

APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CALLED MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2022 4:00 PM

The Appling County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on November 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm to discuss county Road Projects. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Shumans. Present were Commissioner Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson, Daryl Edwards, Doug Harris and Charlie Leggett. Also present were County Manager Mike Deal, County Attorney Tracy Brown and Personnel Clerk Yvonne Sellers. Mary Ann Ellis from the Baxley News Banner was also present.

Chairman Mike Shumans welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was moved to the regular meeting at 5:30 pm

The Invocation was moved to the regular meeting at 5:30 pm


Mike Deal, County Manager asked for the board to consider having a survey done to see what kind of condition the roads are in. At this time he introduced Reid Lovett to go over the road projects and the Proposed 2023 LMIG Cost Estimate. Lovett presented cost information and ratings and other recommendations. He recommended to have a Road Priority List to be proactive in this process.

After some discussion this item was moved to the regular meeting at 5:30 pm as an agenda item.

Chairman Shumans adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Mike Shumans

ATTEST:


Yvonne Sellers, Personnel Clerk

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2022 5:30 P.M.**

The Appling County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Shumans. Present were Commissioners Sarah Boatright, Theodore Wilkerson, Doug Harris, Charlie Leggett and Daryl Edwards. Also present were Mike Deal, Interim County Manager, County Attorney Tracy Brown and Yvonne Sellers, Personnel Clerk. Also present was Mary Ann Ellis from the Baxley News Banner.

Chairman Mike Shumans welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Commissioner Theodore Wilkerson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Randy Sellers gave the Invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Item (K) Appointee for Board of Health and item (L) Road Project Contract were added to the agenda under New Business. A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Harris, second by Commissioner Charlie Leggett, unanimous approval of the Board to accept these items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Harris, second by Commissioner Theodore Wilkerson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 4, 2022, unanimous approval of the Board.

PRESENTATION

None

PROCLAMATION

None

PUBLIC INPUT

Ben Clements wanted to know what the issue is - why Piney Bluff Road is not getting graded and he always has to call to get road graded. Commissioner Sarah Boatright stated the Road Department has a system for grading county roads and that the road was just graded. Also, Attorney Tracy Brown stated Piney Bluff Road is on the list to be paved and the county is working on this process. Ben commented he didn't care if road was paved or not, he just wanted the road graded.

The Board thanked him for the information.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Joe Ierardi with Wayne County Hospital & Andrea Pierce with Appling Healthcare System presented information of the potential partnership for a shared Oncologist with Appling County. This would be beneficial for the county and on November 10, 2022 an Oncologist Team would be here to study the needs for Appling County. They will be here one day per week, to service patients and are currently leasing one of the doctors' offices.

B. Sales Ratio Arbitration Status

Roger Branch, Chairman of the Board of Tax Assessors and Myrna Taylor, Chief Tax Assessor presented information for the Sales Tax Ratio. Also present from the Tax Assessor Board were Eddie Cleland and Larry Rayner. Their formal recommendation is to have a complete county wide revaluation. It has been 33 years since a valuation has been done in Appling County.

They feel as a board this is something that needs to be done to be in compliance with state regulations. Mr. Branch recommends to hire GMASS, a company that specializes in countywide revaluations.

C. Revaluation of Appling County Property

The cost for this revaluation would be \$410,900.00 which would be paid over a 3-4 year period from the general fund operations. GMASS would be able to start the process in late 2023 or early 2024 with a staff of 20+ personnel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson to hire GMASS to proceed with the revaluation process, second by Commissioner Leggett, unanimous approval of the Board.

D. Dive Team – Ryan Perry was not present.

E. Scrap Tire Grant

The county received a \$50,000 for tire recycling. There are some restrictions not to accept large tires and a limit of 10 tires per household.

The scrap tire collection will be at the Appling County Landfill on November 5th & 19th, 2022 from 9:00 am – 2:00pm located at 8595 East River Rd. There will be no fee to recycle tires on these dates.

F. 2023 Budget Amendment (Healthcare reimbursement expenses)

Motion was made by Commissioner Daryl Edwards, second by Commissioner Doug Harris, and unanimously approved by the Board, for the Health Reimbursement Departmental Budget Amendment for FY 2023 in the amount of \$216,000 to be separated by department and not one entry in the budget.

G. 2023 Holiday Schedule was approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Sarah Boatright, second by Commissioner Theodore Wilkerson, unanimous approval of the Board.

H. 2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule was approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Doug Harris, second by Commissioner Sarah Boatright, unanimous approval of the Board.

I. Christmas Holiday Bonus for county employees was approved for \$500 for full time employees and \$250 for part time employees on a motion by Commissioner Daryl Edwards, second by Commissioner Doug Harris, unanimous approval of the Board.

J. 2021 Annual Financial Report Status, the annual audit report was given to the Board and at a later date the Auditor would present an overview of this report.

K. Appointee for Board of Health with term effective 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2028.

This item tabled until December 2022 meeting.

L. Tracy Brown stated the county may accept Roberts Civil Engineering Contract as Engineering Services for the county. Commissioner Doug Harris made a motion to proceed with the Road Paving Assessment Project and submit a report. Second by Commissioner Charlie Leggett, unanimous approval of the board.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff not present but Kenny Wright commended the Board on the Tire Recycling Grant.

Recreation Department

Timmy McGuirt gave an update on the Recreation activities. They have applied and awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,380 from the Atlanta Hawks Junior NBA program to supplement our basketball program.

The Aquatic Center facility was turned over to them on September 28, 2022 from the builder for them to have access to the facility. The builder still have a few items to complete such as door issues and a punch list will be complete before final payment is made to contractor. Other items were updated on the facility.

Roads and Bridges

Brooks Johnson gave an update on road projects and Dunns Lake boat ramp.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Daryl Edwards, second by Commissioner Charlie Leggett to close the regular meeting and go into executive session to discuss personnel, unanimous approval of the Board.

The Board returned to the regular meeting on a motion by Commissioner Harris and second by Commissioner Edwards to close executive session, unanimous approval of the board.

Motion made by Commissioner Boatright to appoint Timmy McGuirt as Parks and Recreation Director at his current salary, second by Commissioner Charlie Leggett, unanimous approval of the Board. This motion was to change to title of this position of Parks and Recreation Director and a lateral move within the county.

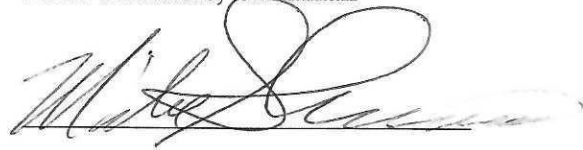
Chairman Shumans announced they would be making the selection of a County Manager within the next two weeks.

Chairman Shumans announced on November 11th is the Veteran's Day at 9:30 a.m. which begins at the Sheriff's Office. You may contact Ms. Barbara Reynolds at 904-728-3485 for information on the parade activities.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Shumans.

Yvonne Sellers, Personnel Clerk

Mike Shumans, Chairman



ATTEST



**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
Thursday, November 17, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

A Called Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairman Doug Harris on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Appling County Annex Building. Present were Commissioners Daryl Edwards, Charlie Leggett, Sarah Boatright, and Theodore Wilkerson. Also present at the meeting was Interim County Manager Mike Deal and County Clerk Robyn Evans. County Attorney Tracy Brown was late to the meeting. Present from the news media was Mary Ann Ellis of The Baxley News Banner.

Vice Chairman Harris welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Commissioner Edwards gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC INPUT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

SHERIFF'S REPORT

There was no report at this time.

RECREATION DEPT REPORT

There was no report at this time.

ROADS & BRIDGES

None at this time.

RECREATION BOARD

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The called meeting was closed on a motion by Commissioner Boatright, seconded by Commissioner Leggett, in order to enter executive session. Unanimously approved. During this session, the top three (3) candidates were interviewed for County Manager/Administrator position.

Once complete with the three interviews, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to close executive session and open the called meeting again. Seconded by Commissioner Leggett, unanimously approved.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT - None

VICE CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Harris announced that the three candidates interviewed for County Manager/Administrator position were the following: Thomas Barnard, Paul Drawdy, and Al Meadows. There is a 14-day waiting period after making this announcement, before the selected candidate will be announced. The Board of Commissioners will have a called meeting on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 4:00 PM to discuss and vote upon their choice to fill the position.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Doug Harris.



Doug Harris

Doug Harris, Vice Chairman

Robyn Evans

Robyn Evans, County Clerk