



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Peach County Board of Commissioners
6:00 PM, April 8, 2025

Minutes

I. PUBLIC HEARING:

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. April 1, 2025

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL:

1. April 8, 2025

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to approve the amended agenda with the addition of a Request for Funding under New Business. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Regular Meeting - March 11, 2025

Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the minutes as presented. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

1. National County Government Month

Chairman Moseley advised that National County Government Month (NCGM), held each April, is an annual celebration of county government. Comments submitted by Peach County employees were read in commendation of each member of the Board of Commissioners.

2. Ray Brake - Middle Georgia Region of the Sports Car Club of America - Animal Control Donation

Chairman Moseley expressed the Board's appreciation to Ray Brake from the Middle Georgia Region of the Sports Car Club of America, for his donation to the Peach County Animal Control Facility.

3. Proclamation - Safe Digging Month

Chairman Moseley read a Proclamation recognizing the month of April as Safe Digging Month. The Federal Communications Commission designated 811 to provide contractors and homeowners a simple number to contact utility operators to request the location of underground lines at intended dig sites. Damage prevention is a shared responsibility; by using safe digging practices, the contractors and homeowners of Peach County can save time, money and help keep our infrastructure safe and connected.

4. Proclamation - National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Chairman Moseley read a Proclamation declaring the week of April 13th through April 19th, 2025 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Peach County, in honor of the individuals whose

diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe. Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement officers and firefighters, by monitoring their radio, providing them information, and insuring their safety.

VI. APPEARANCES:

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Andrew Felton - Peach County Family Connection - Request for Increased Funding to Expand Community Support Initiatives

Absent, no action taken.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Janet Smith - Interim Finance Director - Peach County Transit Safety Plan**

Janet Smith, Interim Finance Director, presented the Peach County Transit Safety Plan with 5307 updates. The objectives of the Safety Plan are to increase the safety of the transit system by proactively identifying, assessing, and controlling risks; continually improving safety performance; improving the commitment of transit leadership to safety; and fostering a culture of safety awareness and responsiveness. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Peach County Transit Safety Plan as presented. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Commissioner Yoder - 341 Railroad Crossings**

Commissioner Yoder advised that the railroad crossings on Highway 341 are in rough condition and requested to send a letter to Norfolk Southern regarding the crossings. Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director, advised that an on-site visit was held earlier in the year to address the issues and establish a timeline for repair.

3. **April H. Hodges - County Administrator/County Clerk - Animal Control Network Quote**

April H. Hodges, County Administrator/County Clerk, presented a Network Quote from Total Computer Solutions (TCS) for the Animal Control Facility in the amount of \$6,901.80. A Budget Amendment from Contingency will be needed to appropriate funding for this quote. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the quote as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Todd Shepherd - Chief County Marshal - Business Licenses**

Todd Shepherd, Chief County Marshal, presented a business license application from Hedgehog Mushrooms, Inc. Hedgehog Foods is an organic specialty mushroom grower and sells to retail customers including Whole Foods Market and H-E-B Grocery, distributors including Royal Foodservice and Indianapolis Fruit Company, and online retailers including Misfits Market. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the business license application as presented. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Marshal Shepherd presented a business license application from Pipa Garment. This establishment is for retail purposes. The facility also has coin-operated machines on the premises, which will require a state license. Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the business license as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1 with Vice-Chairwoman Hill opposing.

Chief Marshal Shepherd also presented a business license application from Southern Valley Ranch to establish a wedding venue on River Road. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the business license application upon Public Works review of ingress and egress. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Bobby Cowart - Public Works Director - Budget Amendment - Bushhog Mowing Deck - Atlantic & Southern Equipment

Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director, presented a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$26,212.00 from the SPLOST account to appropriate funding for the purchase of a bushhog mowing deck from Atlantic & Southern Equipment. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Austin Simar - Battle of Byron Chairman - Request for Funding

Austin Simar, Chairman of the Battle of Byron, has requested a Board sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000.00. Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Board Reappointments (2) - Fort Valley Utility Commission

Commissioner Lewis moved to reappoint Darrel M. West and Ned Watson to the Fort Valley Utility Commission Board for four (4) year terms. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Reappointment (1) - Board of Assessors

Commissioner Yoder moved to reappoint Nancy Peavy Terry to the Board of Assessors for a three (3) year term. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Reappointment (1) - Joint Development Authority

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to reappoint William Gresham to the Joint Development Authority Board for a two (2) year term. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Appointment (1) - Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS) Board

The Board discussed possible candidates for appointment and decided to table until the May Regular Meeting.

5. Board Appointment (1) - Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare Board

The Board discussed possible candidates for appointment and decided to table until the May Regular Meeting.

X. ADJOURN:

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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