

EFFINGHAM CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
August 30, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Reginald Loper and Phil Kieffer met in a special called meeting at 3:00 pm on Monday, August 30, 2021 via Zoom teleconferencing.

STAFF PARTICIPATION

Mr. Tim Callanan – County Manager, Mr. Edward Newberry – County Attorney and Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mrs. Christy Carpenter – Finance Director, Mr. Mark Barnes – Deputy Finance Director and Mr. Clint Hodges – EMA Director

CITIZENTRY PARTICIPATION – Dr. Fran Witt – Effingham Health System CEO and Mr. Al Allread-Chief Financial Officer, Effingham Health System

I – ROLL CALL

Wesley Corbitt
Forrest Floyd
Roger Burdette
Jamie Deloach
Reginald Loper
Phil Kieffer

II - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm

III – INVOCATION

Chairman Corbitt gave the invocation.

IV – AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the agenda as read. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V- PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Corbitt stated public comments shall be related to agenda items only.

VI – CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Corbitt stated documents from this meeting are located in the Clerk's Office and on the Board of Commissioner's website.

VII – NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO DISBURSE COVID REPSONSE FUNDING TO EFFINGHAM HEALTY SYSTEM (01):

County Manager Callanan stated staff supports approval of a request from Effingham Health System for relief funding in the amount of \$692,000 to be distributed in two increments with the first disbursement to be provided immediately and second disbursement to be issued in October, if needed.

Chairman Corbitt explained there is an intent to potentially disburse COVID relief funds on the state level to hospitals. However, the disbursement of those funds may not be received until January 2022. The hospital's balance sheet shows the system to be fiscally sound, nonetheless currently funds are being expended from another budget line to meet the hospital needs.

Dr. Fran Witt provided the board with an overview of the lack of staffing due to COVID positivity and overtime hours expended by healthy staff and other statistical data.

Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve to disburse the relief funding as outlined. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board also discussed assessing the needs for Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Information will be provided to the Board at the September 7, 2021 commission meeting.

VIII – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Deloach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.



Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman



Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk