

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2024**

SEPTEMBER 10, 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.

Chairman Usry then stated that he, with the entire Board's consent, was adding a resolution to the agenda to recognize the service and ultimate sacrifice of Greene County Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Chris Eddy. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to adopt Resolution 2024.9.10(b) recognizing the service and ultimate sacrifice of Greene County Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Chris Eddy. All Commissioners seconded the motion. Chairman Usry then asked Chris Edwards to come read the resolution aloud for the record while everyone stood. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Usry then thanked Fire Chief Rodney Wiggins and all the firefighters and first responders for their service. The audience then stood once again and applauded the first responders.

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 August 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting, and the August 9, 2024 Called Meeting. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning & Subdivision Items:

Consideration of a Rezoning Request – Bandit Holdings, LLC, 3400 & 3560 Hwy 77 S, A1 to LI: The Commissioners received background information that Bandit Holdings is seeking to rezone 68.41 acres, ultimately intending to build a 100,000 square foot warehouse for the storage of corrugated boxes. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the rezoning request submitted by Bandit Holdings, LLC amending the Zoning from A1 to LI for the 68.41 acres located on Highway 77 South identified as tax map and parcel numbers 126-0-00-036-0 and 125-0-00-027-0, contingent upon the removal of the manufactured home that is currently located on one of the parcels. Commissioner Deering seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Conditional Use Request – HDP Investments, LLC, Guest House: The Commissioners received background information that HDP Investments is seeking to obtain a conditional use to construct a guest house at 1551 Bennett Springs Drive. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the Conditional Use request submitted by HDP Investments, LLC, permitting a guest house on the parcel located at 1551 Bennett Springs Drive in the Reynolds Lake Oconee Development. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Commissioner Smith asked why the construction of a guest house required a conditional use, and County Manager Lombard stated that guest houses are allowed as permitted uses in larger PUD developments but are only allowed as a conditional use in regular PUD zoning. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Items:

Consideration of Appointments to the Courthouse Vacant Space Allocation

Committee: The Commissioners received background information that it was time to appoint the five-person Courthouse Vacant Space Allocation Committee, and Chairman Usry asked each Commissioner to name their proposed appointee to the Committee. Commissioner Deering motioned to appoint the following individuals to serve on the

Courthouse Vacant Space Allocation Committee: Deborah Jackson, Laverne Ogletree, Lee Rhodes, Bill Posey, and Jim Sweeney. Terry Lawler spoke and said he was looking forward to the Committee's future efforts. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Commissioners Lindsey acknowledged that there was much interest in the Committee and thanked those willing to serve, reminding everyone that the meetings are open, public meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Title VI Plan – Transit Services: The Commissioners received background information that the Federal Transit Administration requires that the County update its Title VI Plan to continue receiving various federal funds to operate the 5311 Transit program and other related transportation programs. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the Greene County Transit Title VI Plan. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Adopting Fire Department Agreements: The Commissioners received background information that the framework whereby the contracts for the private, non-profit fire departments are addressed annually with the County's fiscal year. The contracts establish the legal mechanism through which the County can provide these entities funding through the tax districts. The Agreements with the volunteer departments include Greshamville, Walker Church, and Liberty. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve Resolution Number 2024.9.10 Adopting Agreements with Private, Non-Profit Fire Departments, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Contract with the Chamber of Commerce: The Commissioners received background information that the County enters into a contract annually with the Chamber of Commerce for provision of specified services. The financial encumbrance for the contract was included in the Budget. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the County's Fiscal Year 2025. Commissioner Filice seconded. There was discussion regarding how often the County gets audits and financial reports from the Chamber. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Enterprise Fleet Program Contracts: The Commissioners received background information that County staff and the County Attorney will need to execute contracts to utilize Enterprise Fleet Management to acquire and maintain the County's fleet of vehicles as discussed during budget meetings. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the contracts and corresponding Addendums with Enterprise Fleet Management Trust including the Master Equity Lease Agreement, Maintenance Management and Fleet Rental Agreement, and the Full Maintenance Agreement. Commissioner Deering seconded. There was general discussion as to how much equipment can be transferred between Sheriff's Office vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Memorandum of Agreement with the NEGRRC for CDBG Services: The Commissioners received background information that the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission will help develop the application and administration services related to the pursuit of a Community Development Block Grant to construct an addition to the Senior Center. Linda Kimble spoke concerning the project and its scope. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission and Greene County for application and administration services in connection with the Community Development Block Grant Project to expand the Senior Center. Commissioner Smith seconded. There was general discussion over the timeline of the project should it be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the FY25 Tentative Allocation Letter for the Airport: The Commissioners received background information that the proposed projects at the Greene County Regional Airport require a five percent match from the County and letter attesting to said match. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the commitment of matching funds totaling \$108,847.00 from SPLOST for an estimated \$1,833,334.00 in Airport Projects, and the submission of a letter confirming the commitment to the Georgia

Department of Transportation. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. There was general discussion about the projects to be funded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Airport Obstruction Clearing and Fencing Project: The Commissioners received background information that the project to grade down a site on the West end of the runway and install fencing is now ready to move forward. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to authorize the execution of a Contract for Construction of Airport with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Project Number AP025-9089-43(133) PID T007955, and to approve the necessary budget adjustments to account for the grant revenue and local match expense with the local match coming from SPLOST proceeds. Commissioner Filice seconded. Commissioner Lindsey commented that he is amazed with the volume of traffic at the Airport, and there was additional discussion regarding the T-hangar project. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Budget Adjustments: The Commissioners received background information that various budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2024 were prepared for the Board’s consideration. Commissioner Deering motioned to approve the necessary budget adjustments for the 2024 Fiscal Year as detailed on the submitted budget amendment forms. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a SPLOST Expenditure – Fire Department: The Commissioners received background information that some items requested by the Fire department during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget process weren’t included but that some items were appropriate capital purchases using SPLOST funding. Commissioner Filice motioned to allocate \$229,650.93 in additional funding in SPLOST VII for Fire Department Purposes, and to approve the use of the funding to purchase defibrillators, a breathing air apparatus, and spare airpack cylinders. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner’s Reports:

District Three Commissioner Lindsey said he appreciated the County’s public safety first responders and recognized the outpouring of love and support for the public safety community in the wake of Chris Eddy’s death.

Executive Session:

Adjournment: Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

The above minutes were adopted and approved this day 8th day of October, 2024.

Gary Usry, Chairman

Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

Dee Lindsey, Commissioner

Ernie Filice, Commissioner