

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Mike Shumans on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Appling County Annex Building. Present were Commissioners Daryl Edwards, Charlie Leggett, Doug Harris, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Chairman Mike Shumans. Also present at the meeting was County Manager Hayden Rozier, County Attorney Tracy Brown and County Clerk Julie Scarborough. Present from the news media was Mary Ann Ellis of the Baxley News Banner.

Chairman Shumans welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Joe Taylor led the pledge to the American flag.

Daryl Edwards gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting, December 7, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

Knicole Lee came before the Board to give an update on Covid Crisis. The clinic infused 104 individuals the first 90 days open.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ryland Environmental Right to Petition – At the December 7, 2021 meeting Ryland asked for a 10% fuel surcharge increase. The adjusted Quarterly Price per Home will be \$47.85. Commissioner Leggett made a motion to accept the 10% increase from Ryland. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Pool Discussion – There was some discussion of the new 2.4 million dollar pool being constructed at the present time through SPLOST funds.

Mr. Wilton McCall said the pool at Ernest J. Parker is leaking tremendously. In approximately 2001 the county spent \$170,000 dollars +/- for repairs to this pool. Mr. McCall had reached out to get an estimate to repair the leak. The county received a quote for \$40,000 to try to fix the leak but the work would not have a guarantee.

Mr. McCall and County Manager Rozier rode to Statesboro to look at a Splash Pad. Mr. McCall said the estimated cost to build a Splash Pad of this size would be somewhere around \$600,000 - \$650,000. It was discussed to build a Splash Pad to replace the pool at Ernest J. Parker. County Manager Rozier stated that this would be a project for SPLOST. It was decided that Mr. McCall would present his information at the March SPLOST meeting. There was discussion whether to close Ernest J. Parker Pool and Max Deen Pool. Chairman Mike Shumans said he did not think the county needed three pools. Commissioner Wilkerson said the pool at Ernest J. Parker was not fit to swim in. Commissioner Leggett and Commissioner Boatright stated that there was never a vote on whether to close the outlying pools. Mr. McCall said he was not for repairing the old pool. He said there was safety concerns. Commissioner Boatright made a motion to close Ernest J. Parker pool and Max Deen pool. Commissioner Edwards second the motion.

The motion carried 4-1.

Commissioner Wilkerson wanted the records to state the reason he was opposed to closing the pool is because there was no plan in place to put something back there.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adoption of New Voting District Lines – Attorney Tracy Brown read the Resolution. Commissioner Boatright made a motion to adopt the New Voting District Lines. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 2022 Qualifying Fee(s) – Commissioner Boatright made a motion to accept the 2022 Qualifying Fee(s). Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Graham Land Lease Bid – Commissioner Boatright made the motion to accept the bid for the Graham Land Lease. The only bid received was from Nile Williams for

- D. Executive Session - there was no executive session.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Mark Melton invited everyone to the Community Wide Prayer Service. Sheriff Melton said he continued to be short staffed. He said he was short in every department except 911. Sheriff Melton said he was thankful for the year we have had and are excited about 2022.

RECREATION DEPT REPORT

There was no report at this time. Mr McCall stated basketball would be starting on January 18th. Mr. McCall said he would have a report the next month.

ROADS & BRIDGES

Chris Horton was present to give an update on Roads. During the month of December, many of the employees were out due to holidays. The Road Department removed 22 trees from the roads. Mr. Horton apologized for Ditching a little bit late. Carter's Bite Road is completed but not stripped

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Rozier is working on a website for the County. The 911 reflective numbering signs have been ordered. Road name signs have been ordered. The road crew has already replaced about 70 signs recently.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Harris to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to close executive session and reopen the regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

After reconvening from Executive Session County Manager Rozier made a recommendation to hire Brandon M. Sneed for the Building and Grounds position. Commissioner Boatright made a motion to accept the recommendation and Commissioner Harris seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Wayne Canady came before the Board with his concerns about the redistricting in the state.

Mr. Canady also had some concerns with road signs.

Leslie Burch requested to be removed from public input.

Chairman Shumans thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mike Shumans, Chairman

ATTEST:

Julie Scarborough, County Clerk

**A RESOLUTION OF THE APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS SETTING THE QUALIFYING FEES FOR
ELECTED COUNTY OFFICES FOR 2022**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. 21-2-131, provides that the governing authority of any county shall fix and publish a qualifying fee for each county office to be filled in an upcoming election on or before February 1 of any year in which a general primary, nonpartisan election, or general election is to be held; and

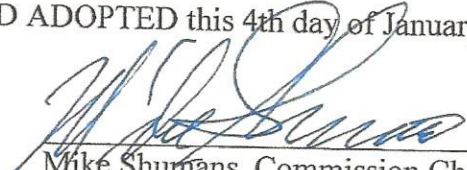
WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. 21-2-131 further provides certain statutory requirements for calculating said qualifying fees;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Appling County Board of Commissioners that qualifying fees for the following county offices to be filled in the upcoming elections in calendar year 2022 are hereby fixed and published in accordance with statutory requirements as follows:

