

**COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023
9:30 O'CLOCK A.M.
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**

Coffee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. with the following present: Chairman Ted O'Steen, Vice-Chairman Jimmy Kitchens, Commissioners Johnny Wayne Jowers, AJ Dovers and Oscar Paulk. Also present were County Attorney Tony Rowell, County Administrator Wesley Vickers, and County Clerk Tracie Vickers. Also present were Agency Directors/Department Heads, the media, and members of the public.

Chairman O'Steen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Vice-Chairman Kitchens asked County Attorney Rowell to give the invocation. Everyone participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chairman O'Steen announced the results of the SPLOST VII referendum held on March 21, 2023. Yes-526 and No- 67

Chairman O'Steen asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the pre-meeting work session and the regular meeting held on March 6, 2023, and the executive session held on March 6, 2023 and the Commissioners Retreat held on March 29, 2023. Vice-Chairman Kitchens made a motion to approve the minutes, and this was seconded by Commissioner Jowers. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman O'Steen asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers reviewed the contract to provide operation of a Senior Center with Congregate and Home Delivered meals for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The federal funding for this contract is \$67,418.00, the state funding is \$3,965.00 and the local funding is \$7,932.00. The total contract is \$79,315.00 including local match. Everything is in order for this contract today. Chairman O'Steen asked for a motion to approve or reject the contract to provide Operation of a Senior Center with Congregate and Home Delivered meals for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to approve the contract. Vice-Chairman Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated that Mr. John Henry has resigned as Executive Director of the Economic Development Authority and his term on the Joint Development Authority is through December 31, 2023. The Executive Director of the Economic Development Authority serves on this Committee. The new Executive Director is Mr. Matt Seale. Chairman O'Steen asked for a motion to approve the appointment to the Atkinson-Coffee County Joint Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Mr. John Henry. Vice-Chairman Kitchens made a motion to appoint Mr. Matt Seale to the Atkinson-Coffee County Joint Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Mr. John Henry. Commissioner Jowers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated that a public hearing is required today to amend the Community Work Program for Coffee County in the 2018 Joint Coffee County and the Cities of Ambrose, Broxton, Douglas, and Nicholls Comprehensive Plan. This is for the purpose of adding a new soccer field complex for \$3.5 million to this Community Work Program plan. Chairman O'Steen asked for a motion to enter a public hearing. Vice-Chairman Kitchens made a motion to enter a public hearing at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner

Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed. There were no public comments. Chairman O’Steen asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to close the public hearing at 9.35 a.m. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated that the County has held the required public hearing. The Resolution is ready for approval today and will be submitted to Southern Georgia Regional Commission. Chairman O’Steen asked for a motion to approve or reject the Resolution to amend the Community Work Program for Coffee County in the 2018 Joint Coffee County and the Cities of Ambrose, Broxton, Douglas, and Nicholls Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice-Chairman Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Mr. Jason Whiddon, Code Enforcement Director, stated this is the first reading of the rezoning request by Mark Karras for 11.2 acres at 177 Satilla Park Drive from R2, Residential to RM, Residential Mixed for the purpose of building a multi-family Residential Housing Development. Mr. Jerry Harper is the landowner. The Planning Commission met and approved this rezoning, and the Staff agrees.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County has received bids for the purchase of (1) 2023 Ford Explorer Interceptor. The following bids were received:

	<u>Bids</u>
Fitzgerald Ford	\$43,613.00
Brannen Motor Company	\$44,400.00
Anderson Ford	No bid received

This vehicle will be purchased from SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Dovers made a motion to approve the low bid from Fitzgerald Ford for \$43,613.00. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers reviewed the updated County Maintained Road list. This County road list shows 592.01 miles of dirt roads and 425.32 of paved roads that the County maintains. Mr. Vickers stated this document changes from time to time. Chairman O’Steen asked for a motion to approve or reject the updated County Maintained Road list. Vice-Chairman Kitchens made a motion to approve the updated County Maintained Road list. Commissioner Jowers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County currently observes (9) holidays. The City of Douglas has (12) holidays, and the County would like to mirror the City of Douglas policy. The County will add (3) holidays to this schedule. The holidays that the County will add are Good Friday, Juneteenth and Veterans Day. Chairman O’Steen asked for a motion to approve or reject the revisions to the County holiday schedule. Commissioner Paulk made a motion to approve the revision to the County holiday schedule. Commissioner Dovers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman O’Steen asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Dovers made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:40 o’clock a.m. and this was seconded by Commissioner Paulk. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Clerk

Chairman