EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)

May 5, 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, May 5, 2020 in the Commissioners
Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

STAFF ATTENDING THE MEETING
Mr. Tim Callanan – County Administrator, Mr. Edward Newberry - County
Attorney, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mrs. Vicki Dunn – HR Director,
Mr. Clint Hodges- EMA Director and Mr. Charlie George – Development Services
Director
Chairman Corbitt was present in person with Staff.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING (announced via telephone)
Mrs. Gg Rigsby, Mrs. Wanda McDuffie – EMS Director, Mrs. Christy Carpenter –
Finance Director, Mr. Clarence Morgan – Recreation Director

I - CALL TO ORDER
Vice Chairman Deloach called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

II – INVOCATION
Vice Chairman Deloach gave the invocation.

III - AGENDA APPROVAL
Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the agenda as read.
Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV – MINUTES
Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve the April 21, 2020 meeting
minutes as read. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion
carried unanimously.

V – PUBLIC COMMENTS
Vice Chairman Deloach stated public comment should be limited to agenda
items only.
VI - CORRESPONDENCE

Vice Chairman Deloach explained all correspondence and documents from the meeting are located in the Clerk's office and on the Board of Commissioner's website. After which, Chairman Corbitt arrived to facilitate the meeting.

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.

Chairman Corbitt stated at the April 21, 2020 meeting there was discussion about approving the Variance for a 12 month period. The motion to approve was for Alternative 1 which noted to approve the Variance for a six month period starting December 2019. This action needs to be corrected to allow for the 12 month approval as discussed.

County Clerk Johnson read aloud the revised stipulations to be considered.

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

1. Upon the issuance of the certificate of occupancy for the house construction, the camper shall be vacated and disconnected from the well and septic.

2. Permit the variance for no longer than twelve (12) months from the date this amendment is executed.

Commissioner Loper 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 Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**VIII – CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items: (1) Consideration to approve to renew the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit Accountability Court Agreement (2) Consideration to approve to renew the Inmate Commissary Agreement with McDaniel Supply Company.

Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**IX - NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO NOT ACCEPT THE CARES ACT PAYMENT AND REMIT THE FULL PAYMENT BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (01):**

Finance Director Carpenter explained the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding has been received. The payment must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, and shall reimburse the recipient only for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to coronavirus.

EMS recommends that we return the money. Per the HHS Acceptance Terms & Conditions, expenses cannot be claimed on both the CARES Act and FEMA reimbursement. EMS believes we cannot support keeping the payment.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve to not accept the CARES Act payment and remit the full payment back to the Department of Health and Human Services. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY2019-2020 BUDGET (02):**

Finance Director Carpenter explained the budget amendment reflects the following changes: (1) Senior Center Congregate Meals – for a budget increase of $6,000 for CRC Mini-Grant award (2) Animal Shelter – for a budget increase of $15,000 for Petco grant award. Staff recommends approval.
Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the Resolution to amend the budget for 2019-2020. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT (03):

Finance Director Carpenter explained staff is requesting approval to submit a grant application to Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. The objective of the SAFER grant program is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities to respond to emergencies and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

The grant process is competitive. This is a 3 year cost share grant (25% Year 1 & 2, 65% Year 3). The application deadline is May 15, 2020. The grant will cover full-time firefighter salaries for 3 years.

Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the SAFER grant application submittal. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO REAPPOINT MS. LUCY POWELL AND MS. LINDA MERCER TO THE AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (04):

County Clerk Johnson explained the two individuals are currently active members of the Board. A letter was received from the Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) requesting their reappointment. The current terms of office are set to expire June 30, 2020. If approved for reappointment Ms. Powell and Ms. Mercer new term will expire June 30, 2023. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve to reappoint Ms. Lucy Powell and Ms. Linda Mercer to the Aging Services Advisory Council. Vice Chairman Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINT MR. DAVID ATKINS TO THE COASTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (05):

County Clerk Johnson explained Mr. Atkins has been an active member of the Board as a Business Representative for a number of years. Mr. Atkins term is set to expire June 30, 2020. If reappointed, the new term will expire June 30, 2022. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve to reappoint Mr. David Atkins to the Coastal Workforce Development Board. Vice Chairman Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

X – REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF & COMMISSIONERS

County Manager Callanan discussed the following:

1. Update on Operations
   • The Administrative office is now open to the public; some offices are not yet opened to the public pending implementing protective measures for staff and the public.

2. May 19, 2020 Board Meeting
   • Is currently planned to be an in-person meeting.

Commissioner Kieffer discussed the following:

1. Recreational Activities
   • Asked when recreational sports will be permitted to resume; Recreation Director Morgan suggested opening for practices on May 14th after the Governor’s order lapses and begin to schedule for games to start July 15th.

Commissioner Burdette discussed the following:

1. Herbert Kessler Road
   • How to address the issues with the roadway

2. Effingham Woods
   • Cost for street lighting; subdivision does not have an HOA; it was explained the county does not accept ownership to pay for street lighting.
XI - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 4:50 pm, Commissioner Burdette 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