

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 2021**

DECEMBER 14, 2021 MEETING:

Chairman Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

Call to Order: Chairman Usry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Filice, Lindsey, Deering, Smith and Chairman Usry were present. Also present was County Manager Byron Lombard.

Minutes: The Chairman inquired with the Commissioners to determine if any corrections were necessary for the minutes under consideration for approval. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the Minutes from the November 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Items:

Consideration of an Alcoholic Beverage License Request – 5B Barbeque & Brews:

The Board reviewed an alcoholic beverage license application for 5B Barbeque & Brews, a full-service restaurant to be located in an existing building at 1017 Park Place Boulevard. The owner seeks a consumption on the premises license for liquor, beer, and wine. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve an alcoholic beverage license for consumption on the premises for liquor, beer, and wine, for 5B Barbeque & Brews located at 1017 Park Place Blvd, Greensboro, Georgia in the name of Kent Bonner as the holder of the License. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointments to the Airport Advisory Committee: The Board received background information that the terms of Lin Logan, Dallas Miller, and Julian Joffe on the Airport Advisory Committee will expire on December 31, 2021. Appointments are made for two-year terms. Lin Logan and Dallas Miller are willing to continue serving, but Julian Joffe has opted to drop off. Commissioner Filice motioned to appoint Lin Logan, Dallas Miller and Steve R. Maehr to the Airport Advisory Committee for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of an Appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors: The Board received background information that the term of Keith Martin on the Board of Tax Assessors expires on December 31, 2021. He has agreed to serve another term. Commissioner Deering motioned to appoint Keith Martin to the Greene County Board of Tax Assessors for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointments to the Lake Oconee Area Development Authority:

The Board received background information that the Board needs to make two appointments to the Lake Oconee Area Development Authority. Commissioner Smith motioned to appoint Bob Lofgren and Terry Lawler to the Lake Oconee Area Development Authority for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026. Commissioner Deering seconded. Commissioner Smith thanked Bob Moran for his service on the Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of an Appointment to the Greene County Development Authority:

The Board received background information that Bob Moran has submitted his resignation from the Development Authority given his pending relocation outside of Greene County. The vacated term continues through 6/30/2024 and requires action by the Board to appoint a new member. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to appoint Samuel M. Young to the Greene County Development Authority to fill the seat vacated by Bob

Moran with a term ending June 30, 2024. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a SPLOST Project – HVAC in the Administrative Building: The Board received background information that the heating and air units serving the Administration building are frequently requiring repairs and in need of replacement. A project totaling \$283,270 to replace the units and seal the enclosed plenum was prepared for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the project to replace the HVAC units serving the Administration Buildings as a SPLOST VII funded project. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a SPLOST Project – Resurfacing Annex Parking Lot: The Board received background information regarding the ongoing evaluation of County facilities' parking lots. A project totaling \$185,975 to resurface and restripe the Annex building parking lot was prepared for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the Parking Lot Resurfacing Project at the Greene County Annex as a SPLOST VII funded project. Commissioner Deering seconded. Commissioner Lindsey asked about the pavement sections cut due to the sewer project, and County Manager Lombard clarified what efforts had been undertaken to achieve compaction before the resurfacing gets underway. There was also general discussion about fencing around the lot, signage, and how the resurfacing projects at other County buildings are still being evaluated and prepared for consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a SPLOST Expense – Purchase of Ambulances: The Board received background information concerning the need to consider purchasing two ambulances in 2022 as had been discussed a couple of years ago. Given longer lead times due to supply chain issues, it was recommended that the process to bid out the two ambulances begin quickly. Commissioner Smith asked about what equipment would be re-used, and County Manager Lombard advised that nearly all the equipment in the new ambulances would be taken from the old units and placed in the new ones. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the purchase of two replacement ambulances using SPLOST VII Funding. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a SPLOST Expense – Bridge Evaluation The Board received background information regarding past efforts to identify improvements to the Cold Springs Road bridge that frequently floods during heavy rains. To evaluate what options there are regarding the bridge, it was proposed that the County engage an engineer to study various options and prepare recommendations for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the funding of engineering services to evaluate options to mitigate the bridge flooding on Cold Springs Road as a SPLOST VII funded project. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Inmate Medical Contract: The Board received background information regarding efforts by the Sheriff and his vendor CorrCare to update and standardize the contract for outsourced inmate medical services. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the Contract for Inmate Medical Services between CORRCARE, INC., Greene County, and the Greene County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Deering seconded. There was general discussion about what other Counties do regarding inmate medical services, how the proposed contract compares to the past contract, the number of inmates in the jail, and other items. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution to Amend Local Legislation: The Board received background information regarding efforts initiated by the County Constitutional Officers to amend local legislation affecting retiree participation in the County's health insurance plan. Those efforts were followed by staff review to incorporate some of the suggestions by the Constitutional Officers and the preparation of corresponding local legislation for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Deering motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2021.12.14 (a) requesting a revision to House Bill 675 to amend the provisions under which post-retirement health insurance benefits are made available to retirees of the Greene County Board of Commissioners including the elected Constitutional Officers, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. There was

general discussion about Medicare cutting off eligibility and the ability of retirees to participate in other County benefits like dental and vision. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Supporting Reform to Georgia’s Annexation Dispute Resolution Law: The Board received background information regarding efforts at the State level to reform Georgia’s Annexation Dispute Resolution Law and ACCG’s recommendation to support the reform effort. Commissioner Smith motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2021.12.14 (b) Supporting Reform to Georgia’s Annexation Dispute Resolution Law, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Amend the County Code of Ordinances: The Board received background information that minor changes need to be made to the Greene County Code of Ordinances to reflect the most recent Decennial Census and its related terminology. To effect the change, the Resolution was legally advertised, adopted at the November meeting, and must be re-adopted at the December meeting. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2021.12.14 (c) to amend the Greene County, Georgia Local Constitutional Amendments and Local Acts, Article 1 (Board of Commissioners), Section 2 (elections) with respect to updating Census Data used to determine districts for the Board of Commissioners, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner’s Report:

District Three Commissioner Lindsey wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

County Manager Lombard added that a joint meeting of the Board of Education and Board of Commissioners would be held Thursday, December 16, 2021 to adopt the new Districts map based on the new Census totals.

Chairman Usry also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 5: 35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

The above minutes were adopted and approved this day 11th day of January, 2022.

Gary Usry, Chairman

Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

Dee Lindsey, Commissioner

Ernie Filice, Commissioner