The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in regular session at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers at the Effingham County Administrative Complex located at 601 North Laurel Street Springfield, Georgia 31329.

STAFF PRESENT
Mr. Tim Callanan – County Administrator, Mr. Edward Newberry – County Attorney, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mr. Eric Larson – Assistant County Manager, Mr. Clint Hodges – Fire Chief & EMA Director, Mr. Chris Reed – IT Director, Mrs. Teresa Concannon – County Planner, Mrs. Vicki Dunn – Human Resources Director, Mrs. Alison Bruton – Purchasing Agent and Mr. Seth Zeigler – Turf Management

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
Mr. Tony Chiariello and Mrs. Kristen Achtziger

PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE
Ms. Casey Ivey

I - CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

II – INVOCATION
Chairman Corbitt gave the invocation.

III – PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG
The pledge was sounded in unison.

IV - AGENDA APPROVAL
County Clerk Johnson noted Staff’s request to remove New Business# 5 from the agenda. Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted change. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V – MINUTES
Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the January 19, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting minutes and the January 22 and January 23, 2021 retreat
minutes as read. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. Commissioner Loper abstained from voting due to absence. Commissioners Floyd, Burdette, Deloach and Kieffer voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

VI – PUBLIC COMMENTS
Chairman Corbitt stated public comment should be limited to agenda items only.

VII – CORRESPONDENCE
Chairman Corbitt explained all correspondence and documents from the meeting are located in the Clerk’s office and on the Board of Commissioners’ website.

VIII – CONSENT AGENDA
Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items: (1) Consideration to approve Sanitation Releases as submitted by Administrative Staff and approved by the Fire Chief, Chief Appraiser and Tax Commissioner (2) Consideration to approve Fire Releases as submitted by Administrative Staff and approved by the Fire Chief, Chief Appraiser and Tax Commissioner (3) Consideration to approve to renew the Public Wi-Fi Service Agreement with Planters Communications LLC for a one year period from March 20, 2021 to March 20, 2022. (4) Consideration to approve to continue the Probation Services Agreement with the City of Guyton (5) Consideration to approve to continue the Probation Services Agreement with the City of Springfield (6) Consideration to approve to ratify and affirm an acceptance of award for a Rachael Ray Save Them All grant. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IX – OLD BUSINESS
CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF AN APPLICATION BY RHETT ROSCINSKI TO REZONE 10.12 ACRES LOCATED AT 430 HODGEVILLE ROAD FROM AR-1 TO B-3 FOR A COMMERCIAL SITE FOR DIESEL POWER SOLUTIONS, LLC MAP# 416 PARCEL# 3 IN THE SECOND DISTRICT (01):
Vice Chair Burdette recused himself from the conversation.
Chairman Corbitt advised of communication between the County Attorney and Staff regarding the inability to approve the Second Reading due to a condition stated at the last meeting of additional acreage being rezoned. There was discussion about withdrawing the request to allow for the rezoning of both parcels at once. Additionally, the fees for the resubmittal of the zoning application would be waived.
Mr. Rhett Roscinski appeared before the Board and requested to withdraw this item from the agenda.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF AN APPLICATION BY GREEN ACRES LLC. AS AGENT FOR WILLIAM D. HUTCHESON FOR A
VARIANCE LOCATED ON OLD AUGUSTA ROAD TO ALLOW FOR A 30 FOOT ACCESS EASEMENT MAP# #333 PARCEL# 2 & 3 IN THE THIRD DISTRICT (02):
Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the Second Reading. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

X - NEW BUSINESS

THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVING AN APPLICATION BY CASEY M. IVEY FOR A CONDITIONAL USE LOCATED AT 244 MURRAY HILL ROAD TO CREATE A CEMETARY SITE FOR FAMILY USE MAP# 276 PARCEL# 1 IN THE FIRST DISTRICT (01):
Planning & Zoning Manager Concannon explained Ms. Ivey’s father passed away and the family would like to bury him on this property.

Ms. Ivey participated via conference call in support of her request. No one was present in opposition of the request.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the Conditional Use to create a cemetery site for family use, with the following conditions:

1. The cemetery site is solely for the private use of the Ivey/Murray family and not for commercial burial.
2. Fencing must be 4’ in height.
3. The cemetery boundary must be at least 10’ from both the road right of way and neighboring parcels.
4. A plat showing the cemetery boundary must be submitted to be signed by the Zoning Administrator, and recorded before the conditional use takes effect.

Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the Second Reading. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION# 021-002 DECLARING TSPLOST ELECTION RESULTS AND AUTHORIZATION TO VALIDATE TSPLOST BONDS (03):
County Manager Callanan explained in November the voters approved the implementation of 1% Transportation Special Projects Local Option Sales Tax and issuance of up to $35 million in borrowing to be repaid via TSPLOST revenues.
This resolution will officially declare the results of the election and also authorize the County Manager and County Attorney to petition the superior court to validate the issuance of up to $35 million in general obligation debt as authorized by the referendum. The cities of Springfield and Guyton have indicated they
would like to borrow their portion in advance. This will require a separate agreement. The City of Rincon indicated they would prefer the pay as you go option, to receive funds annually after the debt service has been satisfied.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the Resolution declaring the TSPLOST election results and authorizing the validation of up to $35 million general obligation debt. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH GMASS INC. AND ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,900.00 FOR CLASSIFICATION & VALUES FOR RURAL LAND AND TIMBER (04):
Purchasing Agent Bruton explained the County has contract in place with GMASS for Classifications & Values for Rural Land & Timber.
At the Board of Tax Assessors meeting on October 5, 2020 the contract was approved for year 3 in the amount of $6,900.00 and now the Board of Commissioners approval is requested. The County attorney has previously reviewed and approved to form the contract with GMASS, Inc.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve year three of the contract with GMASS, Inc. and issue a purchase order to them in the amount of $6,900.00 for Classifications & Values for Rural Land & Timber. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TASK ORDER# 2 FOR THE DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT WITH C2I CONTROL INSTRUMENTS, INC. FOR A SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE FOR THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (05):
This item was withdrawn at the agenda approval.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 – ANIMALS, SECTIONS 10-1, 10-4 10-71, 10-72 AND 10-114 OF THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES (06):
Assistant County Manager Larson explained this amendment will allow dogs to use specific areas of county parks. Chapter 10 – Animals, to allow for use of dog parks at county recreation facilities by unleashed dogs, to add definitions, and to make corrections, and recommend approval of the revised ordinance language that will allow community members to enjoy the use of county recreation facilities with their dogs.
There is one dog park near completion to open at the Pineora Park. There are two others in the design phase for construction.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the First Reading of amendments to Part II, Chapter 10 – Animals, Sections 10-1, 10-4, 10-71, 10-72, and 10-114. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR TURNER SUBDIVISION LOCATED OFF OF LOW GROUND ROAD, CONSISTING OF 4 LOTS MAP# 393 PARCEL# 25 (07):
Planning & Zoning Manager Concannon explained the plat consists of 4 lots. Three lots have frontage to Low Ground Road, one is an interior lot to be accessed by a sixty-foot easement. Each lot will be served by an individual well and septic system.
There was some conversation about allowing the easement, ownership and additional parcels which may access.

Vice Chair Burdette made a motion to approve the Final Plat for Gaddy Turner 4-lot subdivision. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A FINAL PLAT AND WARRANTY DEED FOR MILL CREEK PLANTATION, PHASE 3 LOCATED OFF OF CHIMNEY ROAD MAP# 476D PARCEL# 6 (08):
County Manager Callanan request to table this item due to a signed final plat not being submitted.
Mr. Terry Coleman of Coleman Company confirmed the issues have been resolved and the signed plat is now available. Mr. Coleman stated no changes have been made to the plat since the scan was submitted to the Development Services office.
County Manager Callanan withdrew his request to table the item.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the final plat for Mill Creek Plantation, phase 3, and accept the roads and stormwater infrastructure identified in the warranty deed. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PLAT AND DEED CONVEYING PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HODGEVILLE ROAD FIRE STATION (09):
Fire Chief Hodges explained Effingham County is in the process of constructing the station. This plat and deed confirms conveyance of the property.
Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the Plat and Deed to construct a Fire Station on the property presented along Hodgeville Rd. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XI- REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF & COMMISSIONERS

County Manager Callanan
• Conference Call – Effingham Parkway - on target for certification on March 5, 2021 and letting date will be in May 2021, awarding July 2021
Commissioner J. Deloach
- Dixie Drive - Road repairs to begin on February 3, 2021

Commissioner P. Kieffer
- US Fish & Wildlife Group - would like to install a floating dock; also discussed posting signage at Old Augusta Road

Vice Chair R. Burdette
- McCall Road Park - the trains are excessively blocking of crossing

Assistant County Manager Larson
- Transportation Master Plan - February 2, 2021 - Stakeholders meeting @ 1:00 pm, Virtual meeting @ 3:00 pm and Open House @ 5:00 pm

XII- EXECUTIVE SESSION
No executive session was held.

XIII – EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
There were no minutes to be approved.

XIV - ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, at 5:55 pm, Commissioner Deloach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Roger Burdette, Vice Chair

Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk