

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 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, October 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Appling County Annex Building. Present were Commissioners Daryl Edwards, Charlie Leggett, Doug Harris, Theodore Wilkerson and Chairman Mike Shumans. Commissioner Sarah Boatright was absent. Also present at the meeting was Interim County Manager Mike Deal, County Attorney Tracy Brown, and Personnel Clerk Yvonne Sellers. Robyn Evans, County Clerk was absent attending training class. Mary Ann Ellis was present from the Baxley News Banner.

Chairman Mike Shumans welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mike Deal led the Pledge to the American Flag.

Lee Sweat of the Sheriff's Office gave the invocation.

The agenda was amended to add under new business item E:

DCA Joint Comprehensive Plan

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Harris and seconded by Commissioner Daryl Edwards to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

- A. Regular Meeting – September 6, 2022
- B. Called Meeting – September 13, 2022

The motion was unanimously approved.

**PRESENTATION**

There were no presentations at this time.

**PROCLAMATION**

There was no item at this time.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no item under old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Update on Rail Crossing (Cleland Lane and Buckhead Road)**

Mike Deal, Interim County Manager stated the rail crossings have been approved and would be totally funded by the Department of Transportation.

Appling County received the Notice to Proceed-RR Warning Device Installation –GDOT PI No. 0018371, Appling County, near Graham GA; CR 36/Buckhead Road @ USDOT Crossing ID Number 729032Y. The estimated cost for this work is \$351,197 of which the GDOT will bear 100% funding.

Appling County received the Notice to Proceed- RR Warning Device Installation – GDOT pi No. 0017676, Appling County – CS 86/Cleland Lane @ USDOT Crossing ID Number 729036B, RR File No. 03.3500. The estimated cost for this work is \$269,971 of which the GDOT will bear 100%.

The start date is up to the railroad and did not give the county a start date at this time.

### **B. Litter Pickup**

Last meeting some discussion on this item stating there may be a price increase. The present bid/project has been completed. A motion made by Commissioner Edwards to re-bid this item for county roads only, seconded by Commissioner Harris, carried unanimously.

### **C. DFCS Board Appointment**

Commissioner Wilkerson made a motion to appoint Mr. Carlos Rooks to the DFCS Board, seconded by Commissioner Leggett, motion carried unanimously. This appointment will be for the remaining term of Ms. Ferleria Futch who requested to resign from the DFCS Board, which expires June 30, 2023. Commissioner Harris had some discussion on the appointments to this board to abide by their by-laws for future appointments. Also, for the county administrative office to have a list of all Boards and Appointees/Appointments with term dates.

### **D. Approval of Recreation Director Job Description**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to accept the Recreation Director Job Description with one change under Supervisory Controls, change County Administrator to County Manager.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **E. DCA Joint Comprehensive Plan**

A motion was made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Joint Comprehensive Plan, motion carried unanimously.

### **SHERIFF'S REPORT**

No report at this time

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

John "Tim" McGuirt, Interim Recreation Director gave updates on the recreation programs. The football games have started out at the Ag Center Fields, Fall Softball has started at the Recreation Complex and Soccer registration is underway and games will begin in October. Recent softball tournament on September 17<sup>th</sup> with 14 teams participating. Youth night at Jimmy Swain Football Stadium with 336 participants. On the Aquatic Center it has been plastered with water in it and the chemicals are feeding itself and working on the electronic system programming. Staff have been trained on the BECSys5 system, he had the first meeting with the State Health Inspector going over requirements for a new facility. Things left to finish: ATC to tie in phones from road, Atlanta Gas, get ditch on Walnut St. piped in and landscaping. Items needed to complete the Aquatic Center were listed and the cost would be \$66,796.20. These items were not listed in the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve this purchase, unanimous approval of the board. Also, discussed was the projected ongoing chemical cost for the aquatic center that would be an annual budget item projected at approximately \$21,289 for this year.

## ROAD AND BRIDGES DEPARTMENT

Brooks Johnson, Public Work Director stated they were ready for hurricane IAN with minor damages. The Pat Lewis Road Project should be complete next week. Gave an update on Dunn's Lake Boat Ramp that is going well, still more grading to be done and DNR to come back next week and that a third of the cost is being done in house. Commissioner Harris asked about the trimming work, both machines are going on the North and South sides. The grad all machine is fixed. Commissioner Wilkerson asked about the progress on Old Field Cemetery Road, he would need to contact Hayden Rozier for this update. Resurfacing is going well. Craven Road has an issue with rocks and road needs patching first before paving.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session

## COUNTY MANAGERS REPORT

No report at this time

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Shumans thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

## ADJOURN

Chairman Shumans adjourned the meeting.



Chairman Mike Shumans

Yvonne Sellers, Personnel Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning," effective October 1, 2018, under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and implementation thereof, community involvement, and coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, Appling County, Georgia has participated with the municipalities of Baxley, Graham, and Surrency in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning through the Appling County Joint Comprehensive Plan Coordination Committee, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, to update its existing adopted comprehensive plan with a new full plan update; and

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in the development of a new joint comprehensive plan, *Rising to Greater Heights*, for Appling County and its municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the new joint comprehensive plan has been previously submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review; and

WHEREAS, the Appling County Joint Comprehensive Plan, *Rising to Greater Heights*, has now been certified by this review as adequately addressing the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning and meeting all requirements as established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989; and

WHEREAS, Appling County is now desirous of adopting *Rising to Greater Heights* as its official comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and as a general policy guide to its future growth and development;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Appling County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the Appling County Joint Comprehensive Plan, *Rising to Greater Heights*, as Appling County's official local comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, as amended, and thus replacing its previous comprehensive plan adopted in 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appling County Board of Commissioners hereby instructs and directs that formal notification of said adoption be forwarded to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and to other agencies, as appropriate.

SO RESOLVED, this 4 day of October, 2022.

BY: [Signature]
Daryl S. Edwards
Charles M. Goggin
Theodore W. White

ATTEST: Lyvonne Redden
Spaulds Harris

