EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)  

April 21, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt
Mr. Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald
Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer participated via teleconference for the regular
Commission meeting at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 in the
Commissioners Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative
Complex. Mr. Reginald Loper was not present for the conference call.

STAFF ATTENDING THE MEETING
Mr. Tim Callanan – County Administrator, Mr. Edward Newberry - County
Attorney, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mrs. Vicki Dunn – HR Director,
Mrs. Christy Carpenter – Finance Director
Chairman Corbitt was present in person with Staff.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING (announced via telephone)
Mrs. Gg Rigsby, Mr. Charlie George – Development Services Director, Mr. Clint
Hodges – Fire Chief/EMA Director, Mrs. Diane Proudfoot – Zoning
Administrator, Mrs. Alison Burton – Purchasing Tech, Mr. Eric Larson – EOM
Operations, Mr. Seth Zeigler – Turf Maintenance, Mr. Robert Armstrong and Mr.
Richard McIntosh

I - CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

II – INVOCATION
Chairman Corbitt gave the invocation.

III - AGENDA APPROVAL
Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the agenda as read.
Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV – MINUTES
Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve the April 10, 2020 special
called meeting minutes as read. Vice Chairman Deloach seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.
V - PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Corbitt stated public comment should be limited to agenda items only.

VI - CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Corbitt explained all correspondence and documents from the meeting are located in the Clerk's office and on the Board of Commissioner's website.

VII - OLD BUSINESS

RICHARD & DEBBIE MCINTOSH - PUBLIC HEARING (01): The planning board recommends approving an application by Richard & Debbie McIntosh for a variance to occupy a camper as a temporary dwelling during construction of a residence located at 1157 Harry Lindsey Road Map# 236 Parcel# 5D in the Third District

County Manager Callanan explained the applicant has received his plans from the engineering company. The plans have been submitted for permitting but there were a few issues, which have now been addressed.

Chairman Corbitt stated the alternative is to approve the request with the Planning Board stipulations. The variance is to be for a twelve (12) month period.

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve Variance request with the following Planning Board stipulations:

1. The camper shall be allowed for six (6) months starting December 16, 2019.
2. The approval is contingent upon submittal of an application for building permit to construct a home.

Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD & DEBBIE MCINTOSH - SECOND READING (02): Consideration to approve the Second Reading of an application by Richard & Debbie McIntosh for a variance to occupy a camper as a temporary dwelling during construction of a residence located at 1157 Harry Lindsey Road Map# 236 Parcel# 5D in the Third District
Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the Second Reading. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**VIII - NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER’S FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET (01):**

County Manager Callanan gave an overview of the proposed preliminary budget. The budget has been adjusted after the onset of COVID-19. There were adjustments in revenues for new vehicle registration and reduction in SPLOST. The final digest information will not be available until the end of May. Based on the preliminary information, there is an increase of three percent on real property and increase in health insurance cost. Overviews of department requests were also outlined.

There are four new recommended positions: GIS Tech, EMS Paramedic, Risk Management Tech and Animal Control Kennel Tech. There is funding to be allocated as follows: special tax district - 1.54 million, 1.8 million - public works, 960,000 – recreation, parks and landscape - $550,000. The millage paid to the hospital for Fiscal Year will decrease from 1.98 mils to 1.80 mils.

There is currently no COLA increases proposed. Revenue projections may change once the final digest has been presented.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN ARCHITECTURAL PROPOSAL FROM GREENLINE ARCHITECTURE, INC. FOR RENOVATIONS AT 802 S. LAUREL STREET (02):**

Purchasing Tech Bruton Architectural programming and sketch plans have been completed by Greenline under a separate contract. Greenline will develop detailed documents for pricing/permitting/construction purposes; assist in the bidding phase, and the construction administration phase.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the proposal for Greenline Architecture, Inc. Vice Chairman Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER FOR RW ALLEN AND
HUSSEY, GAY AND BELL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GYM AT THE
MORGAN COMPLEX (03):

County Engineer George explained the change order incorporates two change
order items: one related to relocation of a transformer per Georgia Power, the
other related to weather days and the resulting site conditions. The change
order results in a net increase in the Contract Price of $24,314.00.

Mr. Robert Armstrong with Hussey, Gay, Bell addressed a question regarding
discussion related to the location of the transformer prior to construction. Mr.
Armstrong stated the site chosen was believed to be a viable location. There
was also a discussion of rain delay days.

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the Change Order with
Hussey, Gay, Bell and RW Allen. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BRAND
LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC TO PROVIDE MARKETING AND PUBLIC
RELATIONS ASSISTANCE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (04):

County Manager Callanan explained in an effort to distribute information more
expeditiously. This is an item which will be reimbursed by FEMA with regard to
the distribution being related to COVID-19.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the Service Agreement between
Effingham County Board of Commissioners and Brand Local Communications,
LLC. Vice Chairman Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried
unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER# 2 FOR ADDITIONAL
FUNDS TO WIDEN THE ROAD TO MEET FEDERAL STANDARDS AND PAVE
AN APRON FOR THE ENTRANCE TO THE MCGRALEY PIT(05):

Mr. Eric Larson with EOM Operations explained there are two matters related
the change order: (1) sections of the roads not existing as 20 ft. wide, bringing
the road to two 10 feet lanes (2) to create an apron for the entrance to the
McGraley Pit to eliminate the possibly of damage to the road due to heavy truck traffic. The total funding amount is $29,975.40.

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve Change Order# 2 in the amount of $29,975.40. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EFFINGHAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE SALE OF +/-476 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON OLD AUGUSTA ROAD (GRANDEVIEW TRACT) (06):

County Manager Callanan explained the Grandview tract was acquired as a result of litigation. The county had an independent appraisal completed on the property in the fall of 2019 that valued the property at $8,876,000. Effingham Industrial Development Authority wishes to purchase the property at the appraised value. The agreement has a due diligence period of 90 days which can be extended for three - 30 day extension periods at purchasers request.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement between Effingham County Industrial Development Authority and Effingham County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY REGARDING TSPLOST FUNDS COLLECTION, DISTRIBUTION AND MANAGEMENT (07):

County Manager Callanan explained Effingham County intends to issue a call for referendum for the November 3rd, 2020 general election. State laws require inter-governmental agreements with all qualified municipalities within the county, if the county intends to collect 1% transportation sales tax. The total of the net proceeds of the TSPLOST will be used to expand and improve roads, drainage and pedestrian infrastructure.

The distribution will be based on population by the most recent decennial census. 2021 will be based on 2010 census and remaining year will be based on
2020 census. This estimates a maximum of $50,000,000 collected over the five years of the collection.

Commissioner Deloach expressed being against moving forward with a November referendum due to the effects of COVID-19. Additionally, there is a need to educate the public. There was discussion related to approving the intergovernmental agreement in advance of approval a call-to-referendum.

Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Effingham County and cites of Rincon, Guyton and Springfield. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IX – REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF & COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Kieffer discussed the following:

1. Tax Commissioner’s Office
   - Inquired of the operating hours; County Manager Callanan explained it’s his understanding staff is working staggered shifts.

Commissioner Burdette discussed the following:

1. Kolic Helmly Road Improvements
   - Loading/unloading improvements at the school; County Manager Callanan stated he’s waiting on the report from GDOT, improvements to include turn lanes in this area.

X – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 5:26 pm, Commissioner Burdette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman

Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk