The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt (arrived at 3:52 pm), Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in a work session at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, May 4, 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, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mr. Eric Larson – Assistant County Manager, Mrs. Christy Carpenter – Finance Director, Mr. Clint Hodges – Fire Chief & EMA Director, Mr. Chris Reed – IT Director, Mr. Clarence Morgan – Recreation Director, Mrs. Lara Hoffman – Executive Assistant, Mrs. Alison and Bruton – Purchasing Agent and Mr. Seth Zeigler- Turf Maintenance

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
Mr. Tony Chiariello and Mr. Jack Garvin

PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE
None

I - CALL TO ORDER
Vice Chair Burdette called the work session to order at 3:42 pm.

II – SPLOST DISCUSSION

County Manager Callanan gave a presentation detailing the scope for the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for 2022. The intent is for a 5-year duration to begin June 2022 if approved at November 2021 election. The total estimated proceeds are $65 million, consisting of Tier II county wide projects at 20% ($13 million) and county and city projects at 80% ($52 million).

Other subject matter discussed related to SPLOST was the timeline and project ideas to include campus style service complexes for Administration, Health & Human Services, Judicial, Central School, Recreation, Public Safety, Law Enforcement and EMS expansion. Additional topics pertained to park and boat landing improvements at various locations throughout the county.

Staff and the Board engaged in conversation based on the demonstration. Mr. Jack Garvin commented that the Board should work with the Elections office in regards to their needs.

III - ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman

Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk
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, May 4, 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, Mrs. Christy Carpenter – Finance Director, Mr. Clint Hodges – Fire Chief & EMA Director, Mr. Chris Reed – IT Director, Mrs. Vicki Dunn – Human Resources Director and Mrs. Alison and Bruton – Purchasing Agent

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
Mr. Tony Chiariello, Mr. Jack Garvin and D’Ve Wilkins

PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE
None

I - CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 5:09 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 explained a point of clarification and note for the record is needed related to New Business Item# 9-14 of the April 20, 2021 meeting agenda. The minutes reflect as accurately recorded for the audio of the meeting that Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the agenda with postponing New Business item# 9 -14 to the May 18, 2021 meeting as recommended by the County Manager. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Burdette.

It is Staff’s understanding the intent was to withdraw/remove those items from the agenda which means they will not appear on the May 18, 2021.
Chairman Corbitt confirmed those items should be removed and not appear on the May 18, 2021 agenda. Commissioner Deloach stated he firmly did not want the ordinance amendment related to the landfill to appear on the next agenda. Commissioner Kieffer confirmed not being present for that meeting, all other Commissioners agreed the items should be withdrawn/removed from the May 18, 2021 meeting agenda.

Chairman Corbitt and County Manager Callanan commented there will soon be a workshop will be held to discuss public hearings and ordinance amendments.

After the discussion, Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the agenda with the May 4, 2021 agenda as presented. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V - MINUTES
Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. Commissioner Kieffer abstained from voting due to absence. Commissioners Floyd, Burdette, Deloach and Loper 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 Deloach made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items: (1) Consideration to approve to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit Accountability Court for Fiscal Year 2022 (2) Consideration to approve to renew the Contract with McDaniel Supply Company for a one-year term for inmate commissary services at the Effingham County Prison (3) Consideration to approve to accept a Grant Award from the Petco Foundation. (4) Consideration to approve to renew an Agreement between the City of Pooler and Effingham County for one year for an inmate work detail (5) Consideration to approve to renew an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Public Safety for antenna/receiver space on the County tower (6) Consideration to approve to renew an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Effingham County School District, Effingham County and the Effingham County Sheriff’s Office for School Resource Officers (7) Consideration to approve to revise and publish 6.08 – Personal Appearance of the Effingham County Human Resources Standards of Practice.
Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
IX - NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to approve Resolution# 021-030 authorizing Volunteers and Elected Officials to be covered by the ACCG-Group Self Insurance Worker's Compensation Fund and for other purposes (01):

Human Resources Director Dunn explained this resolution replaces the previous resolution to add Sheriff reserve officers and Emergency Management Agency volunteers.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the Resolution to amend the ACCG Group Self Insurance Worker’s Compensation Policy. Vice Chair Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to approve and publish 2.26-Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy to the Effingham County Human Resources Standards of Practice (02):

Human Resources Director Dunn explained this new policy outlines the importance of accepting the different life experiences, knowledge, and unique capability our employees bring to the County and ensuring we recognize these differences and have respectful communication and cooperation between all employees at all levels. The policy has been reviewed by both the County Attorney and the ACCG HR Attorney.

