

**COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022
9:30 O'CLOCK A.M.
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**

Coffee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. with the following present: Chairman Paulk , Vice-Chairman AJ, Commissioners Jimmy Kitchens, Ted O'Steen and Johnny Wayne Jowers. 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 Paulk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Commissioner 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 Paulk thanked the Commission and Staff for supporting him as Chairman throughout the past year.

Chairman Paulk stated the list of 2022 County Officers had been discussed in the work session. Chairman Paulk asked for a motion to approve the 2022 County Officers. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the following County Officers for 2022. Commissioner Jowers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman- AJ Dovers
Vice Chairman – Ted O'Steen
County Clerk – Tracie Vickers
Deputy Clerk – Princess Zachery
Deputy Clerk – Abby Paulk
County Attorney – Tony Rowell / Hall, Booth, Smith
County Auditor – Hurst and Hurst
Road Superintendent – Don Stokes
Assistant Road Superintendent – Wendell Troupe

The Commission agreed that the appointment of Road Superintendent would be for Mr. Don Stokes until January 28, 2022 when Mr. Stokes will retire. At that time, Mr. Wendell Troupe would assume the position of Road Superintendent and Mr. Buddy Jordan would assume the position of Assistant Road Superintendent.

The Commission meeting was turned over to Chairman AJ Dovers.

Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the pre-meeting work session and the regular meeting held on December 6, 2021 and the Executive Session held on December 6, 2021 and the Special Called Meeting held on December 30, 2021 and the Executive Session held on December 30, 2021 and approve the revision of Work Session Minutes on November 1, 2021 for clerical error with no substantial relevance and Regular Meeting Minutes for clerical error on January 4, 2021 for correction of term of office for Jimmy Kitchens on the EDA Board.

Commissioner Jowers made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

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

Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to appoint the Board Members expiring December 31, 2021 for the following Boards:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025	Matt Baker
ATKINSON CO-COFFEE COUNTY JDA	JANUARY 1-2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025	Jimmy Kitchens
ATKINSON CO- COFFEE COUNTY JDA	JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025	Stuart Smith
SOUTHERN GA REGIONAL COMMISSION	JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022	AJ Dovers
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY-DISTRICT #2	JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024	Ashley Gillis
		Scott Miller
		Van Grantham
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY-AT LARGE	JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024	Tom Smith
		Sidney Meeks
		Clifford Stone
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY – DISTRICT #4	JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024	Russ Story
		Willie Marshall
		Naomi Williams
BOARD OF HEALTH	JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2027	Joanne Lewis
BOARD OF HEALTH	JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022	AJ Dovers
RECREATION BOARD	JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024	Melissa Givens
OCMULGEE BLUE WAY COMMITTEE	JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022	Tony Rowell
OCMULGEE BLUE WAY COMMITTEE	JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022	Ted O’Steen
FARMERS MARKET	JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022	Tabled

Commissioner Kitchens read all the appointments and made a motion to approve the stated appointments to the respective Boards. Commissioner Jowers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Mr. Jason Whiddon, Code Enforcement Director, stated that Ms. Linda Day has made application for a rezoning request for 3 acres located at 11498 Bowens Mill Road from Agriculture to Warehouse Light Industrial. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to enter a public hearing. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to enter into a public hearing. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed. There were no public comments. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. All commissioners unanimously agreed. Attorney Rowell polled the Commission for disclosure of themselves, business or family members that have any financial interest whatsoever in the property at issue and if so to disclose their interest. Commissioner O’Steen stated that he does not have a direct financial interest, however he has used this property for Agriculture and other issues, therefore he needs to abstain from voting on this issue due to a conflict of interest. No other Commissioners disclosed any conflict of interest. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve or reject the rezoning request by Ms. Linda Day for 3 acres located at 11498 Bowens Mill Road from Agriculture to Warehouse Light Industrial. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. Commissioner Kitchens approved the request. Commissioner O’Steen abstained from voting.

County Administrator Vickers stated the County has (2) Fire Department vehicles to surplus on Gov Deals. They are as follows:

- SN 7444 -2002 F-150 Extended Cab
- SN 2948 -1984 Ford Custom Cab 8000 with Pierce Fire Body

Mr. Vickers stated the 1984 Ford Custom Cab 8000 cannot be used as a fire truck in the future due to the grant agreement. Chairman Dovers made a motion to approve or reject the surplus of (2) Fire Department vehicles on Gov Deals. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the surplus of (2) Fire Department vehicles. Commissioner O’Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers reviewed the Resolution for the adoption of a revised Language Access Plan (LAP) for GA DCA, HUD and other federally funded grant programs. Mr. Vickers stated this will satisfy the requirement of the Department of Community Affairs. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve or reject the Resolution. Commissioner Jowers made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Paulk seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Administrator Vickers reviewed the first amendment to the subrecipient agreement grant NO: MITINF-1-009. Mr. Vickers stated this grant is \$1,978,164.00. The Commissioner of DCA has signed off on this amendment. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve or reject the amendment to the subrecipient agreement Grant NO: MITINF-1-009. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner O'steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Mr. Jason Whiddon, Code Enforcement Director, stated that Eric Teniente has made application for a rezoning request for 5.85 acres located at 3623 Douglas Broxton Highway from Commercial to Warehouse Light Industrial to manufacture cargo trailers. This is the first reading of this request today.

County Attorney Rowell stated the purpose of this contract with Georgia Mass Appraisal Solutions is to provide monthly maintenance and to re-evaluate the tax digest. The contract they have provided sets the scope of services and provides the schedule and sets the responsibilities of the County. Attorney Rowell would like to add to the agreement some performance measures. The agreement is for three years at a total cost of \$508,000.00. Attorney Rowell asked the Commission to approve the motion as agreement in principle with the understanding there may be modification that the County may make to the agreement and give the Chairman the authority to execute the agreement between the parties. If there are material problems, this will come back to the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve or reject the contract for services with Georgia Mass Appraisal Solutions and Services for the purpose of providing appraisal services for real property. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve the contract with Georgia Mass Appraisal Solutions and Services contingent upon the finalization of the particulars of the matter giving the Chairman authority to sign. Commissioner Jowers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Attorney Rowell presented a contract to provide temporary law enforcement for the City of Nicholls was discussed at the Pre-meeting work session. The City of Nicholls reached out to the Coffee County Sheriff's office to provide services for their police office. The City of Nicholls agreed to pay the actual cost of these services. The Sheriff and City of Nicholls entered into an agreement to provide these services. The Board of Commissioners would like to continue this contract for at least one day beyond the next Commission meeting to give the City of Nicholls time to staff the City of Nicholls Police Department. Attorney Rowell stated the Commission will revisit this issue at the next meeting. Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to approve the contract to provide temporary law enforcement for the City of Nicholls. Commissioner Kitchens made a motion to approve this contract for the next 31 days or until as needed, whichever is less. Commissioner Kitchens thanked the Coffee County Sheriff's office for helping the City of Nicholls. Commissioner Jowers seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Chairman Dovers asked for any comments from the audience. There were no comments from the audience.

Chairman Dovers asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Paulk made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:52 a.m. o'clock. Commissioner O'Steen seconded the motion. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

County Clerk

Chairman