

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY – May 2nd, 2023 @ 5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

The Appling County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leslie Burch and he welcomed all those in attendance. Mr. John Mitchell gave the invocation and Commissioner Doug Harris led the group in the pledge. Present were Commissioners Randy Sellers, Theodore Wilkerson, Daryl Edwards, Doug Harris and Charlie Leggett. Also present were County Manager Al Meadows, County Attorney Tracy Brown and County Clerk Robyn Evans.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Edwards seconded; unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wilkerson noted a minor grammatical error for the minutes, then made a motion to approve the regularly monthly meeting minutes for April 4th, 2023; Commissioner Sellers seconded; unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION

A. Retirement – Felicia Disharoon, E-911 Center

County Manager Meadows read and presented a plaque to Ms. Felicia Disharoon, in appreciation of 19 years of dedicated service to the Appling County E-911 Center, as a dispatcher.

B. Retirement – Richard Lee, Road Department

County Manager Meadows read and presented a plaque to Mr. Richard Leigh in appreciation of 24 years of dedicated service, as an Equipment Operator with the Appling Co. Road Department.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Heart of GA CDGB Resolution for Head Start Project

Revised materials, including a new Resolution were provided by the Heart of GA Regional Commission in regards to the Community Development Block Grant/Head Start Project. Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve and sign the Resolution and agreement; Commissioner Wilkerson seconded; unanimously approved. A copy of the resolution and agreements are attached to these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. An updated Automatic Aid Agreement for all Appling County Fire Departments was reviewed by the board. The agreement had not been updated since 2012. Only minor changes were made. Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve and sign the agreement; Commissioner Edwards seconded; unanimously approved. A copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes.

B. County Manager Meadows advised that a tentative FY' 2023 Budget Calendar/Memo will be sent out to department heads to begin the new year process. Public work sessions are a part of the tentative schedule and copies are being distributed to citizens present.

C. **Sunshine Drive**

Sunshine Drive is ready for pavement all way to Azalea Drive. Robert's Engineering estimated the cost to construct this section at \$460,000, which includes construction costs, oversight, contingency, and minimal design measures if required. Mr. Meadows noted that TIA discretionary funds would be used for this project and requested a motion to approve from the Board. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve; seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson; unanimously approved.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Mark Melton invited the board to their weekly devotion on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM. He stated that the Grand Jury would be completing their Jail Inspection walk-thru and made note of several county events coming up soon.

RECREATION DEPT.

Timmy McGuirt shared updates for the Recreation Dept. stating there were 17 teams playing on 3 fields right now. He stated 17 participants were planning to attend the State Track meet in Jefferson. Mr. McGuirt stated that the Aquatic Center will be holding their first pool aerobics class May 3, 2023. He also gave various dates on recreation activities and stated Appling will be hosting their first state Swim Meet on 7/22/23 and the new aquatic center and that registration is currently open for Golf and Tennis.

ROADS & BRIDGES

Brooks Johnson gave updates for the road department stating they were clipping shoulders and that they would be working with City of Baxley Public Works, moving water out of city canals toward the county. It will be an on-going, long-term project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Wilkerson made a motion to close the regular session and enter into executive session for personnel discussion; Commissioner Harris seconded; unanimously approved.

After a short time, Commissioner Harris made a motion to close executive session and re-open the regular session. Commissioner Edwards seconded; unanimously approved. No personnel action was taken during executive session.

County Attorney Tracy Brown shared that two quit-claim deeds for Right-of-Ways need to be given back to the owners. A motion was requested to allow Chairman Leslie Burch to sign the quit-claim deeds on the Board's behalf. Commissioner Leggett made a motion; Commissioner Harris seconded; unanimously approved.

COUNTY MANAGERS REPORT

County Manager Meadows stated that motor grader operators with the county received 10 hours of comprehensive instruction/training from the Master Trainer of Yancy CAT. The training was well received and will become an annual certification for the operators.

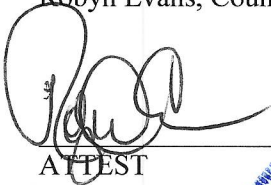
County Manager Meadows, Chairman Burch, Commissioner Sellers and many Appling County citizens attended the recent Okefenokee Regional Library Board of Trustees Meeting on May 1st, 2023. He stated there was approximately 200 attendees and the agenda focused on the library policies that allow displays of sexuality and restroom facilities being utilized by the person's biological sex. The discussion was tabled by the Board of Trustees at that meeting and more information will be obtained before meeting again. Mr. Meadows shared that Appling is a part of this regional library system and the sensitive concerns has the Board of Commissioners full attention.

Mr. Mike Dyal, a member of the local library board and on the regional library board spoke to the commissioners and stated his appreciation for their support. Commissioner Edwards thanked Mr. Dyal for his support on the regional board, as well.

ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Robyn Evans, County Clerk



ATTEST



Leslie Burch, Chairman

