

MINUTES
MERIWETHER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 12, 2021

This meeting was held by Zoom due to COVID-19 for the public with Board Members and County Staff attending in Person

Commissioners Present: Chairman Bryan Threadgill, Vice Chairman Alfred McCoy, Commissioner Rosla Plant, and Commissioner Beth Neely-Hadley

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Shirley Hines

Staff Present: County Clerk Beverly Thomas, Finance Director Bill Gregory, and County Attorney Nathan Lee

Staff Absent: County Administrator Theron Gay

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Threadgill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
INVOCATION – Commissioner Neely-Hadley
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion was made by Rosla Plant and seconded by Beth Neely-Hadley to adopt the Agenda with the an addition under New Business: 5. Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board to represent the Board of Education. All were in favor.

III. MINUTES

Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Rosla Plant to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2021 6:00 p.m. Board of Commissioners Meeting. Voting in favor were Chairman Threadgill, Vice Chairman McCoy, and Rosla Plant. Commissioner Neely-Hadley abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

IV. MUNICIPAL COMMENTS

None

V. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS COMMENTS

None

VI. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

None

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

None

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Alfred McCoy and seconded by Rosla Plant to table the discussion of the County Line Road Project. All were in favor.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion was made by Beth Neely-Hadley and seconded by Vice Chairman McCoy to approve and allow the Chairman to sign an amendment to the 2021 MC GCIP Grant Package for the Summer Internship program through ACCG. The intern will be used in the Tax Assessors office. All were in favor.

2. Motion was made by Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Vice Chairman McCoy to re-appoint Carolyn McKinley to the West Central Georgia Broadband Joint Development Council. All were in favor. This is a four-year term that will expire on April 17, 2025.

3. Motion was made by Beth Neely-Hadley and seconded by Rosla Plant to appoint Danny Stephens and Mike Nelson to the Region IV EMS Council. All were in favor. These appointments fill unexpired terms that will end on June 30, 2022.

4. Fire Chief, Alan Smith, stated he could not get the minimum bid of \$1,500 for the Jaco Yellow Foam Pumper that was approved for surplus and because of that he would like to add it back to the fleet and use it for driver training to keep miles off the front-line vehicles. The VIN # is 11HFT4283BLZ15561. Motion was made by Beth Neely-Hadley and seconded by Rosla Plant to keep the vehicle and add it back to the insurance. All were in favor.

5. Motion was made by Rosla Plant and seconded by Beth Neely-Hadley to appoint Germon McKee to the Recreation Advisory Board as the representative for the Meriwether County School Board. All were in favor. This is an unexpired term that will end on December 31, 2021.

X. REPORT FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR

Bill Gregory, Finance Director, stated the General Fund was strong. The County will be receiving a check from EMS for \$56k. There is approximately \$234k in the E-911 account. There is \$681,4885 in the 2020 SPLOST Account, \$450K in the LGIP T-SPLOST account and \$305K in the T-SPLOST account with F&M. We will use some of the money next month when we start paving roads. We were anticipating \$90K a month from SPLOST but have been receiving around \$114K per month. We are receiving a little less than \$10K more than what we were anticipating with T-SPLOST.

The Treasury opened the portal yesterday for the American Recovery Act. We will have to go into the portal to request funds. There is approximately \$4.2M to \$4.3M available for Meriwether County. Meriwether County received \$775K from the previous administration and there is a narrower use. The County could not use the funds to remodel buildings or bridges. Funds were used for First Responders, PPE at the Courthouse and other County areas including the installation of dutch doors as part of our Covid preventative process. Greenville Mayor, Charlene Glover, asked if they must register for their own funds. Mr. Gregory stated yes and instructed Mayor Glover to look on the GMA website for instructions.

XI. REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Absent

XII. REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Shirley Hines: Absent

Commissioner Rosla Plant: reminded everyone of the Kids Fishing event on June 5, 2021 for children ages 3-12 at the Fish Hatchery in Warm Springs.

Commissioner Neely-Hadley: reported she, Administrator Gay, and Bill Cawthorne met with residents on Peaceful Lane regarding paving. Commissioner Neely-Hadley wanted the County to add signs to let citizens know T-SPLOST funds were used for this project.

There have been a lot of comments about the Covered Bridge. GDOT has sent a representative to look at the damage. GDOT is providing us information and it will be reopened. Maintenance needs to address clean up along the roadside.

Vice Chairman McCoy: announced Peaches in the Pines would be held on June 12, 2021.

Chairman Bryan Threadgill: announced a small Carnival was in Manchester at the Old Mill and it will open to the public today at 5:00 p.m.

XIII. REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY

Reported an Executive Session was needed for Personnel.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Rosla Plant and seconded by Vice Chairman McCoy to go into Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss Personnel. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Beth Neely-Hadley to go out of Executive Session at 9:33 a.m. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Beth Neely-Hadley and seconded by Rosla Plant to go back into Regular session at 9:34 a.m. All were in favor.

There was no action taken.

XVI. FUTURE MEETINGS & NOTICES

Chairman Threadgill announced future meetings prior to Executive Session.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Vice Chairman McCoy and seconded by Rosla Plant to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m. All were in favor.

Approved by: *Majority vote of the Board of Commissioners*

Attest: *Beverly A. Thomas, County Clerk*

Date: *May 25, 2021*