

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CALLED MEETING  
July 12, 2022  
3:00 P.M.**

The Called Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Mike Shumans on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Appling County Annex Building. Present were Commissioners Daryl Edwards, Charlie Leggett, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson, Doug Harris and Chairman Mike Shumans. Also present at the meeting was Interim County Manager Mike Deal, County Attorney Tracy Brown, and County Clerk Robyn Evans. Present from The Baxley News Banner was Mary Ann Ellis.

Chairman Shumans welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chairman Shumans led the pledge to the American flag.

Magistrate Judge Ronnie Lewis gave the invocation.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Regular Meeting, June 7, 2022
- B. Called Meeting, June 16, 2022
- C. Called Meeting, June 21, 2022
- D. Called Meeting, June 28, 2022

All above meeting minutes were approved with an amendment to the last statement of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting to say LOST & SPLOST instead of "sales tax". Motion by Sarah Boatright, second by Charlie Leggett, and unanimously approved.

**VI. PRESENTATION**

None

**VII. PUBLIC INPUT**

- A. Ann Singer, Appling Heritage Center

Ms. Singer thanked the board for their support and invited the public to tour the center and museum. She also hand-delivered each commissioner and chairman an invitation to become members of the center.

- B. John Nail, Ryland Environmental

Mr. Nail was not present at the meeting.

- C. Larry Rayner, Earnest J. Parker Park & Pool and S.P.L.O.S.T.

Mr. Rayner addressed the board and stated he doesn't feel the county has been or is interested in maintaining the park/pool since it was inherited from the city. He stated the kids in that area desperately need something and pleaded with the board for a commitment to the park/pool in that area.

- D. Gerry Moore, Earnest J. Parker Park & Pool and S.P.L.O.S.T.

Mr. Moore stated that he was speaking on behalf of the local chapter of the NAACP in regards to the pool/park. He is requesting the park/pool be registered as a historic site in order to gain funding. He also stated he believes the ACCG Code of Conduct, Mission and Ethics have been violated by the board of commissioners. Mr. Moore also stated that he believes we are failing the community in that area.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. 2023 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget must be approved by September 30, 2022. A group of concerned citizens will be meeting with Interim County Manager Mike Deal on 7/14 @ 1:00 pm for a Q&A session in order to better understand the budget. On a motion by Doug Harris, second by Sarah Boatright, it was unanimously approved to post the budget in office and request public input.

- B. L.O.S.T.

Interim County Manager met with the manager of each city (Baxley, Graham, Surrency) and agreed upon 37.5% for City of Baxley and 2% for Graham and Surrency. On a motion by Sarah Boatright, second by Daryl Edwards, and unanimously approved, these amounts were accepted.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Shumans.

  
Mike Shumans, Chairman



ATTEST:

  
Robyn Evans, County Clerk

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CALLED MEETING  
July 19, 2022  
2:00 P.M.**

The Called Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Mike Shumans on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at the Appling County Annex Building. Present were Commissioners Daryl Edwards, Charlie Leggett, Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson, Doug Harris and Chairman Mike Shumans. Also present at the meeting was Interim County Manager Mike Deal, County Attorney Tracy Brown, and County Clerk Robyn Evans. Present from The Baxley News Banner was Mary Ann Ellis.

Chairman Shumans welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Interim County Manager Mike Deal led the pledge to the American flag.

Commissioner Doug Harris gave the invocation.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**VI. PRESENTATION**

None

**VII. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Appling County Sheriff's Dept. – Body Scanner**

Chief Deputy Gene Davis was present for questions from the board. Board asked for statistics in evidence found from other counties that own the scanner but none were know at this meeting. Chief Davis stated the scan takes less than a minute and the quoted price comes with installation and training and one year of warranty. The board stated the scan had previously been approved and they proceed with purchase.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Probate Court Updates and Appointment**

Upon previous Judge Dianne Hallman's resignation, the order of succession is the Associate Judge to move into the Probate Judge vacancy. However, Appling does not have one. Therefore, Chief Clerk, Gretchen Bailey will obtain office immediately until the November election.

**B. Appointment to Appling Co. Board of Elections**

On a motion by Commissioner Leggett, second by Commissioner Edwards, and unanimously approved, Danny Causey was voted to fill the vacancy on the Board of Elections.

**C. S.P.L.O.S.T. – November Election Ballet**

In reviewing the S.P.L.O.S.T. budget, board members expressed concerns in regards to the total of the budget and if we don't collect enough, which projects may be cut. Majority of the line items were reviewed, then tabled for a work session for the following week. Deadline to submit the budget is August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**D. Appointment of County Voting Delegate @ ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference**

On a motion by Commission Edwards, and second by Commissioner Leggett, Commissioner Harris was designated to vote on behalf of the board at this meeting. This was unanimously approved with Commissioner Harris abstaining from the vote.

On a motion by Commissioner Edwards, second by Commissioner Leggett, unanimously approved – the public meeting was closed to enter executive session.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Personnel**

Discussion was held in regards to Probate Court personnel and an associate Probate Judge being appointed.

On a motion by Commissioner Harris, second by Commissioner Wilkerson, unanimously approved – the executive session was closed to re-enter public meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Harris; second by Commissioner Wilkerson, and unanimously approved – Terry Turner will be appointed as Associate Judge for Probate Court. A monthly salary of \$4000 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wilkerson, second by Commissioner Harris, unanimously approved.

Former Probate Judge did ask to be paid until the end of the month, which was her previous resignation date before being moved up so Ms. Bailey could be immediately appointed. A motion to pay was given by Commissioner Leggett, second by Commissioner Wilkerson, unanimously approved to pay Ms. Hallman through the end of the month.

**X. SHERIFF'S REPORT**

None

**XI. RECREATION DEPT REPORT**

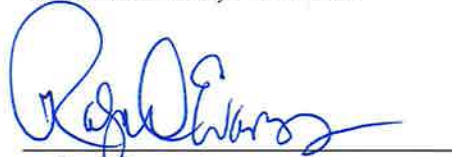
None

**XII. ROADS & BRIDGES**

None

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Shumans.

  
Mike Shumans, Chairman

  
Robyn Evans, County Clerk



ATTEST: