

MINUTES
MERIWETHER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 28, 2022

This meeting was held in person and also by Zoom due to COVID-19

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: County Administrator Michelle Irizarry, Finance Director Bill Gregory, Director of Special Projects Theron Gay, Deputy Clerk Allyson Stephens, and County Attorney Michael Hill

Staff Absent: County Clerk Beverly Thomas

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Beth Neely-Hadley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION –Chairman Beth Neely-Hadley

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bryan Threadgill and seconded by Alfred McCoy to adopt the Agenda. All were in favor.

V. REPORT FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR

Finance Director Bill Gregory provided the finance reports to the Board. He explained that the General Fund was at \$3.1 million. Every other account is steady according to Director Gregory. He stated that the second transaction was received for the ARP funds on Monday morning from the federal government and this is the reason for the sharp increase in the balance. Mr. Gregory stated everything else was standard.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENT

None

VII. MINUTES

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner Plant to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Meeting. All were in favor. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner Plant to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Special Called Meeting. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Threadgill, Commissioner Plant, and Commissioner McCoy. Chairman Neely-Hadley and Commissioner Hines abstained.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Request from Mr. Matthew Lee Dwyer and Ms. Cynthia Foley for a Retail Consumption Dealer License for the sale of malt beverages and wines at 54 and Main Restaurant, 7790 Lone Oak Rd, Hogansville, GA 30222.

A motion was made to go into Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy. All were in favor. Ms. Cassandra Sharpe, Building and Zoning Director presented the request from Mr. Matthew Lee Dwyer and Ms. Cynthia Foley for the Retail Consumption Dealer License for the sale of malt liquor, beverages, and wines at 54 and Main Restaurant located at 7790 Lone Oak Road in Hogansville, GA. Director Sharpe stated that she has provided a letter and they do meet all requirements and have advertised. Director Sharpe stated that Ms. Foley and Mr. Dwyer are in attendance, and she advised the Board that Ms. Foley lives in Meriwether County and is listed as the licensee and the license representative. Director Sharpe stated that Mr. Dwyer is listed as the owner. There were no other comments, and no one signed up to speak. A motion was made by Vice Chairman

Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner Plant to go out of Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. All were in favor. A motion was made by Commissioner Plant to approve the alcohol license for 54 and Main Restaurant. This was seconded by Vice Chairman Threadgill. All were in favor.

2. Request from Justin Collins for a Retail Consumption Dealer License for the sale of malt beverages and wines at The Silo Steakhouse, 19470 GA Hwy. 85, Gay, GA 30218.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy to go into Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. All were in favor. Director Sharpe stated that the request is from Justin Collins as the owner, licensee, and representative of The Silo Steakhouse located at 19470 GA. Hwy. 85, Gay, GA 30218. Director Sharpe stated that Mr. Collins has met all requirements and she recommends approval of his alcohol license. Mr. Collins is in attendance and is the owner and licensee. Commissioner Hines stated that on the application it listed Gay and Woodbury. Director Sharpe stated that Mr. Collins restaurant is located in Gay. Chairman Neely-Hadley advised the mailing address is in Woodbury. There were no other comments, and no one signed up to speak. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy to go out of Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m. All were in favor. A motion was made by Commissioner Hines and seconded by Commissioner McCoy for approval of the alcohol license as presented to the Board. All were in favor.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment to the Pine Mountain Regional Library Board (term expires 6-30-2025)

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner Plant to table the appointment to the Pine Mountain Regional Library Board to the next meeting, which is July 13, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. All were in favor.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

State Agency 2023 Budget Requests- Finance Director Gregory stated that this was regarding the State Agencies that came to the last meeting with the exception of the District Attorney's office who is here tonight.

1. DFACS – A motion was made by Commissioner Hines and seconded by Vice Chairman Threadgill to approve the budget request of DFACS from \$25,000 to \$28,000 and allow the Chair to sign. All were in favor.

2. District Attorney – A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner Plant to approve the budget request from the District Attorney's office from \$238,273 to \$260,797 allow the Chair to sign. All were in favor. *The amount on the Agenda is \$260,786 and should be \$260,797.*

3. Public Defender – Ms. Mary Ellen Simmons and Ms. Dawn Broome were in attendance from the Public Defenders office. Ms. Simmons apologized for not making it to the last meeting as she had a special set motions hearing in a murder case that she was lead counsel on. Ms. Simmons thank the Board for their continued support and stated that she is very grateful to have Ryan Fuller, who is the Public Defender, here in Meriwether County, as he does a fabulous job. Mr. Fuller couldn't be in attendance as he was most likely at the jail as he prefers to go after hours. Ms. Simmons stated Mr. Fuller does a fabulous job and he and Jeannie Kennedy work together. Ms. Simmons stated that they have now hired Hugh Howard for the investigator position, which is state funded and no cost to Meriwether County. Ms. Simmons stated that all who knew Mr. Howard from the Sheriff's Department know how lucky they are to have him at the Public Defender's office, and he was helping Ms. Simmons on her murder case and was up at the hearings and was fabulous. Ms. Simmons stated this year they are asking for an increase in the salary for Mr. Fuller from \$75,000 to \$80,000 due to the Governor giving employees a \$5,000 pay increase and she doesn't want Ryan to fall behind as she doesn't want to lose his representation in this County. Ms. Simmons stated that the County had been very good to them each year to help them in keeping him with the Public Defenders office and would like the Board to grant him the salary increase. Ms. Simmons stated she is requesting an increase in Ms. Kennedy's salary from \$31,200 to \$34,000 as she recognizes Meriwether is a smaller County and would like to be cognizant of their budget. Ms. Simmons stated that in the budget request they do list all the things done with the D.A.'s office, and the

County contracts with the State for their employees to be State employees. Ms. Simmons stated that with their agency there is actually an administrative fee and for the last 4 to 5 years, it was requested that that be waived, and the County receive a refund if there was any. Ms. Simmons stated that they are fully staffed and doesn't feel there would be any refund. Ms. Simmons stated that the State office did agree that they would waive the \$9,278 in the administrative fee and this fee goes for overseeing human resources, benefits, computers, and training. Ms. Simmons stated that they just got Ryan and Hugh new computers at no expense to the County. Ms. Simmons stated that is what the administrative fee is used for. Ms. Simmons stated they are cognizant of where the economy is, and the State has agreed to waive this fee. The actual requested amount is \$185,564. This includes the amount requested minus the \$9,278. Ms. Simmons stated they were told in the past they did not list the operating expenses, and this is why that amount is not on the request. Vice Chairman Threadgill asked the amount again. Ms. Simmons stated \$185,564 and covers all taxes, FICA, insurance, and retirement. Ms. Simmons left contracts with Finance Director, Bill Gregory. She thanked the Board and appreciated the support for their office. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated they understood about the increase from the State as Mr. Cranford had shared that with them. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill to approve the \$185,564 and allow the Chair to sign. This was seconded by Commissioner Hines. All were in favor. *The amount listed on the Agenda is \$194,842, the correct amount should be \$185,564.*

4. Health Department – Mr. Gregory stated that the Health Department had no increase and requested to stay at the \$152,500, which has been that way for the past 7-8 years. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill to approve the \$152,500 for the Health Department and allow the Chair to sign. This was seconded by Commissioner Plant. All were in favor.

5. Library – Finance Director Gregory stated the next request was from the Library. He stated the request is to go from \$103,000 to \$128,000. Director Gregory stated that Ms. Kilby was in attendance for questions. Chairman Neely-Hadley asked Ms. Kilby to refresh the Board on what the \$25,000 increase was for. Ms. Kilby stated that the increase is to increase the salaries, as right now their starting rate is \$7.45 per hour, and they also need more due to the pricing of books. A motion was made by Commissioner Hines to approve the increase from \$103,000 to \$128,000 and allow the Chair to sign. This was seconded by Vice Chairman Threadgill. All were in favor.

6. County Agent – Finance Director Gregory stated that the County Agent's office is asking for an increase of \$71 to make the total request \$53,597. Vice Chairman Threadgill made a motion to accept the request of \$53,597 and to allow the Chair to sign. This was seconded by Commissioner Plant. All were in favor.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Airport Authority hangar construction financing documents: Resolution, Intergovernmental Contract, Assignment and Deed to Secure Debt.

Administrator Michelle Irizarry explained that on the June 8, 2022, meeting the Board discussed the airport hangar development and financing, which was unanimously approved. Administrator Irizarry stated that this was more for the house keeping and execution. County Attorney Michael Hill stated that there would only need to be one motion to approve the 5 documents. Administrator Irizarry stated there would need to be a motion to allow the Chairman, Administrator, and Deputy Clerk to sign the 5 documents. Administrator Irizarry stated that the motion would need to cover the Intergovernmental Contract, Assignment, Incumbency Certificate of the County with attached Resolution, Officer's Certificate of the County, and the Certificate designating Authorized County Representative, Michael Hill. This is in addition to the Resolution to sign. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill to approve the 5 documents and allow the Chairman, Administrator, and Deputy Clerk to sign. This was seconded by Commissioner McCoy. All were in favor.

2. Approve annual Laserfiche Cloud Annual Subscription-Basic and MCCi supplemental Support Services Subscription in the amount of \$2,980.60 and allow the Chairman to sign.

Administrator Irizarry stated this is a housekeeping renewal as well which is for our cloud-based storage

for all of the minutes and things of that nature. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill to approve the renewal of the subscription in the amount of \$2,980.60 and allow the Chair to sign. This was seconded by Commissioner McCoy. All were in favor.

3. Grand Jury Presentments from May 2022

Administrator Irizarry explained that located in their packets are the Grand Jury Presentments from May 16, 2022. Administrator Irizarry stated it has recommendations, appointments, and inspections of the Courthouse and the Jail. Administrator Irizarry stated that we are working very diligently to get things covered in an order that makes sense, such as taking care of the Courthouse roof before addressing other things inside. Administrator Irizarry stated that Public Works is taking care of things at the Jail as they come up. Administrator Irizarry stated the presentments would need an acceptance from the Board. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy to accept the Grand Jury Presentments. All were in favor.

4. Discussion of Public Works Equipment

Administrator Irizarry stated that Special Projects Director, Theron Gay will be presenting information and will be accompanied by Mr. Bill Cawthorne. Mr. Gay advised they would have a presentation. Mr. Gay thanked the Board for allowing he and Mr. Cawthorne to talk with them about some equipment. Mr. Gay stated that before a road is paved or resurfaced, grass can grow onto the shoulder that has to be cutback and then flipped back over after paving. He stated there had been instances in a couple of neighborhoods where residents were attempting to cut their grass where the shoulders had been cut back and caused trouble with clogging of dirt and rocks. Administrator Gay stated they had been looking at some equipment that would allow them to remove the clumps of dirt and rocks to be able to leave the grass on the shoulders in better conditions for the people that mow it. Mr. Gay stated there were several options of pieces of equipment in the packet. He stated some are rakes, vacuums, and tillers. Mr. Gay stated what they would like to do is to ask the Board to allow them to demonstrate the equipment to see what would work best for the County. Mr. Gay explained that they want to be able to remove the debris and rocks, but do not want to destroy the grass on the shoulders, making them go back and replant the grass, keep it mulched and perform erosion control. Mr. Gay stated what they would like to do is to try out some of the equipment, as it may that something as simple as a landscaping rake may be the best option, but what they want to look at some of the equipment and demonstrate the items and bring them back to the Board when they decide what would work best. Mr. Bill Cawthorne showed the Board a presentation of pictures of the water truck and roller packer that the Board voted to allow them to purchase. Mr. Cawthorne stated the County did a road the previous week and used the water truck, ditching, crowning the road, and used the roller packer behind the motor grader that would compact the road. Mr. Cawthorne stated that during the summer, the ground is so dry, it is like dust. He stated that now they can use a water application, then blade the road and pack it and should save gravel. Mr. Cawthorne stated that that section of road was finished with crush and run. Mr. Cawthorne stated that the road turned out pretty well and it is a learning curve but wanted to show the Board. Commissioner McCoy asked Mr. Gay if what they showed to them in the packet was skid steer equipment. Mr. Gay stated it was skid steer equipment and may very well require a tractor, but he and Mr. Cawthorne will research and see if the landscaping rakes would be available to attach to the skid steer. Mr. Gay stated that there is concern about the grass being destroyed, and it may very well end up being a pull behind rake to rake into a pile. Mr. Cawthorne stated that it can be a time-consuming process to pick up by hand. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy to allow Mr. Gay and Mr. Cawthorne to demonstrate some equipment to address the issue with the debris and rock. All were in favor.

5. Discussion of Road Resurfacing Project

Mr. Gay stated that at the last meeting there was talk about some other road needs and discussions. Mr. Gay stated that staff including, Administrator Irizarry, Finance Director Gregory, and Mr. Cawthorne had

looked at several options and also numbers they feel it would be a lot to present in the meeting tonight and would like to see if the Board would be willing to come back to discuss in a Work Session as they have had conversations with GDOT and they would like the Board to send a priority list of what they would like accomplished. Mr. Gay stated there are a lot of needs in the community and GDOT recommended they get a list together. Mr. Gay stated that he would like to have another meeting or work session to present the board all the options and numbers and what they are looking at in terms of funding, fund balance, and fund projections. Mr. Gay feels this would be a good way to get feedback from the Board. Mr. Gay stated there are several programs, but GDOT needs to see a united front on what the Board wants. A motion was made to set a Work Session at 10:00 a.m. for Thursday, June 30, 2022, by Commissioner McCoy and seconded by Vice Chairman Threadgill. All were in favor. Commissioner Hines stated that she had the opportunity to speak with Dennis McIntyre and he took the position that Lyn Westmoreland had. Commissioner Hines stated that Mr. McIntyre was and the meeting with Rep. Debbie Buckner and he is definitely wanting to help Meriwether County. Commissioner Hines stated they spoke about Forrest Road and Luthersville Road. Commissioner Hines made the Board aware of an incident that occurred on Luthersville Road earlier in the day. Commissioner Hines stated that a County ambulance met another truck and both lost their mirrors as there was no place for either of them to move over. Commissioner Hines stated there is nowhere to move over on Luthersville Road and feels that that having the conversation about Luthersville Road is important. Commissioner Hines stated that Luthersville Road runs into three State Highways: Hwy 362, Hwy 85, and Hwy 54. Commissioner Hines stated what has been done on Luthersville Road to date is good, but there are no shoulders in one section. Commissioner Hines stated she knows there are a lot of trucks and not sure if we should put more restrictions on trucks on Luthersville Road or if we would want to do that. Commissioner Hines stated that they also discussed Forrest Road which has three major State Highways: Hwy 54, Hwy 100, and Hwy 29. Commissioner Hines stated that a lot of roads feed into Forrest. Commissioner Hines stated that she felt that getting help with funding is crucial. Commissioner Hines stated that she wanted to make sure from the last meeting that they did agree to go ahead and do something on Forrest Road. She asked if we are still moving forward with what we were doing on Forrest Road as Piedmont Paving is already paving. Commissioner Hines also asked if the work was ever finished on Tuskegee Lane and Peaceful Lane. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated that the work had been completed. Commissioner Hines wanted to make sure that work was completed before they started on another road. Mr. Gay stated that the work was completed and until it is completed the County doesn't pay the company and the County holds the retainage. Mr. Gay stated on Forrest Road they had looked at the projected costs of what it would be with Forrest Road. Mr. Gay stated we cannot add it to the existing contract because it would exceed the dollar amount which is allowable by law. Mr. Gay stated what would need to be done is work up some numbers and see what the Board wants to do with Forrest. Mr. Gay explained that staff would need to come up with a contract and bid out the project for Forrest Road and could do that fairly quickly. Mr. Gay stated that there are several options on Forrest Road, such as patching, overlays, and full depth reclamation and he would need to know which direction the Board wanted to pursue as all the options have different numbers associated with them. Mr. Gay stated he had numbers that he wants to share with the Board about cash flow and this is reason for the Work Session. Commissioner Hines stated she wanted to make sure that since we removed King Road and Weaver Road, to take care of Forrest Road she wants to make sure that Piedmont does not start working on those roads. Mr. Gay stated that they had spoken with them, and the contractor is not going to start work on those roads, however, they may be able to come up with a solution to allow those roads to stay on the LMIG and then still do the other, because certainly both roads need work and there may be other options. Commissioner Hines stated that she would like to know if we need to have Mr. McIntyre at the meeting as there definitely needs to be some help on Luthersville Road and Forrest Road. Mr. Gay stated that after the meeting on Thursday, they would like to get direction from the Board on what we can contribute and what we would like to ask GDOT to do and from there a meeting would be requested from the GDOT Commissioner and invite Mr. McIntyre to go with them. Mr. Gay would like to have real numbers to look at. Commissioner Hines asked when we had to apply for LMIG 2023. Deputy Clerk Allyson Stephens advised by December 1, 2022. Mr. Cawthorne stated he spoke to Mr. McIntyre as well

and he said they needed direction from the Board and then from the Board to Administration.

6. Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Warm Springs, Meriwether County, and the Tax Commissioner of Meriwether County regarding Property Tax Collections.

Administrator Irizarry stated #6 and #7 are under new business and are two separate Intergovernmental Agreements, requiring separate actions but the agreements were approved by legal, and Tax Commissioner Cruse is in attendance for questions. Chairman Neely-Hadley asked if we do this for other jurisdictions. Tax Commissioner Cruse stated only for Lone Oak and delinquent taxes owed for Greenville. Administrator Irizarry stated that the amount is set at \$1.25 per parcel. Commissioner McCoy asked if this would require additional personnel or if Tax Commissioner Cruse would be able to handle it with the current staff. Tax Commissioner Cruse stated she would be able to handle it with her staff, however it will involve more accounting. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Warm Springs and the Tax Commissioner of Meriwether County and allow the Chair to sign. All were in favor.

7. Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Manchester, Meriwether County, and the Tax Commissioner of Meriwether County regarding Property Tax Collections.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Manchester and the Tax Commissioner of Meriwether County regarding property tax collections and allow the Chair to sign. All were in favor.

XII. REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Irizarry began by stating she had received an email from Commissioner Hines regarding a grant opportunity bridge investment program and staff is looking into that. Administrator Irizarry stated staff had set up a meeting with Jay from Principle Construction for Thursday afternoon to coordinate and discuss a figure for the lining of the drains at the Courthouse based on the camera recently completed. Administrator Irizarry stated that they will also be discussing the work at the Health Department as it has been started but discussion needs to be had regarding the flooring, including the vapor barrier, finishes and gutters. Administrator Irizarry stated that roofing has been completed and looks nice and as you watched the roof go on, you didn't realize how much roof is actually there. Administrator Irizarry stated that Public Works had been working on landfill corrections and doing pre-work at the Flint River Boat Ramp. Administrator Irizarry stated that after the 4th of July holiday the boat ramp will be closing through Labor Day weekend and E&S has approved the boat ramp plan and it will go to Soil and Water next Wednesday. Administrator Irizarry stated in the last 12 months, there had been approximately 104 to 105 of permits for new homes and of those new homes 101 were being built in unincorporated Meriwether County and only a very small portion were in incorporated areas of the County. Administrator Irizarry stated that the radio tower analyzing should be completed by this week and arrangements can move forward and we will be seeking the Chairman's signature with Public Service Towers when the agreement comes in to make sure it is on the Agenda. Administrator Irizarry stated that all items had been located to put the tower in place, the shelter, insulation, fending, AC unit and generator. Administrator Irizarry stated it is time again to apply for funding for the Hazard Mitigation Plan due in 2024 and deadline is July 6, 2022, and staff is working on that. Administrator Irizarry stated that Meriwether County Fire/Rescue has a basic firefighter class that is on track to be completed in August with eight recruits, and Advanced EMT class that should be finishing up in three weeks with five students, and scheduling fire life safety events at local churches.

XIII. REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hines – Commissioner Hines stated she had a question or Administrator Irizarry. Commissioner Hines stated she had reached out to a non-profit that does housing and there is a housing grant for rural, requiring a population of less than 20,000. Commissioner Hines stated they are interested in submitting a grant representing Meriwether County and they are representing other counties but wanted

to know if there is anything in our Comprehensive Plan that gives more detailed information on housing and if so, she needs that information. Administrator Irizarry stated it is not in the Comprehensive Plan and was added to SDS for Manchester recently. Commissioner Hines stated, so in our Comprehensive Plan that we did a couple of years ago, there is no more information about housing. Administrator Irizarry stated not to her knowledge, and she didn't think so and asked Mr. Gay. Mr. Gay stated most of the information on housing at that time was inside the city limits and the Service Delivery Strategy will have to be updated. Commissioner Hines stated she would like to recommend to the Board that they look into that because you can't get the grants, or you won't qualify for any grants if the language is not there. Commissioner Hines stated she knows the cities, such as Manchester is working on something now, right? Chairman Neely-Hadley stated she thinks that is done. Administrator Irizarry stated that we changed that in the Service Delivery Strategy. Commissioner Hines stated we need to make sure there is something available in the County so we can provide those same opportunities, and this is a USDA grant. Vice Chairman Threadgill asked if that population was less than 20,000 in the rural areas or the entire encompassed County as the cities are in the County. Commissioner Hines stated that would be the County. Commissioner Hines stated she would send Vice Chairman Threadgill the USDA grant in reference to that, but the grant allows people needing a roof, windows, AC, as affordable housing is getting to be a challenge throughout the United States and in Georgia, definitely for rural as there are not a lot of choices. Commissioner Hines stated if you can get your house fixed up, especially for seniors who may need ramps and anything to make their housing more energy efficient then it cuts down their cost. Commissioner Hines stated they are going to put Meriwether County into the grant, but when she contacted her, she said there was no information about our housing in the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Hines stated the other item she would like to mention was yesterday, there was an accident on Forrest Road, and she would like to say to the first responders and volunteers that they did an excellent job in helping with the traffic and everything and a lot of times they never get recognized for the work that they do, but we appreciate all that our first responders and firefighters had to do. Commissioner Hines stated that to her understanding there was no major catastrophe, but it did block off the road for quite some time. Commissioner Hines wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Commissioner Plant – Wished everyone a Happy 4th. Commissioner Plant stated that she was able to participate in the last couple weeks was the ribbon cutting for Kinetic bringing fiber internet to Manchester. Commissioner Plant stated that Kudzu is out on LaGrange Highway laying fiber for LaGrange Highway and Firetower Road. Commissioner Plant stated she and Commissioner McCoy were able to attend Mrs. Norma Phillips service last Wednesday and she served on the Health Department Board and a Resolution is being prepared for Ms. Norma and Mr. Vernon for their service to Meriwether County as County Commissioners.

Chairman Neely-Hadley – stated that Warm Springs held their annual Freedom Celebration this past weekend and there was a good turn out and the weather wasn't what they had hoped for, but it was a nice day. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated there had been a lot of discussion about the roundabout that GDOT will be constructing on Roosevelt Highway and Judson Bulloch and the final plans were approved the first of May and the work will start some time in 2023 and this will be proceeding. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated that on Sunday afternoon we had a small aircraft to crash just north of the airport and there were some injuries and last she heard the occupants were in stable condition. Chairman Neely-Hadley wanted to thank all of our first responders as she has heard from multiple sources what a good job they did as far as being there quickly, and occupants were able to have their cell phones pinged to get the help to them. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated that Vice Chairman Threadgill was there, and she appreciated everyone's timely response and very thankful that there's no lives lost on the ground or from the occupants of the plane. Chairman Neely-Hadley wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Vice Chairman Threadgill- Vice Chairman Threadgill also thanked all the first responders. He stated he did not get there in time to help as they were wrapping it up when he arrived, but they did a great job, and

everyone was on board. According to Vice Chairman Threadgill the husband and wife who were passengers were airlifted, one from the scene and one later and from everything he hears they are doing fine. Vice Chairman Threadgill stated State Patrol, Sheriff's Office, Flight Crew, EMS, and Fire and everyone was there. Manchester is having the Fire Works Celebration on July 2nd and Chairman Threadgill invited all to attend.

Commissioner McCoy- stated that Administrator Irizarry mentioned the River and the Boat ramp during her comments, and he appreciated that as two weeks prior there had been some complaints from out of County residents regarding the closure and he has spoken to Representative Buckner. Commissioner McCoy stated the repairs have been delayed to July 5th, 2022, to allow the users and patrons to have use over the 4th holiday. Commissioner McCoy stated they were able to work out a deal with the Boy Scout camp will permit patrons to go in at their location with their canoes and kayaks so it will not impact the business located there. Commissioner McCoy stated that Mr. Robert Lovett has COVID, and they found this out this just Sunday. Commissioner McCoy stated that Danny Stephens had come forward and he will be looking after the lake in the mornings and afternoons when he can. Randy Carter will also be helping out as he will be there with the ball teams. Commissioner McCoy stated he would probably go down to the lake some also on the 4th to make sure it is covered. Commissioner McCoy stated that the count is off this year with people that have been attending the lake and we don't have nearly the number as in the past. Commissioner McCoy asked about the work done on Coleman Creek and Hwy 41 at the bridge as it is his understanding this is going to be taking place as early as August and it will be impacting those that use that route from time to time. Commissioner McCoy stated that there will be a detour that will have to be used. Commissioner McCoy stated that the Piper Comanche that went down, Mike Watson was pleased with the way it was handled. The aircraft didn't make it to the County airport and no paperwork had to be done.

XIV. REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Michael Hill stated there was no report and no need for Executive Session

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. FUTURE MEETINGS & NOTICES

Chairman Neely-Hadley announced Future Meetings and.
Special Called Meeting, Discussion of LOST, June 30, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Work Session June 30, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
County Offices Closed: July 4, 2022, Independence Day
Regular Meeting July 13, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting July 26, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner McCoy and seconded by Vice Chairman Threadgill to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. All were in favor.

Approved by: Majority Vote of the Board of Commissioners

Attest: Allyson S. Stephens, Deputy Clerk

Date: July 13, 2022