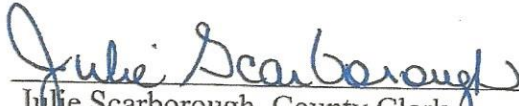
<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>QUALIFYING FEE</u>
County Board of Education District 1	\$ 72.00
County Board of Education District 3	\$ 72.00
Chairman-County Commissioner	\$ 324.00
County Commissioner District 1	\$ 288.00
County Commissioner District 3	\$ 288.00
State Court Judge	\$ 1,308.53
State Court Solicitor	\$ 1,256.33
Chief Magistrate Judge	\$ 1,392.25

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2022.




Mike Shumans, Commission Chairman

ATTEST:


Julie Scarborough, County Clerk

APPLING COUNTY, GEORGIA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Appling County Board of Commissioners has been advised of population changes as reflected in the 2020 Decennial Census; and

WHEREAS, Appling County, Georgia is committed to the principle of one person, one vote; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Decennial Census identified a change in demographics over the existing five districts of Appling County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Appling County, Georgia has requested the staff of the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office to create a map showing changes to said voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office has prepared a map namely applingccsb-draft-2021 that illustrates the demographic changes to the district(s) of Appling County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the Appling County Board of Commissioners believe that said proposed changes would better reflect the principle of one person, one vote.

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, THE RESOLUTION OF THE APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, as follows:

1. The map applingccsb-draft-2021 attached hereto as Exhibit A, showing the Appling County Board of Commissioners' proposed districts, is hereby approved following a public hearing that was advertised in *The Baxley News-Banner*, the legal organ for Appling County, Georgia.
2. The Appling County Board of Commissioners, by this approval, recommends the proposed changes as shown on said map applingccsb-draft-2021 to the Georgia Legislature.

This 4th day of January, 2022.


Mike Shumans, Chairman


Daryl Edwards, Commissioner


Charlie Leggett, Commissioner


Doug Harris, Commissioner


Sarah Boatright, Commissioner


Theodore Wilkerson, Commissioner

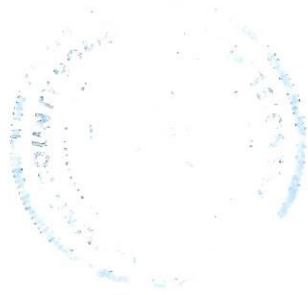
ATTEST:



has been entered in the official records of said Board of Commissioners under my supervision and is in my official possession, custody, and control.

I further certify that said meeting was held in conformity with the requirements of Title 50, Chapter 14 of the Official Code of Georgia.

(SEAL)



Julie Scarborough

County Clerk

Appling County Board of Commissioners

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

The Appling County Board of Commissioners had a called meeting on January 20, 2022 to discuss personnel. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Shumans. Present were Commissioners Daryl Edwards, Charlie Leggett, Doug Harris, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Chairman Mike Shumans. Also present at the meeting was County Manager Hayden Rozier, County Attorney Tracy Brown and County Clerk Julie Scarborough. Present from the news media was Mary Ann Ellis of the Baxley News Banner.

Chairman Shumans welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Hayden Rozier led the pledge to the American flag.

Randy Sellers gave the invocation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to close executive session and open the called meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

After reconvening from Executive Session County Manager Hayden Rozier read his letter of resignation. Mr. Rozier wanted it to be clear that he was not asked to resign that he was taking a job with another company. He thanked the people of Appling County for the opportunity that he had been given to serve as County Manager.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harris to accept this letter of resignation. Commissioner Leggett seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Mike Shumans told the taxpayers that an Interim County Manager would be named on January 25, 2022.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned

Mike Shumans, Chairman

ATTEST:

Julie Scarborough, County Clerk

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

The Appling County Board of Commissioners had a called meeting on January 25, 2022 to discuss personnel. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Shumans. Present were Commissioners Daryl Edwards, Charlie Leggett, Doug Harris, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson and Chairman Mike Shumans. Also present at the meeting was County Manager Hayden Rozier, County Attorney Tracy Brown and County Clerk Julie Scarborough. Present from the news media was Mary Ann Ellis of the Baxley News Banner.

Chairman Shumans welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Henry Jones led the pledge to the American flag.

Mike Shumans gave the invocation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to close executive session and open the called meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

After reconvening from Executive Session Commissioner Leggett made a motion to hire Julie Scarborough as the interim County Manager. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3-2.

Commissioners Leggett, Harris and Edwards voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Boatright and Wilkerson voted against the motion.

Chairman Mike Shumans thanked everyone for coming and stated that there was no need for the Work session that had been scheduled

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned


Mike Shumans, Chairman

ATTEST:

Julie Scarborough, County Clerk