Tax Commissioner
  - i. Special Tax Sale
  - ii. Budget Amendment – Request for Temporary Pay.
4. Samantha Joyner – EMS Supervisor
  - i. Budget Amendment – Education & Training
  - ii. Budget Amendment – Equipment
5. David Parrish – Parks and Recreation Director
  - i. Windscreens for Tennis Courts – North Peach Park
  - ii. Ball Field Light Repairs – North Peach Park
6. Stacy Sanders – Purchasing Manager

- i. Sale of Property Bid
  - ii. Request to Surplus Vehicle – Recreation
7. Janet Smith – Assistant Finance Director
- i. Resource Management Systems, Inc. – Revision
  - ii. Budget Amendment – Senior Center
  - iii. Budget Amendment – E911
8. Michelle Williams – Human Resources Manager
- i. Rehire Policy
  - ii. Applicant Testing
  - iii. Safety Policy
9. Bobby Cowart – Public Works Director – Yancey Annual Service Agreement
10. Commissioner Lewis – Old High School – Available Space
11. Setting Final Agenda for Regular Meeting, March 8, 2022
12. Adjourn:

The Work Session adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Handwritten signature of the County Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK

3/8/2022  
Date