

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 5, 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, April 5, 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 Interim County Manager Hayden Rozier, County Attorney Tracy Brown, and Interim County Clerk Chelsea Carter. There was no one present from The Baxley News Banner.

Chairman Shumans welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Hayden Rozier led the pledge to the American flag.

Ronnie Lewis gave the invocation.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to approve the minutes from the following meetings, A. Regular Meeting - March 01, 2022, B. Called Meeting - March 15, 2022, C. Called Meeting- March 21, 2022, D. Called Meeting – March 29, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PROCLAMATION

Keith Higgins came before the commissioners to ask to enter a proclamation to recognize and declare the week of April 24-30, 2022, as Appling County Crime Victim's Rights Week. Higgins then read the proclamation. Also, he invited the Commissioners and everyone in attendance to the Crime Victims Memorial April 27th at the Sheriff Complex at 6 P.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to declare the week of April 24-30, 2022, as Crime Victim's Rights Week.

The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation
Of the Appling County Board of Commissioners
Recognizing April 24-30, 2022 as
Appling County Crime Victims' Rights Week,

Whereas, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims;

Whereas, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims;

Whereas, incorporating communities' existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime;

Whereas, with the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers behind them, survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected;

Whereas, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators, and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice;


Whereas, honoring the rights of victims, including the rights to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems;

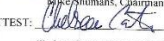
Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime, especially those who are challenging to reach or serve, are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

Whereas, The Appling County Commissioners is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for a better future for all victims and survivors.

Therefore, The Appling County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of April 24- April 30, 2022, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and reaffirm Appling County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice and peace.

PROCLAIMED this 5th day of April, 2022,

BY: 
Mike Shumans, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Chelsea Carter, County Clerk

VII. PRESENTATION

Dr. Scarlet Miles Copeland presented a PowerPoint on E-SPLOST VI. E-SPLOST will be voted on May 24, 2022. E-SPLOST is the fairest tax, everyone in our county and surrounding counties pay this penny and it's not a new tax. E-SPLOST money is used to reduce the mileage rate as well as spend on projects for Appling County Board of Education. It runs for five years and one penny. The presentation had the future projects for E-SPLOST VI and the past projects for E-SPLOST V.

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input at this time.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Board of Health Appointment-

Hayden Rozier said last meeting we tabled the Board of Health Appointment, and that Lynn Johnson is still willing to serve. Commissioner Harris said he spoke with Mrs. Johnson and made the motion to reappoint Lynn Johnson on the Board of Health. Commissioner Edwards made the second.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Seven Rivers Board Appointment-

Rozier stated that this Appointment got tabled last meeting and Commissioner Harris had a nomination of Charles Davis. Commissioner Harris made the motion to nominate Charles Davis to the Seven River Board Appointment and Commissioner Wilkerson made the second.

The motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. T-Ball Restroom Facility Award at Complex

Hayden Rozier had three bids for the T-Ball Restrooms Facility at the Complex. The following bids was J.M. Miles for \$87,891.00, Dixie Builders for \$77,150.00, and Altamaha Builders for \$123,300.00. Rozier recommended going with the low bidder Dixie Builder for \$77.150.00. All contractors met all the requirements and attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting.

Commissioner Harris made the motion to accept the low bid from Dixie Builders, Commissioner Edwards made the second.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Head Start Facility Update

Rozier gave the update that the Commissioners voted in the past to add on to the existing Head Start facility, and they solicited for a Community Development Block Grant for \$170,000 towards the \$750,000 project. The architect that was hired has retired and is no longer in business. Rozier spoke with Hugh Darley with Heart of Georgia and tried to go back and utilize the second bidder. The timetable has expired, and we must start back over and request RFQ/Request for Qualifications to start the process back over and will be about a year and a half to two years out. Rozier is asking for permission to solicit RFQ's with the Heart of Georgia.

Commissioner Boatright made the motion for permission to solicit RFQ's for the Head Start Block Grant. Commissioner Wilkerson made the second.

The motion carried unanimously.

XI. SHERIFF'S REPORT

Mark Melton gave an update on Dusty Davis as the newest Deputy, he just finished the Police Academy. He is the 13th employee that Sheriff Melton has sent through the Academy, 11 have successfully completed the Academy. One employee is currently in the academy and two employees will be attending the July class. Melton still has a shortage in the school resource officers, patrol, and investigators. Friday April 1, 2022, they had a law enforcement expo, and it was a great success. They had about 1100-1200 people and students that came through the gates. Fifty-four agencies and vendors showed up, it was the 4th year that the expo was held and the largest they have ever had. The Ag Center was an asset for this event. The Department had a free air search today at the High School and was really pleased with the results of the search with minimal issues found.

