

# EFFINGHAM CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA



WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2023

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The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in a Work Session at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers at the Effingham County Administrative Complex located at 804 South Laurel Street Springfield, Georgia 31329.

## **STAFF PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Edward Newberry – County Attorney, Mr. Tim Callanan – County Manager, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Ms. Tasheena Shiggs – Deputy County Clerk, Mrs. Sarah Mausolf – Director of HR and Risk Management, Mrs. Angela Stanley-Project Coordinator, Ms. Katie Dunnigan – Zoning Manager, Mr. Stephen Candler – Director of Development Services and Ms. Maraya Durham – IT Specialist.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Matt Wilder

## **I- CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Corbitt called the session to order at 4:06pm

## **II – ROLL CALL**

Wesley Corbitt, Chairman

Forrest Floyd

Roger Burdette

Jamie Deloach

Reginald Loper – *absent*

Phil Kieffer

## **III – AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the agenda as read. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **IV – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shall pertain to the agenda items only.

## **V – CORRESPONDENCE**

Documents from this meeting are located in the Clerk's Office and on the Board of Commissioner's website.

**VI - WORK SESSION TOPICS**

**1. Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

Mr. Matt Wilder with POND Company gave a presentation of the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Wilder also noted at the onset of the project a needs assessment was completed, public open house was held and a community survey was issued (approximately 600 responses received).

The plan includes information on how to maximize current facilities, including soccer fields and more playgrounds. The recommended conceptual improvements at the existing county owned properties were: rectangle athletic fields, playgrounds, walking trails, baseball/softball fields and outdoor basketball courts. Other requests were the addition of a skate park or plaza with a park system, pickle ball/tennis and disc golf courts, splash pads and community swimming pools.

The Board received and took the information under advisement.

**2. Agritourism Ordinance**

Planner Fernald explained a need for discussion of an Agritourism ordinance. The proposed ordinance is geared toward wineries, blueberry farms and the like. A draft of the ordinance was provided for feedback from the Board.


County Manager Callanan stated the concept of the ordinance is to allow for AR-1 properties in a conditional zoning for businesses such as wineries and farms being utilized for tours and wine tastings. This will allow for a structure for these types of businesses to be governed.

**III - ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:00 pm, there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Commissioner Deloach, seconded by Commissioner Burdette. The motion carried unanimously.



Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman



Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk