REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Peach County Board of Commissioners
6:00 PM, May 13, 2025

Minutes

I. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Rezoning Request - Dawn McCurdy

Joshua Scroggins, Bureau Veritas Project Manager, presented a Rezoning Request from Dawn McCurdy to rezone 85.5 acres on Barrow Road from RR-1 (Rural Residential District) to R-AG (Agricultural Residential District) to combine parcels 016 005 and 017 001. The Planning & Zoning Board has recommended approval of the Rezoning Request. Vice-Chairwoman Hill asked if anyone is in favor of the request. Ms. Dawn McCurdy expressed that she is in favor of the request. Vice-Chairwoman Hill asked if anyone is against the request. No one spoke against the request. Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the Rezoning Request as presented. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. May 6, 2025

Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the Consent Agenda with an amendment to the initial business license fee for adult entertainment. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL:

1. May 13, 2025

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of #6 under New Business, and #8 under Executive Session. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Regular Meeting - April 8, 2025

Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Howell abstaining due to absence.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

1. Proclamation - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week

A Proclamation was read recognizing May 8th-14th, 2025, as Emergency Medical Services Week. Access to quality emergency medical care improves the satisfaction and outcomes of patients who experience serious or sudden illness or injury. The members of the emergency medical services team engage in thousands of hours of specialized education and training to enhance their knowledge and skills.

2. Commissioner Yoder - Mental Health Awareness Month

Commissioner Yoder advised that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and emphasized the importance of breaking the stigma surrounding mental health. Prioritizing a high level of mental healthcare is vital for a healthier, stronger community. Angela Holt, CEO of Middle Flint Behavioral

Health and Wellness, spoke about the general mental health services provided to Peach and Crawford Counties.

VI. APPEARANCES:

1. Ronnie Knight - Citizen Concerns - Road Conditions

Not present.

2. ~~OMUP Properties - Citizen Concerns - Annexation~~

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Matt Ingram - Grants Manager - Resolution - USDA Online Application Intake System for Telecommunication Programs

Matt Ingram, Grants Manager, presented a Resolution for the USDA Online Application Intake System for Telehealth Grant. This Resolution will authorize Matt Ingram and Janet Smith, Interim Finance Director, to access the compliance system for the submission of reports. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Resolution and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. James F. Banter - County Attorney

i. Review of CorpCare Contract

James Banter, County Attorney, presented a contract with CorpCare. CorpCare intends to enter into an agreement with CuraLinc, LLC, pursuant to which CuraLinc will acquire substantially all the employee assistance program assets of CorpCare. Commissioner Yoder moved to accept the contract upon further attorney review. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ii. Hospital Authority Dissolution

Attorney Banter presented a Joint Resolution to dissolve the Hospital Authority of Peach County. The future need for a Hospital Authority no longer exists in Peach County, for the purpose of developing employment opportunities, as such needs are adequately provided for by the Medical Center of Peach County. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Joint Resolution as presented. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

iii. Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Review

Attorney Banter presented an Intergovernmental Agreement between Peach County, the City of Byron, and the City of Fort Valley for the use and distribution of proceeds from the 2026 Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST) for the limited purpose of property tax relief. The proceeds shall be allocated and distributed as follows:

- The County shall receive 70% of the proceeds from the FLOST.
- The City of Fort Valley shall receive 14.36% of the proceeds.
- The City of Byron shall receive 14.36% of the proceeds.
- The City of Warner Robins shall receive 1.09% of the proceeds.
- The City of Perry shall receive 0.19% of the proceeds.

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Tim Bechtel - Fire Chief - Purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Air Packs

Tim Bechtel, Fire Chief, has requested approval to proceed with the purchase of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) air packs with funding from Contingency in the amount of $70,484.16. A Budget Amendment is required to appropriate funding. Commissioner Howell moved to approve the purchase and Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Janet Smith - Interim Finance Director

   i. Budget Amendment - Public Defender - Overages

Janet Smith, Interim Finance Director, presented a Budget Amendment for the District Attorney's office to appropriate funding for overages in Legal Services in the amount of $3,669.00. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

   ii. Budget Amendment - Assessors - Overages

Janet Smith also presented a Budget Amendment for the Tax Assessors office to appropriate funding for the Schneider Geospatial website and Temporary Salary in the total amount of $6,420.00. The funding will be transferred from the Legal Services account to the Communications (Website) and Temporary Salaries accounts. Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

   iii. Budget Amendment - Superior Court - Overages and Funding for Remainder of Fiscal Year

Janet Smith presented a Budget Amendment for Superior Court to appropriate funding for overages and funding for the remainder of the fiscal year in the total amount of $800.00. Funds will be transferred from the Legal & Court Services account to the Interpretation Services account. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

   iv. Budget Amendment - Coroner - Overages

Janet Smith presented a Budget Amendment for the Coroner's office to cover overages in the total amount of $4,350.00. Funds are being transferred from the Education & Training, Energy/Gasoline, and Contingency accounts to the Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Travel accounts. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

   v. Budget Amendment - Library - Overages

Janet Smith presented a Budget Amendment for the Byron Library for overages in Repairs & Maintenance, Insurance, and Fire Fee accounts in the total amount of $887.00. Funds will be transferred from the Contingency account. Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

   vi. Budget Amendment - Extension/County Agent - Van Purchase for 4-H Programs

Janet Smith presented a Budget Amendment for the Extension/County Agent office to purchase a van for 4-H programs in the amount of $58,621.00. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

vii. Budget Amendment - Middle GA Econ Partner - Robins Air Force Base Support FY25

Janet Smith presented a Budget Amendment for the Middle Georgia 21st Century Economic Partnership in the amount of $91.00. Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

viii. Budget Amendment - General Government

Janet Smith presented a Budget Amendment for General Government accounts in the total amount of $140,873.00. Commissioner Howell moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Commissioner Yoder - Corporate Residential Rental Properties

Commissioner Yoder presented a sample Local Housing Protection and Ownership Transparency Ordinance for consideration. The purpose is to promote homeownership, protect residential affordability, and ensure transparency and accountability among corporate entities operating within the county's residential real estate market. The Board came to a consensus to allow Attorney Banter to review the sample Ordinance.

6. Ryan Roberts - Assistant Fire Chief/EMA Director - Automatic Aid - City of Byron

Ryan Roberts, Assistant Fire Chief/EMA Director, presented a one (1) year Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Byron, beginning June 1, 2025. All calls for fire services within the defined automatic aid agreement area shall result in an automatic, simultaneous response from both the Peach County Fire Department and the City of Byron Fire Department. Commissioner Yoder moved to accept the one (1) year Automatic Aid Agreement as presented. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Lewis moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Howell moved to appoint Columbus Alderman to the Divison of Family & Children Services (DFCS) Board for a three (3) year term. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Appointment (1) - Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board

Commissioner Lewis moved to table this item until June. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Yoder moved to appoint Tony Trice to the Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare Board for a three (3) year term. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Reappointments (2) - Library Board of Trustees

Commissioner Lewis moved to reappoint Joy Smith Bassett and Brenda Gilstrap to the Library Board of Trustees for a four (4) year term. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Attorney/Client Privilege #1

No action taken.

6. Attorney/Client Privilege #2

No action taken.

7. Property Acquisition

No action taken.

8. Property Acquisition

No action taken.

X. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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