



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Peach County Board of Commissioners
6:00 PM, June 10, 2025

Minutes

I. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Rezoning Request - Graham Engineering Services

Joshua Scroggins, Bureau Veritas Project Manager, presented a Rezoning Request from Graham Engineering Services to rezone 3.805 acres from R-AG (Agricultural Residential District) to M-1 (Wholesale and Light Industrial District). The Planning & Zoning Board has recommended approval of the Rezoning Request. Chairman Moseley asked if anyone is in favor of the request. Casey Graham advised that he is the civil engineer on the project, and he is in favor of the request. The property will be used for the storage of residential irrigation supplies. Michael Wilkes also advised that he is in favor of the request. Chairman Moseley asked if anyone is against the request. No one spoke against the request. Commissioner Howell moved to approve the Rezoning Request as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. June 3, 2025

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

III. AGENDA APPROVAL:

1. June 10, 2025

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of Dewey Smith under Appearances. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Regular Meeting - May 13, 2025

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

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

1. Retirement - Cornelius Tucker

Chairman Moseley presented a plaque honoring Cornelius Tucker for his thirty-three (33) years of service to Peach County. Mr. Tucker's commitment, professionalism, and contributions have left a lasting impact on the County and the community he served. The Board expressed its sincere gratitude and appreciation for his decades of hard work and faithful service, wishing him the very best in his retirement and future endeavors.

VI. APPEARANCES:

1. Dewey Smith - Citizen Concerns - Stormwater

Dewey Smith reported that he is continuing to experience stormwater issues at his residence on Berkshire Drive. The flooding has resulted in standing water on his property, which is attracting snakes and frogs. Mr. Smith has requested clarification regarding the ownership and responsibility of the storm drain located on Berkshire Drive. In response, Public Works Director Bobby Cowart, County Administrator April H. Hodges, County Attorney James F. Banter, and Chairman Martin H. Moseley plan to visit Mr. Smith's property to assess the situation and determine appropriate next steps.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bruce Mackey - Parks & Recreation Director - Phase 2 - Green Space Fees

Bruce Mackey, Parks and Recreation Director, presented proposed rental fees for the green spaces at North Peach Park and South Peach Park. The special event fees are based on a per-day rate (eight hours) and apply to both general and for-profit users. General users are those hosting events that are open to the public and do not charge admission. For-profit users are individuals or organizations charging admission or selling tickets in advance for their events. Commissioner Howell expressed concern about implementing rental fees for non-profit events, noting the potential impact on community organizations that provide services without generating revenue. Commissioner Lewis noted that rental fees may be waived for local non-profit organizations, providing flexibility to support community-based events. After further discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the proposed rental fees for the green spaces at North and South Peach Parks as presented. Vice-Chairwoman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Howell opposing.

2. Janet Smith - Finance Director - Synovus Accelerate AR Lockbox and Accelerate Pay Enrollment

Representatives from Synovus—Mark Yarbrough, Annie Scott, and Desmond Haygood—presented an agreement for the County to utilize two services within Synovus' suite of business banking solutions: Synovus Accelerate Pay and Synovus Accelerate AR Lockbox. Accelerate Pay is designed to streamline accounts payable by reducing reliance on paper checks and offering a variety of electronic payment options. Accelerate AR Lockbox is a receivables solution that helps expedite the collection of payments, ultimately improving cash flow and operational efficiency. The timeline to implement these services is an estimated four (4) weeks. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agreement and to allow April H. Hodges, County Administrator/Clerk, to sign the agreement on the Board's behalf. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner Yoder - Animal Control Start Date

The Board discussed the projected opening of the Animal Control Facility, noting that the County is targeting October 2025 for operations to begin. No action was taken.

2. Bruce Mackey - Parks & Recreation Director - Football Scoreboard - North Peach Park

Bruce Mackey, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the football scoreboard at North Peach Park sustained significant storm damage in January 2024. A claim was promptly filed with the County's insurance provider and was approved for \$5,853.53. However, after applying the deductible, the final

payout totaled \$853.53. As the scoreboard is essential for the upcoming football season, replacement will be necessary prior to the start of the season to ensure the park is fully operational for scheduled games and events. Coach Mackey has requested a Budget Amendment from Contingency in the amount of \$7,690.00 to replace the scoreboard. Commissioner Howell moved to approve the Budget Amendment as requested. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Jessica McAbee - Animal Control Supervisor - Animal Control Year-End Budget

Jessica McAbee, Animal Control Supervisor, presented an itemized budget request to appropriate \$79,890.00 from Contingency to support staffing and operational needs for the opening of the Animal Control Facility in October 2025. The requested amount would fund the facility's operations for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025. Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the request and corresponding Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Bobby Cowart - Public Works Director - Proposal - Government Center Deep Clean

Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director, presented a proposal from Clark's Custom Cleaning for professional deep cleaning services at the Peach County Government Center in the amount of \$4,786.40. Following the presentation, Commissioner Howell moved to approve the proposal as presented, allowing for up to four (4) cleaning sessions per year, to be scheduled at Mr. Cowart's discretion. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vice-Chairwoman Hill moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

No action taken.

2. Board Reappointment (1) - Planning & Zoning Board

Commissioner Lewis moved to reappoint Rosio Lopez to the Planning and Zoning Board for a one (1) year term. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Attorney/Client Privilege

No action taken.

X. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

[MIN FOOT]