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 regular session at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers at the Effingham County Administrative Complex located at 804 South Laurel Street Springfield, Georgia 31329.

STAFF PARTICIPATION
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, Ms. Tasheena Shiggs – Deputy County Clerk, Ms. Lara Hoffman – Project Coordinator, Mr. Chris Reed – IT Director, Mrs. Teresa Concannon – County Planner, Mr. Mark Barnes – Finance Director, Mrs. Alison Bruton – Purchasing Agent, Mrs. Sarah Mausolf – HR Director, and Mr. Brad Clement – Development Services Director

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
Mr. Al Thomson, Ms. Sheila Seymour, Mr. Rex Inman, Mr. Ryan Sanders, Mr. Brandt Henndes, Mr. Tony Chiariello, Mr. Cody Warnock, Ms. Rhonda White, and Jamie Codoell

PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE
None announced.

I- CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm

II- ROLL CALL
Wesley Corbitt, Chairman
Forrest Floyd
Roger Burdette
Jamie Deloach, Vice Chair
Reginald Loper
Phil Kieffer

III – INVOCATION
Commissioner Burdette provided the invocation.

IV- PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG
The pledge was sounded in unison.
V – AGENDA APPROVAL

County Clerk Johnson explained three (3) items to be added to the agenda and requested to postpone Old Business# 1 to the April 19, 2022 meeting.

Vice Chair Deloach explained his reasoning for postponing Old Business# 1 to 04/19/2022 is to gather more official information.

Vice Chair Deloach made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business# 13-15 and postponing Old Business# 1 to 04/19/2022. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI – MINUTES

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the March 1, 2022 regular Board of Commission meetings minutes. Vice Chair Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Corbitt stated comments shall pertain to agenda items only, you must speak clearly into the microphone and state your full name for the record.

Speaker Judge Michael Muldrew explained there is an Accountability Court, also known as Drug Court and Mental Health Court. Since being in office, the accountability court was resumed in Summer 2018. There are four (4) counties in our circuit but Accountability Court was only in Bulloch. The funding requires a (10%) ten percent match but that match has gone up to twelve (12) percent. The request for this year is $305,000. For Drug Court and Mental Health Court, the request was $152,000 but only $109,000 was received.

This funding is needed for the drug testing and the surveillance cornerstone of the program. Group counseling and individual counseling is now available. Nationally the success rate for drug treatment is approximately ten (10%) percent but the circuit is at fifty (50%) percent. There are currently two staff members. Presently there are twenty-five (25) total participants in Drug Court. In Mental Health court there are ten (10) total participants.

VIII – CORRESPONDENCE

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

IX – CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items: (1) Consideration to approve to ratify the update of the ACCG Insurance Program Contact Form. (2) Consideration to approve the Budget Calendar for fiscal year 2022-2023. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
X – OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE AT DEWITT ROAD (THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED FROM THE 02/15/2022 MEETING) (1):

This item was postponed at agenda approval to the April 19, 2022 commission meeting.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO AMEND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT (022-010) BETWEEN EFFINGHAM COUNTY AND THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (2):

County Manager Callanan explained this is the original proposal by the Hospital. There have been numerous meetings with the Hospital to come up with better options, not just for the Hospital but the County as well. The request for this item is denial. An item has been added to the agenda for the Board’s consideration of approval.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to deny to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement and a Resolution of Support (022-010) between Effingham County and the Effingham County Hospital Authority. Vice Chair Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XI- NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #4 TO THE CONTRACT FOR ROADSIDE MOWING SERVICES WITH THE MCGRALEY COMPANY, LLC (1):

Vice Chair Deloach recused himself from this item due to a banking relationship.

Purchasing Agent Bruton explained this amendment will increase the billed mileage for Old Louisville Road, from three (3) miles to seven (7) miles. This will be an increase of $939.76 per mowing cycle. There are two mowing cycles remaining in this fiscal year and an additional two cycles before the end of this agreement.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve of Amendment 4 to the Contract for Roadside Mowing Services with the McGraley Company, LLC. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Deloach returned.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION#022-015 FOR SURPLUS OF VARIOUS ITEMS (2):

Purchasing Agent Bruton explained this is a list of Sheriffs’ vehicles. There was a last minute addition of three (3) Fire Department items.

Vice Chair Deloach made a motion to approve of the Resolution of Surplus.
COMMISSIONER LOPER seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GAS SOUTH FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICES FOR MULTIPLE COUNTY BUILDINGS (3):

Purchasing Agent Bruton explained based off previous conversations, an agreement was made with Gas South. The request is to approve of ratification.

Vice Chair Deloach made a motion to approve Ratification of approval of the Gas South Agreement for natural gas services for multiple County buildings. Commissioner Kleffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE QUOTE #000021 FOR AN UPDATED SOFTWARE PROGRAM FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT FROM RECDESK (4):

Purchasing Agent Bruton explained the recreation department is seeking to upgrade to a system that offer scheduling for leagues and facility rentals. As well as registration and the ability to accept credit card in office.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve of RecDesk Quote #000021 for an updated software program for the Recreation Department for an annual payment of $12,500.00 and a payment of $2,083 for May and June. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM TOAST, INC. FOR THE SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT TO ALLOW FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS AT CONCESSION STANDS (5):

There was no discussion on this item.

Vice Chair Deloach made a motion to approve of Quote from Toast, Inc. for the software and equipment to allow Recreation to accept credit card payments at concession stands for a one-time payment of $2,892.80 and a recurring fee of $133.00. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LOCATION AGREEMENT FOR RANDY SMOAK TO HOLD A "NIGHT OF PRAISE" EVENT ON SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022, AT THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 700 N. PINE ST., IN SPRINGFIELD MAP# S101 PARCEL# 21 (6):

Planning and Zoning Manager Concannon explained this request is to use the front steps of the new courthouse and to close off some area of the parking lot for equipment usage. The Night of Praise event will contain music performances. Attendees will bring their own seating and refreshments.

Applicant Randy Smoak explained he wants to have a port-a-potty available, once everything is approved. There will be approximately ten (10) songs being performed.
He is looking forward to having 200-400 people attend this event.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the request for a Location Agreement for a “Night of Praise” event on Sunday, July 3, 2022, from 7pm – 9pm, at the Effingham County Courthouse, at 700 N. Pine St., with the following stipulations:
1. Coordinate with City of Springfield for road closure approval.
2. Provide clean up services after the event.
3. Provide power source if county facilities are not approved.
Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY FOR CAMERAS FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE (7):

Finance Director Barnes explained an approval to submit an application to GEMA for a Homeland Security grant is needed. This grant is going to replace and augment the existing video camera system at the Judicial Complex. This will be funded entirely by the grant, with an estimated cost of $26,800.

Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve a GEMA SHSP grant application submittal. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB COMPANION ANIMAL RECOVERY CORPORATION (AKC REUNITE) CANINE SUPPORT AND RELIEF FUND RELATED TO PET DISASTER RELIEF UNITS FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER (8):

Finance Director Barnes explained Staff is requesting approval to submit this grant application to the AKC. This grant will be for a 16 foot by 7 foot, two axle trailer which will be used as a temporary shelter. In the event that the County has to relocate or evacuate, the shelter will be for pets and service animals. If awarded, the shelter will be located at the Recycle Way facility.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve to submit a grant application to AKC Reunite. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION# 022-016 TO AMEND THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET (9):

Finance Director Barnes explained this amendment is for most recent projects, including Westwood Heights drainage plan.

Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve the Resolution to amend the budget for FY 2021-2022. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION# 022-017 TO ADOPT INCREASED FREEPORT EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE O.C.G.A. SECTION 48-5-48.2 (10):

County Manager Callanan explained this is in regards to the Freeport Exemption Referendum that was passed in the November election. This will adopt the increase Freeport Exemption at the county level.

Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve Resolution# 022-017 to adopt increased Freeport Exemption Pursuant to the O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-48.2. Vice Chair Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FISCAL AGENT DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT FOR FAMILY CONNECTION (11):

County Clerk Johnson explained the County has been requested to act as the fiscal agent for Family Connections for a number of years. The current agreement is set to expire June 30, 2022, with the new agreement pending July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the Fiscal Agent Designation and Acceptance Agreement. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION# 022-018 TO REAPPOINT LISA MOCK-HURST TO THE TAX ASSESSOR BOARD REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT (12)

County Clerk Johnson explained this is a part of the policy with the Tax Assessor Board that the Board of Commissioners appoint a qualified individual. Mrs. Mock-Hurst was fulfilling a term of Mr. Quent Mikeal, which expires today. Commissioner Floyd is interested in reappointing her.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve a resolution to appoint Lisa Mock as a member to the Tax Assessor Board to fulfil the unexpired term of office. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

***ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA***

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO ADVANCE AND DISBURSE THE REMAINING FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGETED FUNDING TO EFFINGHAM HEALTH SYSTEM AND TO ADVANCE AND DISBURSE ALL FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 (13)

County Manager Callanan explained this process is related to the original agreement for refinancing. The County currently pays the hospital 3.6 million dollars, per the agreement. The remaining funds for 2021-2022 and funds effective July 1, 2022 will be paid in a lump sum in the immediate, so there will be no payout next fiscal year.
Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the advanced disbursement. Vice Chair Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION# 022-019 TO RECOGNIZE COVID-19 FUNDING PAID TO EFFINGHAM HEALTH SYSTEM FROM THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS COUNTY EXPENSE (14)

County Manager Callanan explained this item is for COVID disbursement. These funds were used as an advance to the Hospital. It will then be removed from the books of the hospital as an advanced payment. The County can in turn reimburse themselves over the next couple of years in millage.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE 1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON MCCALL ROAD AT THE APPROACH TO BLUE JAY ROAD FROM 55 MPH TO 45 MPH (15)

County Manager Callanan explained a traffic study was approved at the previous meeting. One of the recommendations is the reduction of the speed limit on both approaches. One of the more significant findings is the traffic count. MUTCD (Manual Uniform Traffic Control Device) does not recommend going below ten (10) miles, so the reduction will be from 55 to 45.
For the turn sign, there will be a 35 MPH advisory speed. This intersection met the requirement for signal and that would improve the overall performance beyond the stop sign of the intersection. This request is to get emergency approval of an ordinance to reduce the speed limit from 55 to 45.

Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve the reduction of speed limit to 45 MPH in the vicinity and approach of the McCall Road and Blue Jay Road intersection. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XII- REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

COUNTY ENGINEER’S REPORT ON CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS. (1)

Eric Larson
- GDOT Update
- Paving Projects (non-TSPLOST)
- LMIG 2021
- LMIG 2021 SAP
- LMIG 2022
- LMIG SAP 2022
- TSPLOST 2020 Status
- McCall and Blue Jay Roads Realignment
- Ash Road Full Depth Reclamation (FDR)
- Indigo Road – 2 years later
- Hot Mix Asphalt (Traditional) Resurfacing
• Re-paving
• TSPLOST Intersections
• Effingham Parkway
• Transportation Master Plan
• Kate’s Cove Subdivision
• Old Louisville Road Pipe Collapse
• Water and Sewer
• Water Booster Station
• Hodgeville Road Lift Station Upgrade
• Stormwater/Drainage Projects
• Development Services Projects
• Facilities
• Hodgeville Fire Station #15
• Parks and Landscape
• McCall Park
• Other Noteworthy Projects
• SPLOST 2021 – Starting Up

**Tim Callanan**

**Budget Meetings**

• Currently meeting with individual departments.
• There are no revenue figures yet.

**Brad Clement**

**Shipping Containers**

• Not in the Code of Ordinance

**Stephanie Johnson**

**ACCG Conference**

• Commissioners registered for ACCG Conference

**Legislation**

• Packet given to the Board

**Naming Policy**

• Email sent to the Board

**Key Consent Policy**

• Given to the Board
• A revised copy will be on the next agenda meeting

**Filming Project at Tommy Long**

• Two filming permits being issued this week
• One is for one day, the other is for four (4) days

**Commissioner Floyd**

**Zeigler Road**

• 4-5 years before roundabout

**30 and Hodgeville**

• Traffic backed up

**IGA with Chatham County**

• To help with GDOT funding
Commissioner Kieffer
Complaints with DRT
- Are complaints being addressed.

Commissioner Burdette
Residential rooftops
- Number of rooftops per subdivision

Activities for the disabled/handicapped
- Received a call from a citizen requesting the establishment of activities.
- Board directed Staff to review options

XIII- EXECUTIVE SESSION
At 7:28pm, Vice Chair Deloach made a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XIV – EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
No executive session was held, no minutes to be approved.

XV – ADJOURNMENT
At 8:00pm, there being no further business, Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman
Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk