

EFFINGHAM CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA



REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2022

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, September 20, 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, Tasheena Shiggs – Deputy County Clerk, Mr. Clint Hodges – Fire Chief & EMA Director, Mrs. Sarah Mausolf – HR Director, Ms. Jasmine Kirkland – HR Generalist, Mr. Chris Reed – IT Director, Mrs. Teresa Concannon – Planning and Zoning Manager, Ms. Katie Dunnigan – Zoning Technician, Mr. Mark Barnes – Finance Director, and Mrs. Alison Bruton – Purchasing Agent.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mr. Delmons White and Mr. Tony Chiariello.

PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE

None announced.

I- CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

II- ROLL CALL

Wesley Corbitt, Chairman

Forrest Floyd

Roger Burdette

Jamie Deloach, Vice Chair

Reginald Loper

Phil Kieffer – (*arrived at 5:02pm*)

III – INVOCATION

Dr. Torian White, SEHS Principal provided the invocation.

IV- PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The pledge was sounded in unison.

V – AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the agenda as read. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI – MINUTES

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the September 6, 2022 work session and regular session meeting minutes and the September 9-11, 2022 retreat minutes as presented. 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.

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 – INTRODUCTION**PRESENTATION OF NEW TEAM MEMBERS IN THE 4-H DEPARTMENT BY MR. BLAKE CARTER (1)**

Mr. Blake Carter introduced Ms. Morgan Triplett as the new 4-H agent, who has taken over for Ms. Abby Smith, Ms. Shannon Gray as the program assistant, and Mr. Anthony Katanzariti as the 4-H educator. Mr. Carter stated that they are one position away from being fully staffed.

Mr. Blake Carter also announced, the 4-H department is planning a "Boo in the Park" Halloween event, Friday, October 28, 2022 at 6:30pm. The event will consist of trick or treating and a movie in the park.

X – PRESENTATION – 5:15PM**PRESENTATION BY THE COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CORE MPO) ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) (1)**

Ms. Wykoda Wang, MPC Director of Transportation Administration explained the Metropolitan Planning Organization is for any urbanized area with a population of more than 50,000. The reason for the MPO is to prioritize the local and regional transportation resources, federal and transportation dollars, and allocate those to prioritize the projects.

Three -C Cooperative planning process means that a transportation plan has to be continuously updated every five (5) years. The MPO Board is made up of model representatives and local appointed elected officials who will consider land use, environment housing, and everything related to transportation.

The most important document for the MPO is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The next MTP will cover from 2025-2050. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will cover for four (4) years. TMA is used to evaluate congestion and

devise a strategy to address and relief congestion. Also, to address bicycle and pedestrian improvements, this process will include public involvement.

The MPO planning emphasis area addresses climate crisis, roadways, strategies to relive flooding and equity, Low-income minority populations, and people with limited English proficiency. This will require coordination with the federal planning agencies.

The current MPO boundary includes urbanized areas and areas to be urbanized within the next twenty (20) years. This includes all of Chatham County, Richmond Hill in Bryan County and portions of Effingham County. The planning boundary will be updated after the Census releases the Savannah urban area in December 2022. CORE MPO Board includes local, elected, and appointed officials, including Effingham County.

The Board engaged in discussion with Ms. Wykoda Wang regarding funding in those areas.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Moving Forward Together 2050 will be a blueprint for Savannah region's transportation improvements, to meet mobility needs. The new plan will be adopted approximately Summer 2024, which will cover 2025 through 2050. It will be multimodal and include all of the recommendations from plans and studies.

XI – CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Burdette requested Consent agenda item #2 be moved to New Business item #1A. Vice Chair Deloach made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the revised Consent Agenda items: **(1)** Consideration to approve ratification for Soil and Groundwater Sampling at the former Atlas Sand Mine property for Trammco Environmental Solutions, LLC. ~~**(2)** Ratification of Approval of a Proposal by Lariscy Technology Solutions to Develop a Technology Strategic Plan.~~ **(3)** Consideration to approve the 2023 ACCG Group Self-Insurance Workers Compensation Fund Contact Form. Vice Chair Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XII- NEW BUSINESS

RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL BY LARISCY TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS TO DEVELOP A TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIC PLAN (1A)

County Manager Callanan explained the request is to have a more global look at technology infrastructure within the County, ranging from connectivity to server infrastructure. This is an opportunity to get someone who knows Effingham County and who can give us a strategic plan to move forward. As better I.T. solutions are

implemented, it gives the County the ability to spend money on a capital investment, that could potentially save on a payroll investment.

Commissioner Burdette expressed his concerns with Lariscy Technology and the technology strategic plan.

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding security.

I.T. Director Reed explained there was a master plan in the past the Board approved in 2005. It has not been updated since then. Everything that was on the Master Plan is almost completed. Items that were not complete, were decided to be put off due to cost.

Vice Chair Deloach made a motion to ratify approval of a proposal by Lariscy Technology Solutions to develop a technology strategic plan for \$19,500. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TA QUOTE FROM GEORGIA FIRE & RESCUE SUPPLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF HYDRAULIC RESCUE TOOLS (1B):

Fire Chief Hodges explained this equipment will be for the three (3) new fire engines that will be delivered approximately December – January time period. This tool is best known as “the jaws of life.” Currently, there is an additional loose equipment bid out, which is for the rest of the equipment.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve of the Purchase of Three Sets of Hydraulic Rescue Tools. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE VARIOUS JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (2):

Human Resources Director Mausolf explained this request is to change the job titles and duties for current employees. The new job descriptions include: Applications Administrator for the I.T. department. Planner, Process Manager, Zoning Manager, Zoning Technician and Planning Manager for the Development Services department.

Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve the job descriptions and authorize publication and distribution. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF FIVE (5) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO THE 2022-2023 BUDGET OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE (3):

Human Resources Director Mausolf explained after a meeting with the Chairman, Superintendent, and Sheriff. Due to recent events throughout the Country regarding school safety, a request has been made for five (5) additional school resource officers. Every individual school will have their own resource officer. Currently, Middle school and High school are sharing resource officers. A budget amendment is needed if approved. The Board of Education will provide seventy-five (75) percent (%) of the

salary and benefits and the County will provide the other twenty-five (25) percent (%). When school is not in session, the SRO can be used as a road Deputy for the County.

Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve the addition of the positions to the 2022/2023 Budget. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER# 2 WITH POND & COMPANY RELATED TO THE STORMWATER MASTER PLAN (4):

Purchasing Agent Bruton explained Staff would like to add the creation of a project website using the social pinpoint to the Stormwater Master Plan project. This will allow citizens to review the project, documents report, report problems, and make comments in addition to and leading up to the public meeting that is currently scheduled for July.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the change order #2 for the stormwater master plan. Vice Chair Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION# 022-043 TO ADOPT THE FY2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT (CIE) ANNUAL UPDATE (5):

Planning and Zoning Manager Concannon explained this item was approved for transmittal by the Regional Commission approximately a month ago. DCA has approved as well. This request is for the Board to approve the resolution adopting the fiscal year 2022 Capital Improvements element and financial report

Vice Chair Deloach made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the FY 2022 CIE annual update. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR AGREEMENT 22-25-010 WITH MCLENDON ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE LMIG 2022 AND OTHER ROAD WORK (6):

Purchasing Agent Bruton explained currently there is an agreement with McLendon for LMIG and the remaining TSPLOST project that were not covered by the FDRE. Staff requested a quote from McLendon to fix two (2) other areas. Blue Jay and McCall road intersection and the other on Old Augusta Road.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve of Change Order #1 for Agreement 22-25-010 with McLendon Enterprises, Inc. for the LMIG 2022 in the amount of \$42,935.47. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM STRYKER FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO STRETCHERS FOR NEW AMBULANCES FOR EMS (7):

Purchasing Agent Bruton explained a Request for Quote (RFQ) was done for two (2)

new ambulances. The request is for two (2) stretchers and mounting plates. It is a hydraulic system that will be safer for medics and has a built-in charging system for the stretchers.

Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve of Quote #10578145 from Stryker for the purchase of two stretchers for new ambulances for EMS \$83,602.36. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE OF PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NEW AMBULANCES FOR EMS (8):

Purchasing Agent Bruton explained an RFQ was done for two (2) new ambulances, four (4) submittals were received. Custom Trucks and Body Works came in as the lowest bidder. The original bid was \$450,038.00. Because the stretcher and bracket was removed, they were able to reduce their cost to \$430,400.00.

Vice Chair Deloach made a motion to approve Approval of PO 23-19-001 for the Purchase of Two (2) New Ambulances for EMS from Custom Truck & Body Works in the amount of \$430,400.00. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION BOARD (9):

County Clerk Johnson explained the terms of three (3) seats have expired, the Second, Third, and Fifth Districts. Commissioner Burdette and Vice Chair Deloach have opted to appoint Chris Sapp to the Second District. Mr. Mike Wilson to the Third District. Commissioner Kieffer requested to reappoint Mr. William Floyd to the Fifth District. These terms will run for the next four (4) years, expiring January 2026.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve to reappoint/appoint members to the Recreation Board as presented. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XIII- REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mr. Tim Callanan

City of Rincon Meeting

- Joint meeting with the City of Rincon for updates
- Possible meeting date Monday, October 3rd at 6:00pm

GDOT Projects

- Hodgeville and 30 roundabout and Effingham Parkway
- Effingham Parkway completed before Hodgeville roundabout

County Engineer Position

- Capital Project Manager currently filling in
- Draft of Future use land map

Commissioner Kieffer

Cobbleton

- HOA maintaining ditches and retention ponds

- Needs assistance from County

Ms. Stephanie JohnsonEOM Report

- August 2022

Oglethorpe Power

- Open House October 14, 2022

Recognition of Ms. Dionne Lovett

- Assistant Executive Director of Coastal Regional Commission

Commissioner FloydLakeside Ponds

- Solutions for pond drying up.

XIV- EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:19pm, Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to discuss Personnel, Property and Pending Litigation. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

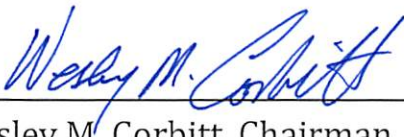
At 6:45pm, Commissioner Loper made a motion to reconvene. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

XV - EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the September 6, 2022 executive session minutes as presented. Vice Chair Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XVI - ADJOURNMENT

At 6:47pm, there being no further business, Vice Chair Deloach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman



Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk