GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 2024

MAY 14, 2024 MEETING:

Chairman Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

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

Roll Call: Commissioners Deering, Smith, Lindsey, Filice 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 Smith motioned to approve the Minutes from the April 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning & Subdivision Items:

Consideration of a Final Plat Request – Oconee Land Development Company, LLC, Richland Vistas: The Commissioners reviewed a request seeking Final Plat approval for 25 lots to be created from 27.86 acres zoned PUD in the Reynolds Lake Oconee Development. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the Final Plat Request submitted by Oconee Land Development Company, LLC, for Richland Vistas, creating 25 lots from 27.86 acres. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Conditional Use Request – Celebration Baptist Church, Inc.: The Commissioners reviewed a request for a Conditional Use by Celebration Baptist Church to expand and add to their facilities on Lick Skillet Road. Since the expansion is a new project, they seek Conditional Use approval under the current Zoning Code. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the Conditional Use Request submitted by Celebration Baptist Church, Inc. for the operation of a church on the 5-acre tract located at 2470 Lick Skillet Road, parcel number 068-0-00-020-0. Commissioner Filice seconded. Commissioner Smith spoke positively of the request. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Rezoning Request – Jesse Copelan, A1 to B2: The Commissioners reviewed a request to rezone 17 acres located on the Richland Connector from A1 to B2. The Planning and Zoning Board reviewed the request, conducted a Public Hearing on the request, and voted to recommend approval. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the rezoning request submitted by Rick McCallister on behalf of Kaye and Jesse Copelan, Jr. amending the Zoning from A1 to B2 for the approximately 17 acres identified as tax map and parcel number 054-0-00-024-0 located on the Richland Connector. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Rezoning Request – Woodland Way/Woodland Ln Area Parcels, R1 to A2: The Commissioners reviewed a request from staff to rezone various parcels with legacy R1 zoning to go back to A2. Commissioner Smith motioned to amend the zoning of the parcels in the Woodland Way and Woodland Lane areas identified as parcels numbers 119-0-00-007-A, 119-0-00-007-B, 119-0-00-007-C, 119-0-00-007-D, 119-0-00-007-H, 119-0-00-007-K, 119-0-00-007-L, 119-0-00-007-M, 119-0-00-007-N, 119-0-00-007-O, 119-0-00-007-P, 119-0-00-007-Q and 119-0-00-007-R changing the Zoning from R1 to A2. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Items:

Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Insolvent List of Property Tax Account: The Board received background information that the new vendor for the Tax

Commissioner software platform identified various unpaid tax accounts older than seven years and that said accounts were effectively not collectible. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve Resolution Number 2024.5.14 authorizing the Insolvent List of the Greene County Tax Commissioner, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Budget Adjustment – Insurance Claims: The Board received background information that a budget adjustment to recognize various insurance claims' proceeds was needed. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the necessary budget adjustments to recognize $17,460.00 in insurance proceeds allocating said proceeds to the respective departments and Funds for which the claims were made. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Budget Adjustment – 911 Tower Lighting: The Board received background information that the tower lighting at the 911 Center communications tower had failed and needed replacement. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the necessary budget adjustments using the 911 Fund Balance to replace the tower lighting system on the communications tower located at the 911 Center in an estimated amount of $23,750.00. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. There was general discussion about the three towers and age of the lighting systems and towers. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a SPLOST Expenditure - Recreation: The Board received background information that clearing and grubbing of the newly acquired acreage next to the Recreation Department was needed. Similarly, engineering design for additional parking was needful and would allow for the parking lot project to be placed out for bid. Ray Brindley spoke in support of the budget adjustment and shared information about the continued, increased use and demand for Recreation facilities. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the necessary budget adjustments to allocate $175,000.00 in additional funding in SPLOST VII for Recreational Purposes, and to approve the use of the funding to perform engineering design for additional parking area, and the costs associated with clearing and topo survey of the recently acquired adjacent property. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a TSPLOST Expenditure – Purchase of Culvert Pipes: The Board received background information that Public Works has identified various pipes needed to replace cross drains in the Northwoods Subdivision, Indian Woods Drive, and Double Bridges Road. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the purchase of culvert pipes as a TSPLOST expenditure totaling $115,937.94. Commissioner Filice seconded. There was general discussion as to the locations in question and pipe materials involved. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of an Addition to the Wrecker Rotation List: The Board received background information that Yearwood's Auto Service has requested to be added to the wrecker rotation list for small wrecker services. Commissioner Deering motioned to authorize the addition of Yearwood's Auto Service to the wrecker service rotation list for small emergency wrecker services in Greene County. Commissioner Deering Lindsey. Commissioner Lindsey said he was glad to have Johnny Yearwood back in the wrecker rotation. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of an Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Board: The Board received information that the term of Chris Peters on the Planning and Zoning Board expires on 6/30/2024. Commissioner Filice motioned to appoint Chris Peters to the Greene County Planning and Zoning Board as the At-Large representative for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027. There was general discussion concerning Chris Peters' roles on other Boards and offices. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of an Appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors: The Board received information that the term of Peanut O'Neal on the Board of Tax Assessors expires on 6/30/2024. Commissioner Deering motioned to appoint Peanut O'Neal to the Greene

County Board of Tax Assessors for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of an Appointment to the Development Authority: The Board received information that the term of Sam Young expires on 6/30/2024. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to appoint Sam Young to the Greene County Development Authority to serve a four-year term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028. Commissioner Filice seconded. Commissioner Filice advised he'd spoken with the other people interested in serving, and Commissioner Lindsey said it has been a pleasure to serve with Sam on the Development Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Reports: Chairman Usry recognized Commissioner Lindsey for completing the requirements to be considered a Certified County Commissioner.

Executive Session: Commissioner Smith motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters at 5:23 p.m. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Smith motion to leave Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

Adjournment: Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

The above minutes were adopted and approved this day 11th day of June, 2024.

______________________________ Gary Usry, Chairman	______________________________ Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman
______________________________ Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner	______________________________ Dee Lindsey, Commissioner
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