

EFFINGHAM CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA



REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach and Mr. Reginald Loper met in regular session at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 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. Tasheena Shiggs – Deputy County Clerk, Mr. Clint Hodges – Fire Chief and EMA Director, Ms. Marie Todd – Executive Assistant, Mrs. Sarah Mausolf – HR Director, Ms. Maraya Durham – IT Specialist, Mr. Mark Lastinger – Public Information Coordinator, Mr. Steve Candler – Development Service Director, Ms. Katie Dunnigan – Zoning Manager, Ms. Chelsie Fernald – Planner II, Mrs. Samantha Easton – Permit Technician, Mrs. Alison Bruton – Purchasing Agent, and Ms. Laura Bassett – Director of Elections and Registration.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Ms. Cheryl Goldwire, Mr. Franklin Goldwire, Ms. Lucy Powell, Mr. Warren Kennedy, Mr. Tony Chiariello, Ms. Laura Jackson and Ms. Lula Seabrooks

I- CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

II- ROLL CALL

Wesley Corbitt, Chairman
Forrest Floyd
Roger Burdette
Jamie Deloach
Reginald Loper
Phil Kieffer, Vice Chair – *not present*

III - INVOCATION

Commissioner Burdette provided the invocation.

IV- PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The pledge was sounded in unison.

V - AGENDA APPROVAL

Chairman Corbitt stated that unfinished business items number 1 and 2 will be removed and there will be an addition of new business #10.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the resolution to approve the agenda with the noted changes. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI – MINUTES

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the September 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII- PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Corbitt stated comments shall pertain to agenda items only. Should you wish to make remarks, clearly state your full name into the microphone before commencing to speak.

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 renew an Agreement with eGPS Solutions for an eGPS base station at the Admin Building **(2)** Consideration to approve Sanitation Releases as submitted by Administration Staff and authorized by the Tax Commissioner, Tax Assessor and Fire Chief. **(3)** Consideration to ratify and affirm approval of Enterprise vehicle orders for Sheriff's Office and Fire. **(4)** Consideration to approve the 2023 ACCG Safety Program Discount Form. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

T&T EXLEY PROPERTIES – PUBLIC HEARING (1): The Planning Board recommends approving an application by T&T Exley Properties to rezone 1,051 acres located off of Highway 21 from PD-MU to PD-MU, to allow for the amendment of a Planned Development Map# 466D Parcels# 1,6,9,11 in the Second District (postponed 7/18/2023 and 8/15/2023)

This item was removed at agenda approval.

T&T EXLEY PROPERTIES – SECOND READING (2): Consideration to approve a Second Reading of an application T&T Exley Properties to rezone 1,051 acres located off of Highway 21 from PD-MU to PD-MU, to allow for the amendment of a Planned Development Map# 466D Parcels# 1,6,9,11 in the Second District (postponed 7/18/2023 and 8/15/2023).

This item was removed at agenda approval.

WARREN M. KENNEDY – PUBLIC HEARING (3): The Planning Board recommends approval of an application by Warren M. Kennedy to rezone 1.13 acres located at 195 Elm Street from R-2 to B-3, to allow for a storage facility Map# 302 Parcel# 167 in the First District (*postponed 8/1/2023 and 8/15/2023*).

Zoning Manager Dunnigan explained the applicant is requesting to rezone R-2 to B-3 for an outdoor storage facility. The applicant has agreed to some conditions, including access to Elm Street being equal or comparable.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the request to rezone 1.13 acres from R-2 to B-3, with the following conditions:

1. Access via Elm Street shall be permitted only if the proposed development submitted at time of sketch plan and subsequent development stages is equal or comparable to outdoor storage, as submitted during the rezoning request.
2. The applicant shall disclose the above limitation of access at such time as the property is sold, or ownership otherwise transferred.
3. Traffic shall be restricted to class 1-5 vehicles only, in accordance with the Effingham County truck route ordinance.

Commissioner Loper second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

WARREN M. KENNEDY – SECOND READING (4): Consideration to approve the Second Reading of an application by Warren M. Kennedy to rezone 1.13 acres located at 195 Elm Street from R-2 to B-3, to allow for a storage facility Map# 302 Parcel# 167 in the First District (postponed from 8/1/2023, postponed from 8/15/2023)

This item was postponed to 10/03/2023 due to added stipulation.

XI – NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION# 023-022 FOR THE NAACP (1)

Chairman Corbitt explained this resolution recognizes the good work and leadership of this organization. The resolution was read aloud.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve a Resolution # 023-022 for the NAACP. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION# 023-023 CELEBRATING FLORRIE BELL WHITE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (2)

In appreciation of the White Family allowing Effingham County to be a part of this event, Chairman Corbitt expressed his gratitude. The resolution was read aloud.

Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve Resolution # 023-024 celebrating Ms. Florrie Bell White's 100th birthday. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A FINAL PLAT, WARRANTY DEED, AND INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT SUBMITTED BY BGN INVESTMENTS, LLC FOR COVERED BRIDGE, PHASE 3 LOCATED OFF OF HIGHWAY 17 SOUTH, CONSISTING OF MAP # 352 PARCEL # 37 IN THE FIRST DISTRICT (3)

Planner II Fernald explained BGN Investments LLC contractors have built roads and drainage infrastructure for phase 3 of Covered Bridge. Water and sewer service will be provided by Effingham County in order to sell the 44 lots in the subdivision. In addition to the final inspection completed by EOM, the county attorney has approved a bond for 10% of the total construction cost, equaling \$25,464.80. The warranty deed and infrastructure have been reviewed and approved by the county attorney

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the final plat and infrastructure agreement for Covered Bridge Phase 3, and accept the roads and drainage infrastructure identified in the warranty deed. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION# 023-024 REQUESTING THE CALLING OF AN ELECTION TO IMPOSE A COUNTY ONE PERCENT TSPLOST TAX (4)

County Manager Callanan explained at a previous meeting, we approved the IGA with the project list from our partner cities. To qualify it for the November ballot, the resolution containing the language of the referendum must be passed.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve Resolution# 023-024 requesting the calling of an election to impose a county one percent TSPLOST tax. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION# 023-0 FOR SURPLUS OF VARIOUS ITEMS (5)

Purchasing Agent Bruton explained this is simply a list of vehicles that will be replaced with those approved in accordance with the consent item.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve Board's approval of the Resolution of Surplus. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER# 2 FOR TASK ORDER 23-REQ-007 WITH HUSSEY GAY BELL (6)

Purchasing Agent Bruton explained change order #2 has been requested for additional topographic surveying that is required for the expansion of the Clarence E. Morgan (CEM) gym. One side will contain the EOC and the other will have recreational offices.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve of Change Order 2 for Task Order 23-REQ-007 with Hussey Gay Bell for the Clarence E. Morgan Gymnasium Expansion in the amount of \$2,500. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SERVICE AGREEMENT FROM CINTAS TO LEASE AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) DEVICES (7)

HR Director Mausolf explained our safety grant funds are being used to lease these devices, as we have received inquiries from different departments over the past year.

Lauren Jackson with CINTAS explained a free demo of the AED will be provided, along with other avenues for training. When an AED is leased, CINTAS service will take care of inspections of areas where an AED might be placed, providing the doctor with shock data, and resetting the device after use.

Commissioner Burdette made a motion to approve of Proposal from CINTAS. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MERITAIN HEALTH (8)

HR Director Mausolf explained this will take effect on January 1, 2024. We will receive a \$3,000 wellness credit as part of our new wellness program. In November, a new wellness program will be launched.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve recommend approval of Amendment to ASA with Meritain Health. Commissioner Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AND CLIENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ZOMO HEALTH LLC (9)

HR Director Mausolf explained Staff recommends that we go with Zomo, because it is the least expensive option and is more user friendly. They also recommend incentivizing people to do preventive health, to help keep claims down.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve to approve a business associate and client services agreement with Zomo Health LLC. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

****ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A FINANCIAL ADVISORY AGREEMENT WITH DAVENPORT & COMPANY LLC (10)

County Manager Callanan suggested that we should go beyond transactional services when working with municipal advisors, as they can assist us with things such as request for proposals (RFPs) for banking services, a capital funding program, and an evaluation of our return on deposits. The \$30,000 is a flat fee and depending on the scope of work, there may be additional fees. The \$30,000 will be used for the banking request for proposal (RFP) and capital planning work.

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the Agreement between Effingham County and Davenport & Company, LLC. Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XII- REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mr. Tim Callanan
TSPLOST Website

- Will be launched with a press release completed by Mark Lastinger.

Commissioner Floyd

Sandpit

- Code enforcement should begin monitoring inactive sand pits

Commissioner Deloach

Shawnee Egypt

- Speed limit signs
- Complete restriping

Commissioner Burdette

Railroad Tracks

- Tracks need to be repair by Grace on Goshen Road

Diverting traffic to the Parkway

- Shared cost of getting traffic off of Hodgeville

XIII- EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no discussion of personnel, property, and pending litigation.

XIV - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:06pm on a motion made by Commissioner Deloach, seconded by Commissioner Burdette. The motion carried unanimously.



Phil Kieffer, Vice Chairman



Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 3, 2023