



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

Minutes

I. PUBLIC HEARING:

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. July 1, 2025

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

III. AGENDA APPROVAL:

1. July 8, 2025

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the Agenda with an addition to Announcements & Updates. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Regular Meeting - June 10, 2025

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

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:

1. Bruce Mackey - Parks and Recreation Director - Thank You - Eagle Scout Project - North Peach Park

Bruce Mackey, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced 14-year-old Arianna Walsh to the Board and highlighted her recent Eagle Scout project. Ms. Walsh constructed a Rainbow Bridge located at North Peach Park. Inspired by a similar structure in North Carolina that was destroyed, Arianna created the bridge to honor pets who have passed away. Her project stands as a lasting tribute to the bond between people and their pets and is now a permanent addition to North Peach Park.

2. April H. Hodges - County Administrator/County Clerk - Introduction to Felisha Williams - Human Resources Technician

April H. Hodges, County Administrator/County Clerk, introduced Felisha Williams, the new Human Resources Technician, to the Board. Ms. Williams shared that she is originally from California but has called Fort Valley home for the past five (5) years. Ms. Williams brings twenty-three (23) years of human resources experience and expressed that she is happy to be part of the Peach County team.

VI. APPEARANCES:

1. Dewey Smith - Citizen Concerns - Stormwater

Dewey Smith expressed his appreciation to Chairman Moseley, Commissioner Yoder, County Attorney James F. Banter, Public Works Director Bobby Cowart, and County Administrator/County Clerk April H. Hodges for visiting his property to assess the recently discussed drainage issues. Mr. Cowart advised that he is in the process of obtaining maps of the property layout and storm drain location in order to proceed.

2. Lia Webb - Citizen Concerns - Stormwater Erosion

Lia Webb expressed concerns regarding stormwater issues on Woodhaven Road. She requested assistance in identifying the appropriate contact, either with the State of Georgia or Peach County, to address the matter. Bobby Cowart, Public Works Director, will visit the property to assess the issue and proceed with next steps.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tim Bechtel - Fire Chief - Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Application

Tim Bechtel, Fire Chief, requested to submit an application for the Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant to hire two (2) firefighters. Commissioner Lewis moved to deny the request to apply for the SAFER Grant due to financial strain. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Howell opposing.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. James F. Banter - County Attorney

i. Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST) - Referendum Notice

James F. Banter, County Attorney, presented the Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST) Referendum Notice and advised the Board of the next steps to proceed with placing the matter on the ballot for the November election. Commissioner Howell moved to approve the request to send out FLOST Referendum Notices. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ii. Planning & Zoning Fee Approval

James F. Banter, County Attorney, requested to table this item until August. Commissioner Lewis moved to table the item. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Yoder moved to go into Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

X. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Howell moved to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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