MINUTES
MERIWETHER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 27, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Gene King, Vice Chairman Adam Worsley, Commissioner Rosla Plant, Commissioner Emmett Collins, and Commissioner Bryan Threadgill.
Commissioners Absent:
Staff Present: Interim County Administrator Theron Gay, Assistant County Administrator Blue Cole, Deputy County Clerk Allyson Stephens, Finance Director John Gorton, and County Attorney Michael Hill.
Staff Not Present: County Clerk Beverly Thomas.

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Gene King called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION
The Invocation was given by Commissioner Emmett Collins.

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
All

IV. ADOPT AGENDA
Motion was made by Commissioner Bryan Threadgill and seconded by Vice Chairman Adam Worsley to adopt the Agenda with the following Amendments: *#6 under New Business Amended to read Request to move ARPA funds to General Fund. Amended to correct Future Meetings to read March 13, 2024, Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.* All were in favor.

V. PRESENTATIONS:
Proclamation – Flint River Academy Wildcats Football Team. Chairman Gene King read a Proclamation in honor of the 2023 Flint River Wildcats Varsity Football Team on winning the GIAA State Championship held at Mercer University in Macon on December 1, 2023, after a perfect 12-0 season. Each player was announced in the Proclamation. In attendance to receive the Proclamation was Coach Kenneth Hoffman of Flint River Academy.

VI. FINANCE REPORT
Finance Director John Gorton presented the Board with the bank balances as of 4:00 p.m. Finance Director Gorton explained the General Fund is at $5 million dollars and all the other balances are holding strong with the General Fund Investment Pool at $8.1 million dollars and the interest rate is currently about 5.25% and he is expecting around $40,000 dollars to come in next month. Finance Director Gorton stated on the second page of the handout are the SPLOST and TSPLOST commitments. Finance Director Gorton explained that the 2020 SPLOST allocation is negative, however that allocation will be received tomorrow from the state, putting it back into a positive balance. Finance Director Gorton stated the TSPLOST balance is at $1.3 million with that allocation also coming tomorrow at about $120,000 leaving the balance at $1.4 to $1.5 million dollars that is currently available to be spent in TSPLOST.

VII. DEPARTMENT HEADS

None

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENT

Chairman King asked if anyone was signed up to speak during Citizen Comment. Deputy County Clerk Allyson Stephens stated one citizen was signed up to speak. Chairman King read the procedures for Citizen Comment.

1. Russell Pickron of 137 Commerce Avenue, LaGrange Georgia stated he submitted some Open Records requests previously and was referred to get these records from the Probate Court, however he is currently in a lawsuit with the Probate Court because they claim they are exempt from the Georgia Open Records Act and that's probably not Mrs. Beverly's fault as she was probably taking directions from somebody above her. Mr. Pickron stated that he notices that Mr. Lee isn't here this evening and wanted to know if the Board supported that filing too many open records requests is considered harassment and also forgot to mention that we should probably take our hats off inside when conducting a meeting, but you can do what you want to do. Mr. Pickron stated that the only one that responded or had the intestinal fortitude to respond, which he didn't even request records from was Mr. Threadgill that sent me the information and he ended up getting the information that he needed from the Elections office. Mr. Pickron wanted to know why Meriwether County would send him to the Probate Court to get records on an elected official when the Probate Court is exempt from the Open Records Act according to Meriwether County. Mr. Pickron stated it makes no sense whatsoever. Mr. Pickron stated the gentleman may not be aware of what is going on with it and probably needs to get with Mr. Nathan Lee or fire these attorneys and do what LaGrange did and get someone in-house because he is sure they are milking and diming the County and the taxpayers every time they pick up that phone. Mr. Pickron stated to pay someone an annual salary and get them in here and have them lawyer away for you. Mr. Pickron stated that is a huge concern he has that if the Meriwether Probate Court is exempt from the Open Records Act, why are citizens being sent down there to get records. Mr. Pickron stated this is in an email from Nathan Lee, giving the Meriwether Probate Court illegal advice. Mr. Pickron stated he didn't know why Mr. King was taking a traffic ticket to Superior Court, that's whatever do you. Mr. Pickron stated also that a question he has that has been brought to his attention is if the Meriwether County Jail under an investigation by the State for inmate living conditions. Mr. Pickron stated that if so, it is probably something really serious that needs to be addressed because he was in there working on something with a gentleman that was arrested for disorderly conduct and he is sure everyone has seen the story, thousands did. Mr. Pickron stated that with what he saw and what his camera saw, he would be willing to stay late and asked the Board if anyone of them would be willing to go over to the Meriwether County Jail and take a tour right after this meeting. Mr. Pickron stated right after this meeting, let's step over there, let's go in, let's look, let's see how the living conditions are. Mr. Pickron stated from what he is being told from inmates that have come out of there, they are substandard, and he does believe the previous Sheriff was already wrapped up in a few lawsuits. Chairman King thanked Mr. Pickron for his comments. Mr. Pickron asked if that was three minutes. He was advised it was.

IX. MINUTES

A Motion was made by Commissioner Rosla Plant and seconded by Commissioner Emmett Collins to accept the Minutes from the February 14, 2024, Regular Meeting. All were in favor. Commissioner Bryan Threadgill abstained.

X. PUBLIC HEARING

Case #2024-003 – Request from Thurman Anderson, represented by Chisel Mill to rezone part of parcel 048-017, 10.5 acres on Charlie Fuller Road from RD to R-1. A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan Threadgill and seconded by Vice Chairman Adam Worsley to go into Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m. All were in favor. Planning and Zoning Director Cassandra Sharpe explained that when the survey was done, it ended up being 10.74 acres instead of 10.5 acres. Director Sharpe stated that Chisel Mill will be doing 7, 1.5 acre lots and the City of Luthersville has given them the water taps and this is the last of the 50 they were granted. Director Sharpe stated that Chisel Mill did appear before the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission did recommend approval with the stipulation that the developer get with the Road Department in reference to the driveways, because there will be seven driveways at 1.5 acre lots and they will be close together, so it the recommendation is to get with the Road Department to make sure where each driveway will be located. Vice Chairman Worsley asked if there was concern with there being enough space to do this. Interim County Administrator Theron Gay stated that the lots are right at 130 feet and the spacing, depending on the site distance, could make a difference and it would need to be determined which side of the lot the driveway needs to be placed. Interim Administrator Gay stated that if there is a concern he would recommend that this be done with contingent upon approval of driveway location by Meriwether County Public Works. Mr. John Knight with Chisel Mill stated that today they received the plat with the actual drawing, and it is located in the packet he has presented to the Board. Commissioner Plant stated that they have had these issues arise before and the driveways were adjusted, but she doesn't believe these driveways will be as narrow as the ones on Tenney Nelson Road. Mr. Brandon Larry, Land Acquisition Manager for Chisel Mill Homes stated that they are looking to rezone a 28.5-acre parcel of land on Charlie Fuller Road from RD to R-1 which would drop the minimum acreage down to 1.5 acres with water and presented the Board with a signed service agreement from the City of Luthersville of the original 50 water meters they gave them, and this will run that list out. Mr. Larry stated their plans are to put seven homes there and included on page 3 of the handout is the layout at 1600-1700 square feet, selling for $350,000 to $375,000 dollars. Mr. Larry stated that they have a meeting on Thursday with Planning and Zoning and Public Works to discuss the roads and come up with a solution that makes everyone happy. Assistant County Administrator Blue Cole stated that the meeting is not with Planning and Zoning but with Special Projects and Public Works and is just an internal discussion. Interim Administrator Gay asked Mr. Larry what the plans were for the balance of the acreage as this was 10.7 out of a 28-acre tract, leaving about 18 acres left. Mr. Larry stated the only plans he is aware of is Mr. Thurman Anderson lives there and his driveway goes in on the far side and he will remain the owner. Interim Administrator Gay stated the only reason he is bringing that up is you will have a very narrow area to develop that property going back and may require roads or streets and he was just curious if they had a plan for that. Chairman Gene King asked if the property was in any kind of conservation use. Vice Chairman Worsley verified that the developer was buying 28.5 acres. Mr. Larry stated he misspoke, and they are only buying the 10.74 acres that they are developing the homes on. Commissioner Plant asked Mr. Larry if there were any environmental concerns as on the

previous request. Mr. Knight stated that there are no concerns similar to the previous development. That development tract had pines growing and the neighbors brought up erosion control and drainage issues and they currently have an engineer working on that development. Mr. Knight explained that they don't have any similar issues regarding this development and will be following the best erosion control practices and will submit erosion control plans before building. Mr. Knight stated the erosion will be fine and they don't plan to add any runoff from these homes. Mr. Larry stated these lots are already cleared and feels the ground disturbance will be minimum as they are pretty flat. Chairman Gene King asked if there was anyone there to speak in favor or opposition of the rezoning request.
Mr. Enrico Dean of 661 Dean Road, Greenville stated that his understanding is that it is required to have 2-acre lots to build and asked Director Sharpe if that was correct. Director Sharpe stated when they have access to City water the minimum to build is 1.5 acres. Mr. Dean stated that as long as there was access to water the lot size could be 1.5 acres. Director Sharpe stated that was correct. Mr. Dean stated that to his understanding it has always been 2-acres with 200 feet of road frontage, and he had talked with her about that when trying to build on a property and some information is not privy to everybody or whatever the case may be and that creates a problem if we are going to set a precedent now saying that we are going to drop from 2 acres to 1.5 acres. Mr. Dean again addressed Director Sharpe and stated that she had told him that he could divide property four times, and this is what is concerning to him because this acreage on Charlie Fuller Road will be divided more than 4 times and those are the things that concern him as a citizen and a builder. Chairman King asked that Mr. Dean direct his questions to the Board. Mr. Dean stated that it is concerning to him because Director Sharpe told him that property could only be divided 4 times, and this development will be more and creates a problem for him as he tries to follow Code and follow the rules and that is his concern. Chairman King stated this was recently changed to be able to divide the property four times as long as you meet all the requirements without having to go through posting and planning and zoning. Chairman King stated once you go over the 4th split, you fall under Subdivision regulations. Mr. Dean stated he understood what was done. Chairman King stated that the 2-acre minimum with the 200 foot that is at the building line of the house. Chairman King explained that if you have access to City water it has been changed to allow 1.5-acre lots because you wouldn't have well and septic. Mr. Dean asked if he could see that in writing. Interim Administrator Gay explained to Mr. Dean that he would get with him and show him where the codes are listed and make him a copy. Mr. Dean stated that he would like a copy of the Code for himself as he went down and spoke to Director Sharpe before purchasing the property and rules are rules and he wants to follow the same rules everyone else follows and wants everyone else to follow the same rules he follows. Mr. Dean explained that he had nothing against them purchasing the property but wanted to make sure he understood the rules. With no one else to speak for or against the rezoning, a motion was made by Commissioner Plant and seconded by Commissioner Collins to close the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m. All were in favor. Commissioner Rosla Plant made a motion to approve the rezoning pending approval of the driveway locations by Meriwether County Public Works and Special Projects. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan Threadgill. All were in favor.

XI. APPOINTMENTS

1. Motion was made by Commissioner Bryan Threadgill and seconded by Vice Chairman Adam Worsley to table the Appointment to the Planning Commission to fill an un-expired term that will end on 1-5-2025, District 4. All were in favor.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request from District 4 Department of Public Health to increase Temporary Food Service Permits to $50 to be in line with other Counties. Interim County Administrator Theron Gay stated that it is recommended that the Board approve the increase from $30 to $50 dollars putting it consistent with every other County. A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan Threadgill to approve the increase. Commissioner Threadgill stated this will also be accepted in the Department of Public Health meeting tomorrow. Vice Chairman Adam Worsley asked if this would be in effect as of January 1, 2024. Commissioner Threadgill stated that it would. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Adam Worsley. All were in favor.

2. Approve and allow the Chairman to sign the ACCG, Georgia County Internship Program Grant Agreement for the Probate Court. Assistant County Administrator Blue Cole stated that this will be the third year for the Probate Court and staff would recommend approval as this is no cost to the County and we look forward to working with the interns. Interim Administrator Gay stated that ACCG will cover the cost at $15.00 per hour, up to 200 hours. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosla Plant and seconded by Vice Chairman Adam Worsley to approve the Agreement and allow he Chairman to sign. All were in favor.

3. Approve and allow the Chairman to sign the ACCG, Georgia County Internship Program Grant Agreement for the Tax Assessor's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan Threadgill and seconded by Vice Chairman Worsley to approve the Agreement and allow the Chairman to sign. All were in favor.

5. Request to approve a Support Letter for the Development Authority of Harris County, EDGE Application – Daesol Ausys Georgia, LLC and allow the Chairman to sign. Interim Administrator Gay explained that this development is in an adjoining County, and they are in the process of trying to get a grant and seeking letters of support. Interim Administrator Gay stated this development will open up jobs and eventually some of Meriwether citizens could hold jobs as well. A motion was made by Chairman Gene King and seconded by Commissioner Bryan Threadgill. All were in favor.

6. Request to increase County Credit Card limit. Finance Director John Gorton presented the Board with Section 14 the Credit Card Purchasing Ordinance and stated that in Section 14-6a of the Ordinance the limit can be set from time to time by the Board of Commissioners and he is requesting the limit be raised from $12,000 to $25,000 due to the previous Finance Director issued checks for hotel stays and emergency purchases and now we are using the credit card. Finance Director Gorton stated this would still stay under the $5,000 threshold himself and the Administrator can approve and allows staff to move more efficiently in getting things done instead of running checks. Interim Administrator Gay stated that staff had run into issues when trying to purchase equipment and trying to schedule schools and reached the limit and had to turn and cut checks. Interim Administrator Gay stated this really changes nothing other than having a higher credit limit increase and doesn't change the individual purchase threshold. Vice Chairman Adam Worsley asks who reviews and signs off on the purchases monthly or quarterly. Finance Director Gorton stated he does. Finance Director Gorton stated that every month he signs off and approves the credit card statements. Finance Director Gorton stated there are five credit cards out now, Probate Court, Sheriff's Office, Tax Commissioner, I.T. and himself and every month they submit the purchase orders from the credit cards, and he signs off on the purchase orders that

stay within the threshold, and he pays the credit card bill. Vice Chairman Worsley asked if this was an increase for each individual card. Finance Director Gorton stated that the Elected Officials have a $1,250 dollar credit card limit, I.T. has a $5,000 dollar credit card limit, and he has a $12,000 dollar credit card limit, but countywide there is only a $12,000 dollar limit. Vice Chairman Worsley asked if this covered all five cards. Finance Director Gorton stated that is correct. Finance Director Gorton stated it would be an increase to the County limit and once the new Administrator starts, he will receive a credit card. A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan Threadgill and seconded by Vice Chairman Adam Worsley to increase the County Credit Card limit from $12,000 dollars to $25,000 dollars. All were in favor.

7. Request to move *ARPA* funds to the General Fund. Finance Director Gorton stated this is a request to move the ARPA funds in Colony Bank totaling $3,516,436.69 to the General Fund. Director Gorton stated this was reported as lost revenue to the General Fund. Finance Director Gorton stated that in March of 2022, Finance Director Bill Gregory, reported everything to the federal government as lost revenue, so there is no obligation of the funds as of December 31st of this year as they have all been obligated. Finance Director Gorton stated that staff recommends Option 1: ARPA funds be moved from Colony Bank to First Peoples Bank where the General Fund is located and rename it General Fund projects that way it is tracked to show what comes out of that existing line. Finance Director Gorton stated this would set up a new bank account and ledger account, allowing everything that moves through that account to be seen. Interim Administrator Gay explained that it wouldn't keep showing up on the auditor's report as dollars out there and what it does is opens up and allows flexibility on use and would be accounted for in a separate bank account. Commissioner Threadgill stated that he has a question as we didn't have to obligate it at that point and the original stipulations were to obligate it by a certain date and then those stipulations went away, so why did we mark it as obligated when it's actually not. Interim Administrator Gay stated that Finance Director Gregory is not here but feels what he was trying to do before he left was clear it with the auditors and leave the Board with as much opportunity and flexibility to use it. Commissioner Threadgill stated the original stipulations of the money being received stated that the County had until sometime in 2024 to make those obligations and if not, it would go back to the federal government and those stipulations went away, so there really was no obligation to it, we didn't have to report it as obligation, so it is really a false loss of revenue. Chairman Threadgill stated he thinks it would be great to have it as a line item, but feels it is just verbiage. Assistant Administrator Cole stated that when Mr. Gregory designated the funds as lost revenue, that obligated it to a revenue line, and this was one of the ways it could have been obligated. Assistant Administrator Cole stated that it could have been stated that the funds would have been spent on this, that, or the other but assigning it as lost revenue was the obligation in the U.S. Treasury's eyes. Vice Chairman Worsley asked if that was obligated to LOST only projects. Assistant Administrator Cole stated no sir it was lost revenue. Finance Director Gorton stated the stipulation from the federal government was if it was under $10,000,000 dollars you could report it as lost revenue to the General Fund. Finance Director Gorton stated that is what Mr. Gregory did and the auditors made that entry and recorded it in FY22 and it is outstanding on our books and for FY23 the auditors will recommend again that it be moved when they do their presentation once the FY23 audit is complete because right now it is due to the General Fund because it was recognized as Lost Revenue to the General Fund and reported to the U.S. Treasury as Lost Revenue to the General Fund. Interim Administrator Gay stated that he feels that when moving the dollars over and establishing the account have it set up where only the Board of Commissioners would have to approve any thing that was spent out of

that line. Commissioner Threadgill stated it is still part of a budget process and we are the Budget Board of this County, and it never should have been moved without our authorization. Interim Administrator Gay stated it will continue to show up on the auditors' report. Commissioner Threadgill stated that he is not trying to be an ass or anything, but it really should have never been moved without us saying move it. Interim Administrator Gay stated we are trying to account for it and knows Finance Director Gorton knows there are concerns on that and is trying to get it to where there is better interest on the money and still protect it from just going into the General Fund and being spent on general items. Finance Director Gorton stated that he had spoken with Will, Mauldin and Jenkins and he stated that the Board can legally commit the $3.5 million dollars out of the Fund Balance to say you want these projects done and committed. Finance Director Gorton stated you can move the ARPA funds to the General Fund but would be committed Fund Balance to whatever projects the Board chooses to do, and it would be coming out of the Fund Balance. Commissioner Threadgill stated that as long as it is a separate line item that will indicate each individual use and it is not used until this Board says what it is used for, and he doesn't think it should actually be accessible to the $5,000 dollars that is given to the administrators and things like that to come out. Chairman Threadgill stated he thinks to be some type of lock on that account that says until this Board says what this money can be used on and voted on in a public forum, that it can't go anywhere. Finance Director Gorton stated that is the whole idea of creating that account line. Commissioner Threadgill stated that he believes that he likes the separate line item and agrees with that but doesn't agree that it should have been moved without them knowing. Vice Chairman Worsley stated that he agreed with Commissioner Threadgill as this was a gift to the County and want to make sure that it is appropriated properly for the citizens and not used on random whim projects. Finance Director Gorton stated that is why they didn't want to co-mingle it with the General Fund and allow it to be tracked accordingly and based on the Board's approval. Finance Director Gorton stated it also gives us a chance at putting it in the Investment Pool if the Board chooses to do so with a 5% return instead of 0.5% interest now, which is $150 dollars compared to $15,000 dollars. A motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill and seconded by Vice Chairman Worsley to move the ARPA funds to the General Fund. All were in favor. *The Motion was Amended in the March 13, 2024, Regular Meeting to state: Commissioner Threadgill made a motion to move the ARPA Funds to the General Fund using Option 1: moving the ARPA Funds to the General Fund, allowing the tracking and spending of funds from the account in our software and to make that change in the Minutes from the February 27, 2024, Regular Meeting. This was seconded by Commissioner Plant. All were in favor.*

XIV. REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Interim County Administrator Theron Gay stated that staff received a note from ACCG which is a Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Georgia and the local governments on the Opioid Distributor situation, asking each participating local government to come and vote as part of the process. Interim Administrator Gay stated that the meeting for our area will be at the Harris County Library and the Board will need to designate someone and return the form by March 15, 2024, indicating the person to attend the meeting and vote as the delegate who will be representing the opioid group. Interim Administrator Gay stated the meeting will be on March 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Rosla Plant was designated to attend the meeting. Interim Administrator Gay stated that the 2024 LMIG bid package is ready to go and slated for bid opening on April 12th, 2024. Interim Administrator Gay stated he also has the Courthouse roof

repairs slated for the second meeting in April to bring back to the Board. Interim Administrator Gay stated that staff is working on the presentation for Leadership Meriwether that will be held on March 21st, 2024, and will be an all-day event and stated that we will be glad to have the Board come by and do the presentation or staff will do that. Interim Administrator Gay stated that there are quite a few more projects he and staff have been working on and that is all he had to report.
Assistant Administrator Blue Cole stated that he had attended quite a few meetings over the last two weeks including the IDA, Water & Sewer, Airport Authority, and also had a chance to go out to Middlebrooks Road and will be working on quantities and prices to improve Middlebrooks Road, such as cross-pipes, ditching, and gravel to improve the road condition. Assistant Administrator Cole stated that he had an update on the Covered Bridge to let the Board know where we are in the process. Assistant Administrator Cole stated that he has spoken with the State Historical Preservation Division and the Georgia Trust for Historical Preservation and neither one of them have any regulatory or compliance issues for us on the covered bridge since we will be using local money, but they will and are willing to review and advise on the procedures. Assistant Administrator Cole stated they have also provided documents for the historical nature of best practices, and it will be coordinated with the restoration specialist and once feedback is received from those, having him redo his scope of work and come back to the Board. Assistant Administrator Cole wanted the Board to know that conversations have been happening and everything is positive, and the filming has been moved down the calendar with no tight time frames for the repair and as soon as we have final details they will be brought back to the Board. Vice Chairman Worsley asked if the Engineer's report was received as requested. Assistant Administrator Cole stated that we have received the opinion letter, but not the full Engineer's report. Vice Chairman Worsley stated it was made clear that we needed the full engineer's report. Assistant Administrator Cole stated he would ask again.

XV. REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Gene King: Chairman King stated when the rains came through, he was riding around taking pictures of pipes and communicating with Public Works Director Barry Lucas. Chairman King stated that what he would send to him, he saw action on it within hours. Chairman King stated if he called and stated a road was under water, barricades were getting put up. Chairman King stated they really need to be commended for getting out there and getting things done. Chairman King stated that there really were not that many ugly phone calls considering the 6 inches of rain that we received. Chairman King asked Assistant Administrator Cole if everything was set to submit the grant. Assistant Administrator Cole stated that he is ready, and everything is together, and he will make the deadline for submission.

Vice Chairman Adam Worsley: Vice Chairman Worsley stated that he had been receiving a lot of communication and positive feedback that he has shared with the Staff regarding people appreciating work that was done and other repairs that were done. Vice Chairman Worsley stated that he would ask that the other Commissioners come up with a road list to put out a bid for a large scope project for potholes for the roads that didn't get in LMIG as there are several in his district including King Road, Stovall Road from Harry Hardy Road back to Greenville, and Wallace Road and he is sure there are other roads in the Commissioner's districts and it would help to get some of that work done. Interim Administrator Gay stated that he had not received any feedback yet but will get that going as soon as we can as it is one of the projects staff is set to work on. Interim Administrator Gay also stated he believes there is more funding that will open up similar to LMIG. Deputy Clerk Allyson Stephens stated that the process for applying will open up in April. Vice Chairman Worsley thanked the staff for all the work they are doing.

Commissioner Rosla Plant: Commissioner Plant reminded everyone of the presidential preference early voting that was taking place. Commissioner Plant stated on Saturday the Brown Sugar Festival was held and she appreciated Elections willingness to hold an election on Saturday in the middle of a festival and assured Patty that we are working to have her Elections office relocated. Commissioner Plant stated the festival was very successful and two scholarships were awarded, one to a Manchester High School student and one to a Greenville High School student. Commissioner Plant stated that yesterday the Water and Sewer Authority had a Work Session and today the Airport Authority had a Work Session, and she would like to commend all the members on both authorities and feels better about the County going with a countywide water program than she ever has and there is a willingness from Board members to think outside the box to grow the system with existing municipalities and knows it will take a lot of work. Commissioner Plant stated that we will never have a countywide water system without the leadership of the Authority members and Mr. Gay is a wealth of knowledge on both of them and she appreciates his willingness to hang in there with us.

Commissioner Emmett Collins: Commissioner Collins thanked the staff and all the employees for the work they are doing, especially the Road Department as it seems like every time we get ahead, we get six inches of rain overnight, blowing out more culverts.

Commissioner Bryan Threadgill: Commissioner Threadgill stated that when the rains came through the County, there was a particular road in his area that the culvert washed out and Public Works had that fixed within a week and a half and he wanted to thank Public Works for their work on that.

XVI. REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no report from County Attorney Michael Hill and no need for further Executive Session.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Interim Administrator Gay introduced Jarrod McCarthy as the new County Administrator that will be coming on board Monday, March 4th, 2024, and feels he will do a terrific job and has been very impressed in their conversations. Interim Administrator Gay stated that staff will be there to support him as well as the Board. Interim Administrator Gay congratulated Mr. McCarthy and stated we look forward to having him come on board. Mr. McCarthy thanked everyone and looked forward to getting started.

XVIII. FUTURE MEETINGS & NOTICES

Future Meetings were announced by Chairman King including the Amendment making the Meeting, *March 13, 2024, Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m.*

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Bryan Threadgill and seconded by Vice Chairman Adam Worsley to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. All were in favor.

Approved by: Majority Vote of the Board of Commissioners

Attest: Allyson L. Stephens, Deputy Clerk

Date: March 13, 2024