

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 2024**

NOVEMBER 12, 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 Smith, 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. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the Minutes from the November 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting, and the November 22, 2024 Called Meeting. Commissioner Filice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning & Subdivision Items:

Consideration of a Preliminary Plat Request – Oconee Land Development Company, LLC, The Homesteads – Section VII: The Commissioners reviewed a request seeking Preliminary Plat approval for 5 lots to be created from 25.92 acres zoned PUD in the Reynolds Lake Oconee Development. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the Preliminary Plat Request submitted by Oconee Land Development Company, LLC, for The Homesteads, Section VII, creating 5 lots from 25.92 acres. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Preliminary Plat Request – Oconee Land Development Company, LLC, Jumping Rock – Section III: The Commissioners reviewed a request seeking Preliminary Plat approval for 15 lots to be created from 14.95 acres zoned PUD in the Reynolds Lake Oconee Development. Commissioner motioned to approve the Preliminary Plat Request submitted by Oconee Land Development Company, LLC, for the Jumping Rock, Section III, creating 15 lots from 14.95 acres. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Items:

Consideration of Appointments to the Airport Advisory Committee: The Commissioners received background information that the terms of Paul McGill and Eric Smith on the Airport Advisory Committee will expire on 12/31/2024. Mr. McGill and Mr. Smith have offered to continue serving if the Board desires. Commissioner Filice motioned to appoint Paul McGill and Eric Smith to the Airport Advisory Committee for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors: The Commissioners received background information that the term of Keith Martin on the Board of Tax Assessors expires on December 31, 2024. He has agreed to serve another term. Commissioner Filice motioned to appoint Keith Martin to the Greene County Board of Tax Assessors for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Amended ARPA Contract for Senior Center Funding: The Commissioners received background information that the State has extended the contract deadline for the Fiscal Year 2023 American Rescue Plan funding in support of the Senior Center programs. Commissioner Filice motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 American Rescue Plan Amended Contract between the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission and the Greene County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith

seconded. There was general discussion as to the amount of funding and what it covered. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Indigent Care Agreement: The Commissioners received background information that the Board enters into a contract annually with Good Samaritan Hospital to provide \$400,000 in indigent care funding. The proposed contract includes provisions that Good Samaritan Hospital provide certain documentation to substantiate the level of indigent care services. Additional provisions were added to the FY2025 contract to address how to handle overpayment should the County overpay the Hospital relative to the actual indigent care costs documented. Commissioner Filice motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2024.12.10(a) Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with St. Mary’s Health Care System, Inc. Relating to the Provision of Covered Medical Services to Eligible Indigent County Residents for Calendar Year 2025, and for Other Purposes, provided that execution shall not occur until the Calendar Year 2022 Indigent Care Report is received, and to waive the reading of the Resolution. Commissioner Smith seconded. There was general discussion and consensus that it would be more ideal to not pay out funding at the beginning of the contract year, instead waiting until the Hospital can provide the required indigent care expenses documentation. Commissioner Filice withdrew his motion, and Commissioner Smith withdrew his second to the motion. There was general agreement to take up the contract again, with revisions, in January. No action was taken.

Consideration of a TSPLOST Expenditure – Airport: The Commissioners received background information that to accommodate the addition of two private box hangars at the airport, engineering services are needed to complete required FAA notices and to design the elevations so that they will tie-in properly to the existing apron. Commissioner Filice motioned to allocate \$47,690.00 in TSPLOST funding for engineering services necessary for the design of the box hangar sites and corresponding apron expansion. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner’s Reports:

District Two Commissioner Smith reported that it is Commissioner Filice’s last meeting and that it has been an honor to serve with him.

Chairman Usry echoed Commissioner Smith’s comments and opened the floor to anyone else that wanted to address Commissioner Filice. Various people got up to speak, expressing appreciation to Commissioner Filice and his willingness to serve the citizens of Greene County.

Executive Session:

Adjournment: Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

The above minutes were adopted and approved this day 14th day of January, 2025.

Gary Usry, Chairman

Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

Dee Lindsey, Commissioner

Ernie Filice, Commissioner