XII. RECREATION DEPT REPORT

Wilton McCall was present to give an update on the Summer Recreation Events that has started. We have completed our T-ball, Baseball, and Softball sign ups. The games have started on March 29, they play on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays starting at 5 o'clock and McCall invites everyone out to watch some ball games. The Rec Dept is having a Local Track meet on Thursday April 7th at the high school track, they have approximately 200 participants in track. First and second place winners will advance to District on April 16th in Camden County. Then first, second, and third place winners from District will advance to State on May 6-7th in Jefferson, GA. The total participation of coaches, participants, and volunteers is 737. The update on the new pool is 75 percent complete. The pool is completed, they are working on the enclosure. The pool should be completed the last of April or the first of May.

XIII. ROADS & BRIDGES

Brooks Johnson was present to give an update on the Road Department on the previous month. They have had a problem with people stealing stop signs. They have had 147 beaver tails turned in since the last meeting. Old Field Cemetery was closed overnight in March, and this was believed to be caused by beavers as well. Johnson gave an update on rocks, the price on rock is going up and it's becoming almost impossible to get due to labor shortage. Also, we had a windstorm in March on Saturday with 40+ MPH wind gust the same weekend as Peaches to Beaches. Johnson thanked all the employees for their help.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session at this meeting.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Rozier gave an update on the Landfill, the EPD Inspection and scored 95 out of 100. Also, he read two Thank you notes for the new Recreation Football Fields, one was from the Middle School Girls Soccer Team and the other was from the Middle School Football team and Boys Soccer team. There is a Ribbon Cutting this Thursday April 7th at 5 P.M. at the Library and Rozier invited the Commissioners to attend. On April 13, 2022, there will be a Called Meeting at 10 A.M.

Chairman Shumans thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Shumans announced that The Heritage Center and Appling First are sponsoring a Candidate Form April 26, at the Commissioners Meeting Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Signature on File
Mike Shumans, Chairman

ATTEST:

Signature on File
Chelsea Carter, County Clerk

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
April 13, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

The Called Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairman Doug Harris on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Present were, Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson, and Vice Chairman Doug Harris. Also present at the meeting was Interim County Manager Hayden Rozier, County Attorney Tracy Brown, and Interim Clerk Chelsea Carter. Present from the news media was Mary Ann Ellis of the Baxley News Banner. Absent from the meeting were, Chairman Mike Shumans and Commissioner Daryl Edwards.

Commissioner Sarah Boatright led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Theodore Wilkerson gave the invocation.

PRESENTATION

There was no presentation at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Interim County Manager Appointment

Vice Chairman Doug Harris announced that it has been fourteen days since we started the process in naming a new Interim County Manager. Harris asked Commissioner Wilkerson, Commissioner Boatright, and Commissioner Leggett if they had any information that would prevent them on hiring Mike Deal as Interim County Manager. They all answered that they did not have any information that would prevent them from hiring Deal. Harris stated that he spoke this morning with Commissioner Edwards and Chairman Shumans and neither did not have any information as well. Harris did not have any information personally. Harris would entertain a motion to name Mike Deal Interim County Manager until the first meeting in October.

Commissioner Boatright made the motion to name Mike Deal Interim County Manager.

Commissioner Leggett made the second.

The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Harris congratulated Mike Deal as the new Interim County Manager.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Wilkerson asked if they could go to Executive Session to discuss Personal.

Commissioner Wilkerson made a motion to go into close the Regular Session and go into Executive Session. Commissioner Boatright seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Boatright made a motion to close Executive Session and open Regular Session. Commissioner Leggett seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Harris advised there was no action to be taken from Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Signature on File
Doug Harris, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Signature on File
Chelsea Carter, Interim Clerk

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
April 27, 2022
4:00 P.M.**

The Called Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Mike Shumans on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 04:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Charlie Leggett, Daryl Edwards, Doug Harris, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson. Also present at the meeting was Interim County Manager Mike Deal, County Attorney Tracy Brown, and Interim Clerk Chelsea Carter. Present from the news media was Kelly Turner of the Baxley News Banner. Absent from the meeting were Commissioners Theodore Wilkerson and Doug Harris.

Commissioner Charlie Leggett led the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Mike Shumans gave the invocation.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Craven Rd Repairs

Some deep patching repairs were done on Craven Road, and the road needs to be completely repaired due to the road being uneven in some places. The repairs will be made with double surface treatment and will cost approximately \$100,000 that will come out of TIA funds and will run under the existing contract.

Commissioner Boatright made the motion to repair the road for approximately \$100,000 with surface treatment coming from the TIA fund. Commissioner Leggett seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Personnel

Chairman Shumans addressed that Personnel will be discussed in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Shumans stated they are going into Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

Commissioner Leggett made a motion to go into close the Regular Session and go into Executive Session. Commissioner Boatright seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Leggett made a motion to close Executive Session and open Regular Session. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Shumans advised that personal was discussed in Executive Session and there was no action taken. Also, the Crimes Victims Memorial is tonight at the Sheriff Department at 6 o'clock and everyone is invited to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mike Shumans, Chairman

ATTEST:

Signature on File

Chelsea Carter, Interim Clerk