

**HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RREGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022
HABERSHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM
295 LLEWELLYN STREET
CLARKESVILLE, GA 30523**

The Habersham County Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Jury Assembly room of the Habersham County Courthouse located at 295 Llewellyn St, Clarkesville, GA 30523. Present were Chairman Bruce Palmer, Vice Chairman Bruce Harkness, Commissioner Mealor, Commissioner Tench, Commissioner Akins, County Manager Alicia Vaughn, County Attorney Donnie Hunt, County Clerk Brandalin Carnes, Department Heads, members of the media and public.

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

Commissioner Harkness lead the invocation.

Commissioner Akins lead the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Mealor and voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the following changes:

- Addition of "Presentation by Frank Riley of RC & D Council" to item d.
- Move item d. "Presentation by Evergreen Solutions Regarding the Pay and Classification Study" to item e.
- Removal of item a. "Consider/Approve amending current lease agreement with Michelle Curcio for Hangar H-2 to allow for Commercial Use".

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Remembrance of Mrs. Sandra Deal
- b. Employee Spotlight: Beth Pelaccio
- c. Proclamation of National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month
- d. Presentation by Frank Riley of the RC & D Council
- e. Presentation by Evergreen Solutions Regarding the Pay and Classification Study

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

By permitting opponents or speakers to present public comment to the county, the county does not acquiesce or waive its ability to challenge to the legal standing of the speaker(s) in the event of litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

During this time, members of the public are invited to address the Commission on any Agenda item other than those listed as Public Hearing. If you signed up to speak at the meeting tonight, you will have three minutes. If your name is listed on the Agenda, you will have five minutes.

- a. Mitchell Payne: Code Enforcement Complaints
- b. Cynthia Woodward: Code Enforcement Complaints
- c. Doug McDonald: Economy, Violation of Policies and Procedures, Hospital Concerns and Other Related Matters

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Mealor, seconded by Commissioner Akins and voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda

- a. Consider/Approve Minutes of August 15, 2022, Regular Commission Meeting
- b. Consider/Approve Updated IGA with Baldwin for Conduction of Elections at Habersham County South Precinct
- c. Consider/Approve Ratifying Purchase of One (1) Used 2014 Ford E-450 Cutaway Shuttle Bus for Senior Center
- d. Consider/Approve Land Use Agreement with US Forestry Service for Airport
- e. Consider/Approve Credit Card Agreement with World Fuel
- f. Consider/Approve Purchase of Two (2) New Servers and Agreement for Data Migration for E911
- g. Consider/Approve Purchase of New Storage Appliance for E-911
- h. Consider/Approve Purchase of Fifteen (15) Panasonic Rugged Toughbooks for Sheriff's Office
- i. Consider/Approve Purchase of Forty-One (41) Desktop Computers for Countywide Upgrades
- j. Consider/Approve Alcohol License for Malt Beverage and Wine Package Sales for Big Daddy Shell Business, LLC located at 3134 Historic Hwy 441

REPORTS:

- a. Manager's Report: Alicia Vaughn

APPOINTMENTS:

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY- 3-year term

C. Allen Whitener (Term Expiration) 2/17/2022- Commissioner Tench's Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Tench and seconded by Commissioner Harkness to table this appointment until the next meeting. Motion fails 2-3 with Commissioner Palmer, Akins and Mealor dissenting.

Motion by Commissioner Palmer and seconded by Commissioner Akins to suspend the rules to allow for another Commissioner to make this appointment. County Attorney Donnie Hunt informed that a vote of at least 2/3 of the Commission (4 Commissioners) is needed to suspend the rules. Motion fails 3-2 with commissioner Harkness, Tench and Mealor dissenting.

Motion was again made by Commissioner Tench and seconded by Commissioner Harkness to table this appointment until the next meeting. Motion carries 4-1 with Commissioner Palmer dissenting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This item was removed during the adoption of the agenda.

- ~~a. Consider/Approve Amending Current Lease Agreement with Michelle Curcio for Hangar H-2 to allow for Commercial use.~~

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider/Approve Installation of Septic System by Michelle Curcio at Airport for Use by Hangar H-1 and H-2.

Motion by Commissioner Akin and seconded by Commissioner Mealor to approve. Motion carries 4-1 with Commissioner Tench dissenting.

- b. Consider/Approve Loaner Fuel Truck Lease with World Fuel

Motion by Commissioner Akin, seconded by Commissioner Harkness and voted unanimously to approve.

- c. Consider/Approve 2023 LMIG Application

Motion by Commissioner Harkness, seconded by Commissioner Mealor and voted unanimously to approve.

- d. Consider/Approve Acceptance of Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Purchase of Ten (10) LUCAS CPR Devices

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Mealor and voted unanimously to approve.

- e. Consider/Approve Acceptance of Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Purchase of Med Unit

Motion by Commissioner Harkness, seconded by Commissioner Akins and voted unanimously to approve.

- f. Consider/Approve Acceptance of GEMA/Homeland Security Grant for Eight (8) Fire Station Sirens

Motion by Commissioner Mealor, seconded by Commissioner Akins and voted unanimously to approve.

- g. Consider/Approve Land Lease Agreement with Georgia Power for Grandview Radio Tower Site

Motion by Commissioner Mealor, seconded by Commissioner Harkness and voted unanimously to approve.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mealor expressed his gratitude toward staff for working so hard to find and apply for grants.

Commissioner Harkness wanted to thank everyone for coming and expressed that he feels that members of the public should be allowed more than five minutes if they sign up to speak ahead of the meeting.

Commissioner Akins had no additional comments.

Commissioner Palmer also wanted to thank staff for their hard work on finding and applying for grants. He reminded everyone that early voting will be starting prior to the next Commission meeting and encouraged everyone to go out and vote. He reminded everyone of the importance of local elections.

Commissioner Tench had no additional comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2); Litigation, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2 and Property Acquisition, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3§ (b)(1).

Motion by Commissioner Mealor, seconded by Commissioner Akins and voted unanimously to enter executive session at 7:40 P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Akins- aye

Commissioner Harkness- aye

Commissioner Palmer- aye

Commissioner Mealor- aye

Commissioner Tench- aye

Reconvened in executive session at *****

Motion by Commissioner Palmer seconded by Commissioner Mealor and voted unanimously to return from executive session at *****

County Attorney Donnie Hunt reported that all matters discussed in Closed Session were limited to those matters allowed by the laws of the State of Georgia and asked for a motion authorizing the Chairman to make such a representation under oath on the affidavit.

Motion by ***** seconded by Commissioner ***** and voted unanimously to adopt the representation authorizing such affidavit as per County Attorney Donnie Hunt's recommendation.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Commission Chairman Bruce Palmer

Attest: _____
County Clerk Brandalin Carnes

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