Vice Chair Burdette made a motion to approve the policy and authorize publication and distribution. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration to approve Resolution# 021-031 to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget (03):

Finance Director Carpenter explained this amendment requests $16,168.00 in funding to replace playground equipment at the Highway 119 Annex location.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the Resolution to amend the budget for 2020-2021. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EFFINGHAM COUNTY AND GEORGIA HI-LO TRAIL, INC. RELATED TO THE GEORGIA HI-LO TRAIL COMPREHENSIVE MASTERPLAN (04):

Purchasing Agent Bruton explained the vision of the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail, Inc. is to connect two trail projects to form a 250 mile paved, off-road multi-use path through small Georgia towns from Athens to Savannah traveling through eight counties for 211 miles to Savannah, Georgia.

A master plan study is being funded 50% by counties and municipalities that are proposed to be served by the trail with 50% match from private entities. The total estimated cost of the study is $120,000. The County will provide a $3,250 in
funding and a staff member to serve on the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail steering committee.

Ms. Mary Charlies of Georgia Hi-Lo Trail confirmed the trail to be a paved non-motor ride trail for bicycling, dog walking, etc. ranging from 12 feet wide in the cities and lesser width in more rural areas consisting of concrete or asphalt paving.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Effingham County and Georgia Hi-Lo Trail, Inc. for the Effingham County section of the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail Comprehensive Master Plan. Vice Chair Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CONTRACT 21-25-002 WITH APAC-ATLANTIC, INC. FOR THE BLUE JAY & MCCALL ROAD REALIGNMENT (05):
Purchasing Agent Bruton explained on April 19, 2021, Effingham County accepted bids for the Blue Jay & McCall Road Realignment as designed by Parker Engineering. The full bid tabulation has been provided.

The submittals have been reviewed by Parker Engineering and they have recommended award to APAC-Atlantic, Inc. The contract has been reviewed and approved to form by the County Attorney.

Vice Chair Burdette made a motion to approve Contract 21-25-002 with APAC-Atlantic, Inc. for $1,111,588.00 for the Blue Jay & McCall Road Realignment. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CONTRACT 21-105-004 WITH SOUTHERN CIVIL, LLC FOR THE HODGEVILLE BOOSTER PUMP STATION CONSTRUCTION (06):
Purchasing Agent Bruton explained on April 15, 2021, Effingham County accepted bids for the construction of the Hodgeville Booster Pump Station as designed by Thomas & Hutton. The full bid tabulation has been provided. The submittals have been reviewed by Thomas & Hutton and they have recommended award to Southern Civil, LLC.

Vice Chair Burdette made a motion to approve Contract 21-105-004 with Southern Civil, LLC for $1,427,161.00 for the construction of the Hodgeville Booster Pump Station. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO CANCEL THE JULY 6, 2021 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (07):
County Clerk Johnson explained this meeting aligns with the Fourth of July holiday; a day when families tend to take vacation with their families due to the school break. Additionally, the time sensitive county business, such as the budget, have been attended to by this meeting so there is somewhat of a lull during this time period.
Vice Chair Burdette made a motion to approve to cancel the July 6, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**X – REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF & COMMISSIONERS**

**County Manager Callanan**
- **Effingham Parkway** – bids are underway; results by May 21, 2021.

**Commissioner Loper**
- **Highland Pointe Road** – citizen complaint about the rock placed on the road, requested it be removed.

**Commissioner Floyd**
- **Golf Cart Ordinance** - have received request for an ordinance designating certain neighborhoods as golf cart friendly.

**Chairman Corbitt**
- **Board and Staff retreat** – schedule for July or August, 2021
- **Workshop** – on ordinances and public hearings at 4:00 pm on May 18, 2021

**XI- EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was held.

**XII – EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the April 20, 2021 executive session minutes. Vice Chair Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**XIII - ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, at 5:45 pm, Commissioner Loper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman

Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk