

MINUTES
MERIWETHER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 10, 2024
9:00 AM

Commissioners Present: Chairman Gene King, Vice Chairman Adam Worsley, Commissioner Rosla Plant, and Commissioner Emmett Collins

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Bryan Threadgill

Staff Present: County Administrator Jarrod McCarthy, Assistant County Administrator Blue Cole, Finance Director John Gorton, Administrative Assistant Kristy Gillaspay, and County Attorney Nathan Lee

Staff Absent: County Clerk Allyson Stephens

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was Called to Order by Chairman Gene King at 9:00 a.m.

II. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Assistant County Administrator Blue Cole.

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosla Plant and seconded by Commissioner Emmett Collins to Adopt the Agenda with the following Amendments: *Add Under New Business #7 - Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Conducting of the 2024 Municipal Special Election for the City of Lone Oak and Add #8 Under New Business - Fireworks Discussion.* All were in favor.

V. PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director John Gorton provided the Board with the Bank Balances as of July 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Finance Director Gorton stated that all the balances are in good standing and the remaining \$1 million dollars was moved from Special Projects to the Investment Pool with all \$3.5 million now being in the Investment Pool. Director Gorton stated that \$1 million dollars was moved from LGIP to the General Fund, due to the invoice coming in for the insurance renewal at \$660,000 and for operating funds. Director Gorton stated that \$1 million dollars was moved from the LGIP to TSPLOST, due to Piedmont Paving submitting an invoice this month that will total \$600,000 to \$700,000 for the 2023 LMIG projects. Director Gorton stated that Tipping and HOST fees were listed, and he has the reports and expects those checks to come by FedEx mid-month. Director Gorton stated that LOST, SPLOST, and TSPLOST are all coming in a little bit above average for 2024. Director Gorton stated that with commitments, SPLOST has a balance of \$88,443.73 as of today and TSPLOST is over committed by \$532,772.29. Director Gorton stated that this is due to three invoices to include Road Striping and Gravel Hauling that were payable July 10, 2024. Director Gorton stated that the County collected \$133,000, so it is using the allocation and spending it on gravel, instead of the commitments, and he will be bringing in an action paper to the next meeting on his recommendation for TSPLOST commitment funds. Director Gorton stated that he looked back and projections are that the

County has spent almost half a million dollars on gravel. Director Gorton stated that he had received reports from the landfill and will be reaching out to Waste Management to set up a meeting. Commissioner Plant thanked Finance Director Gorton for the detailed work and effort he put into the reports. Director Gorton stated that the Investment Pool has brought in \$292,000 of investment income to date.

VII. DEPARTMENT HEADS

Planning and Zoning - Planning and Zoning Director, Cassandra Sharpe stated that she wanted to provide the Board with how well her office has been doing. Director Sharpe stated that her staff started having monthly staff meetings, with their first one on July 9, 2024, that went really well. Director Sharpe stated this is an opportunity for staff to provide feedback. Director Sharpe stated that in the past month, her department has taken over doing the addresses from 911, and by the end of the week they should have all addresses from the first of the year caught up. Director Sharpe stated that she wanted to let the Board know that the Department was doing very well.

Finance - Finance Director John Gorton stated that he has sent out Capital Improvement Plans for the next five years to all Department Heads and Constitutional Officers, along with personnel requests. Director Gorton stated he would be on vacation until Sunday and when he comes back he will start working on the budget process and getting things together and compiling the department needs to present to the Board. Chairman King stated that he feels Meriwether County has a great team of Department Heads who are doing a good job, and it is exciting to see that everyone is focused on getting the job done and feels it is showing throughout the County.

Human Resources - County Administrator Jarrod McCarthy provided HR statistics from the Human Resources Department on applications and hiring between June 11th and July 3rd, 2024. Administrator McCarthy stated that there are 27 openings, 7 at E-911, 5 in Public Works, and 15 in Fire/Rescue. Administrator McCarthy stated that 3 employees have left and 3 have been hired. Administrator McCarthy stated that in E-911, 1 Communications Officer had been hired and 1 Communications Officer and 1 Sergeant had left. In the Fire/Rescue Department, 1 EMT/B has left, in the Public Works Department, 1 Administrative Assistant has been hired, and in the Animal Control Department, 1 Animal Control Officer has been hired. Administrator McCarthy stated that as of July 3, 2024, the County has received 93 applications and resumes with 58 applying to E-911, 14 applying to Fire/Rescue, and 21 applying to Public Works. Administrator McCarthy stated that Matthew Brown, I.T. Director had been working on some issues with the non-emergency phone lines at E-911, Planning and Zoning issued 56 permits, have 19 code cases, and issued 16 addresses, working on the other 22. Administrator McCarthy stated that there has been a good run on adoptions at Animal Control, and we currently have zero dogs outside and in crates with a couple of kennels open. Administrator McCarthy stated that Animal Control had received 10 service calls for the month of July, which has just been 4 working days. Administrator McCarthy stated that Director Brin Jones with E-911 will be submitting the paperwork for the Chairman to sign to closeout categories A and B, debris removal and disposal. Director Jones will be filing an extension for Category E, the radio tower equipment, as he discovered the original tower is back up, and he is in the process of reaching out to the radio station to see what is needed. Administrator McCarthy stated the vendor is waiting to hear back and will then place an order for the equipment. Administrator McCarthy stated that for the presentation there will be an application for an EMPG Grant for funding for a hazard mitigation plan in 2025.

Fire/Rescue - Administrator McCarthy stated that Fire Chief Danny Stephens noted that the Lake Meriwether Fireworks event was a huge success, with the safety plan being executed well to meet all the needs of the attendees. Administrator McCarthy stated that Fire/Rescue and the Sheriff's Office did a great job with parking and traffic and there was estimated to be between 2000-2500 in attendance, with about 600 cars parked. Administrator McCarthy stated that after the event it took about 15-20 minutes to empty the park, which he felt was fantastic. Administrator McCarthy stated that Chief Stephens reported that 11 of the staff had completed their Firefighter 2 certification and Fire/Rescue is currently teaching a hazardous materials operation class and has 14 students. They also have some firefighters from Manchester Fire Department as well. 27 of the 45 operational positions within the Fire/Rescue Department are filled and out of the 27 positions, 26 of those have Firefighter certification. All AEDs and cabinets have been delivered.

Public Works and Special Projects - Administrator McCarthy stated that the County Line Road project is complete. The Beulah Evans Road project is about 75% complete. Administrator McCarthy stated that the asphalt topping is needed for the entire project as well as grassing that needs to be completed on the right of way. Administrator McCarthy stated the 2023 Resurfacing Project was 90% complete. Administrator McCarthy stated the 2024 LMIG - core sampling has been done, and ER Snell will be getting started.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENT

IX. MINUTES

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Vice Chairman Worsley to accept the Minutes of the June 25, 2024, Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor.
2. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Worsley and seconded by Commissioner Collins to accept the Minutes of the July 2, 2024, Special Called Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor.

X. PUBLIC HEARING

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Plant and seconded by Vice Chairman Worsley to go into the Public Hearing for Case #24-006 at 9:13 a.m. All were in favor. Planning and Zoning Director Cassandra Sharpe stated this is a continuation of the Public Hearing and Mr. Scott Bowden was in attendance representing Mr. Herbert Crawford. Director Sharpe stated that this is part of a parcel that connects with where they have already been approved for neighborhood commercial for their grading company. Director Sharpe stated the parcels are to the west of the current property and the property isn't exactly what he thought it was when he purchased it because it is really an unusable lot, but they would still like it rezoned to be able to park their equipment. Director Sharpe stated the Planning Commission did hear the request and their recommendation was for approval for the storage and lay down facility. Director Sharpe stated that the applicant did understand that they had to put in the buffers for the shrubs when they connect to the residential properties, and they should be planted 20 ft on the center and small trees should be planted 30 ft on the center. Director Sharpe stated that large trees at 40ft on the center and the applicant will be using Leyland Cyprus trees. Director Sharpe stated that Mr.

Bowden was in attendance for any questions. Commissioner Plant asked Mr. Bowden how the equipment would access the particular parcels, and if they would have to use Todd Road or Primrose Circle first. Mr. Scott Bowden of 27898 Roosevelt Highway, Luthersville, GA stated that they are hoping to access off of Todd Road and Roosevelt Highway. Mr. Bowden stated the new parcels actually join Primrose Circle and would possibly come off of all three if they could make it happen. Commissioner Plant stated that she gets a lot of calls from Primrose Circle and the heavy equipment, school buses and trash trucks are the main reason and it being a dirt road, there has been an issue in the past with residences being able to access it. Commissioner Plant stated that using additional heavy equipment is a concern. Mr. Bowden stated that if they accessed off of Primrose Circle, it would be on the extreme south end of it. Mr. Bowden stated there are only 4 houses between the property and Todd Road. Mr. Bowden stated that they don't really have any plans to use it because the way the land lays it is such a wet area, it would probably be less beneficial to try. With no one else to speak for or against the request, a motion was made by Commissioner Plant and seconded by Vice Chairman Worsley to come out of the Public Hearing at 9:17 a.m. All were in favor. A motion was made by Commissioner Plant to approve the request for Case #24-006 with the conditions that the buffering be in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance and that if the applicant uses heavy equipment to access Todd Road or Primrose Circle, the applicant will repair the road up to County standards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. Director Sharpe stated that the motion was correct and Mr. Bowden understands this as they have done that on other roads they have accessed. If they mess the road up, they know they have to repair the roads to Meriwether County standards and they will have to put in the shrubs as required. All were in favor and the request was approved.

XI. APPOINTMENTS

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Conducting of the 2024 Municipal Special Election for the City of Lone Oak

County Administrator McCarthy recommended that this be tabled at this time to discuss other agreements with Lone Oak to be able to all get on the same page. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Worsley and seconded by Commissioner Plant to table the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the Conducting of the 2024 Municipal Special Election for the City of Lone Oak to the July 23, 2024, Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor.

2. Speed Bumps in Chambliss Village

County Administrator McCarthy stated that multiple residents in Chambliss Village have requested greater speed control. County Administrator McCarthy stated there are some low profile speed bumps, but he feels the issue is there are not enough, and he went out to ride the area. Administrator McCarthy agreed that the speed bumps there were already a good idea, but he was able to go over the speed bump and then get up his speed pretty quickly before the next speed bump. Administrator McCarthy stated there was a lot of opportunities to go too fast and the residents had put up signs to slow down for children. Administrator McCarthy stated that this was really something that he feels could have been done below the dollar threshold per the

procurement policy, and signed off on it himself, but with it being a safety issue, he wanted to bring it before the Board. Administrator McCarthy thinks more speed bumps could be added to what is already in place on the road, but there is a 1.3-mile stretch of road that is straight and a rectangle that comes off of that stretch and a road that comes off the rectangle. Administrator McCarthy asked for approval to move forward to increase the speed bumps in Chamblless Village, creating a greater level of safety. Chairman King asked if this had been discussed with the Sheriff's Department and Fire Department, because he knows in Coweta County, where his daughter lives, he has tried to get them to put in more speed bumps, and they wouldn't do it because fire trucks and ambulances have to get there in a hurry and the speed bumps cause them to slow down. County Administrator McCarthy stated that whenever he does traffic-calming measures, he checks with the Sheriff's Office, Fire/Rescue, and E-911 to get their opinion and no one had any issues with it. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Worsley to add additional speed bumps to Chamblless Village. The motion was seconded by Chairman King. All were in favor.

3. Speed Bumps on Odessa Road

Administrator McCarthy stated that one person from the area had requested speed bumps near Branch Hebron Church near an intersection. Administrator McCarthy stated this was another area he went out and looked at and feels it would be a good idea to have two sets of speed bumps on both sides of the intersection. Administrator McCarthy stated there are some speed bumps on Odessa Road that are far from the area as the road is pretty long. Administrator McCarthy stated that he had checked with all emergency personnel and there were no concerns about adding two sets of speed bumps. Chairman King asked if there would be signs warning of speed bumps. Administrator McCarthy stated there would be. A motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Vice Chairman Worsley to approve two sets of speed bumps for Odessa Road. All were in favor.

4. Award Type 1 Ambulance Remount

County Administrator McCarthy stated that county staff opened bids for the remount of the existing ambulance box on a chassis the County had already purchased. This will be the second of two ambulance remounts that will update the ambulance fleet. The first remount was an almost new box that was salvaged from an ambulance involved in an accident, but because of age and condition, only minimal work was needed at a cost of \$116,156.00. Administrator McCarthy stated that the request for bid on the remount before the Board was properly advertised, and a copy of the bid request was mailed to all local contractors who provide that type of work. Administrator McCarthy stated that at the close of the time for receipt of the bids, only one contractor submitted a bid. Administrator McCarthy stated that Custom Truck and Body Works of Woodbury, provided a base bid of \$131,114.00, which met the requested specifications. Administrator McCarthy stated that while only one bid was received, staff believes the bid amount is consistent with the work that needs to be performed, and the contractor is well respected for the type of work. Administrator McCarthy stated that while the time frame to complete is 18 months, the contractor is willing to work with Meriwether County to reduce the time frame whenever possible. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Custom Truck and Body Works. Administrator McCarthy stated that with this being a base bid, if anything else needs to be done to the ambulance, staff will come back with additional items if needed. Vice Chairman Worsley stated that 18 months is a long time, and it seems the contractor is trying to fit this project in when they don't have other work. Vice Chairman Worsley stated

they are local, and he would like to keep the job in the County. Vice Chairman Worsley stated that knowing there could be other work needed on the ambulance, with that time frame, there is some security needed around this quote for the base work, so there are no additional costs due to inflation and the contractor's timeline. Vice Chairman Worsley stated that it is clearly outlined in the bid that any increase to the amount would be additional work that was not quoted up front. Assistant Administrator Cole stated that that would be in the contract, so it does stay at this price, regardless of the length of time. A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Type 1 Ambulance Remount to Custom Truck and Body, not to exceed \$131,114.00. Commissioner Plant seconded the motion. All were in favor. Finance Director Gorton stated the funding for the project will come from SPLOST.

5. Award 2024 Meriwether County Patching - by Ton

Administrator McCarthy stated that Piedmont Paving was the low bidder. Administrator McCarthy stated the bid was \$260.00 per ton. Chairman King stated that there are approximately 9 yards in a ton and with the current bid, if you divide \$260 by 9, it comes out to be just shy of 30 dollars a yard. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Worsley and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the 2024 Meriwether County Patching -by Ton to Piedmont Paving. All were in favor.

6. Discuss Proposal for 4 Culvert Projects - LRA

County Administrator McCarthy asked that the Board allow staff to put out 4 bid proposals to include Trammel Bridge over White Sulphur Creek and culvert repairs over LL Revell Road, Magnolia Road, and Tigner Road. Asst. Administrator Cole stated that once these projects are complete, staff can go back and look at other projects to utilize the remaining LRA funding. Asst. Administrator Cole stated these are the four highest priority projects. Commissioner Plant asked if there would be headwalls as there was better success. Asst. Administrator Cole stated that there is a support issue with the Trammel Bridge, and wingwalls are mentioned in half of the projects. Commissioner Collins felt that when the machines are cleaning out the pipes, they are bending the pipe and restricting the flow of water, causing problems. Administrator McCarthy stated that the Board in the past has approved culvert work broadly, and whenever he speaks to different organizations he notes that. Administrator McCarthy stated that while culverts aren't cheered about, it is important to prevent washing away and maintenance and in bad storm events. Administrator McCarthy stated this is the most dangerous situation, and he applauds the Board for doing these types of projects. A motion was made by Commissioner Plant and seconded by Commissioner Collins to move forward and allow staff to put together bid proposals for the 4 Culvert Projects - LRA. All were in favor.

7. *Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Conducting of the 2024 Municipal Special Election for the City of Greenville*

Elections Supervisor Patty Threadgill stated that the City of Greenville contacted her, and they have had a Council person resign and need to hold a special election in November and wish for the County to conduct that for them. Supervisor Threadgill stated that for the City of Greenville, Elections handles it for them from qualifying through the certification of the election, so the IGA specifies that. Supervisor Threadgill stated that they cannot enter into the Agreement, the Board has to enter into it. Chairman King asked about this being on the November election if there would be an additional cost. Supervisor Threadgill stated there was not going to be a cost for them, and what they do is when they have an election they charge them a minimal fee to put it on the ballot. A motion was made by Commissioner Plant to accept the Intergovernmental

Agreement regarding the Conducting of the 2024 Municipal Special Election for the City of Greenville. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. All were in favor.

8. *Fireworks Discussion*

Commissioner Collins stated that since the fireworks were held on July 6, 2024, and this was planned in a short time, he figured it would be a good idea to go ahead and plan the 2025 fireworks. Commissioner Collins stated he would like to make a motion to have 2025 fireworks on July 4, 2025, at Lake Meriwether, not to exceed \$25,000, coming from the Lake Meriwether funds. Vice Chairman Worsley asked if the Lake Meriwether funds would pay for the fireworks. Finance Director Gorton stated that the Lake Meriwether funds are at \$70,000 with the sponsorships, and when that is paid out there will be around \$40,000. Director Gorton stated that Lake Meriwether generates around \$50,000 dollars annually and Lake Meriwether would be able to sufficiently put on a fireworks show next year with those funds. Vice Chairman Worsley stated that he wanted to be clear because this year the Board voted for the County to pay for it and Commissioner Collins' statement was that Lake Meriwether would fund it and not the County. Director Gorton stated this year the General Fund was paying for it and the Lake is part of the General Fund, but it's actually the Lake Meriwether funds that are paying for the fireworks. Director Gorton stated that it is nothing to the taxpayer and everything came out of the Lake Meriwether fund for the fireworks this year. Director Gorton stated that per the Purchasing Ordinance, there needed to be three competitive bids sought to compare the pricing. Vice Chairman Worsley seconded the motion. Chairman King stated that Commissioner Collins deserves a lot of gratitude and the fireworks were exceptional, along with the Lake Meriwether committee and everyone worked together and thanked the Board and staff. The Board voted all in favor to have the fireworks on July 4, 2025, at Lake Meriwether, not to exceed \$25,000 coming from Lake Meriwether funds.

XIV. REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Jarrod McCarthy stated there was an Agenda meeting to prepare for today's meeting, and he has dealt with personnel matters. Administrator McCarthy stated the jail roof is done, the plumbing and new equipment has been ordered, and physical work should start in a couple of weeks. Administrator McCarthy stated the new control panel is in and the new frames, doors, locks, and hinges have been ordered. Administrator McCarthy stated that Mr. Theron Gay reached out to a contractor familiar with roofing and historic structures regarding the Courthouse roof to evaluate the methods being considered and should have a recommendation next week. Administrator McCarthy stated that staff is working on square footage and images for public facilities and have discussed this internally. Administrator McCarthy stated he attended the Water and Sewer Authority, and they discussed a few topics, and it was determined that the waterline for KB was determined to be outside the scope of the authority as far as removing that line and IDA paid the bill to get the project moving with KB. Administrator McCarthy stated that the Water and Sewer Authority was also moving forward with Luthersville sewer and discussions. Administrator McCarthy stated that the IDA discussions included a potential new industrial site, and they are working with Meriwether Site Solutions to relocate some of their operations where there is room to expand. Administrator McCarthy stated there were some road issues, and he got out and viewed them himself. Administrator McCarthy stated that he identified contact persons that keep departments moving if a Department Head is ever out unexpectedly. Administrator McCarthy stated that it is important to have that point of contact and fluidity to make sure we have the right person to

support the department appropriately. Administrator McCarthy also asked the Department Heads if they didn't have access to an association of people who do what they do to look through some options and give him the cost, which is something that has been very helpful to him in having those networks. Administrator McCarthy stated that the Board should have their road report. Administrator McCarthy stated that Warm Springs voted to execute the IGA for TSPLOST, Manchester and Pine Mountain will be voting to execute the IGA, and Lone Oak we are waiting to hear back from. Administrator McCarthy stated that on July 31st, there needed to be a called meeting to execute the resolution as the waiting period is 30 days from the July 2, 2024, meeting. Commissioner Plant stated that she was under the impression that the meeting for July 31st, 2024 needed to be set to meet the deadline for advertising purposes. A motion was made by Commissioner Plant and seconded by Vice Chairman Worsley to set a Special Called Meeting for July 31, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Administrator McCarthy stated that the purchase of a boom ax was discussed as well as a boom saw, however the boom saw had no way to mulch. Administrator McCarthy stated to wait 3 months to allow the funds to recharge, which will also give them time to look around as well and get pricing as it is estimated to be around \$190,000 and is a top priority for Public Works. Administrator McCarthy stated he attended a couple of pay scale meetings as well as attended a Rotary Club meeting with Assistant Administrator Cole, where he was able to speak very proudly of the Board and staff and all the things that are moving forward and being accomplished. Administrator McCarthy stated the volunteer team for the fireworks did absolutely wonderful and some of the employees showed up to help, with no additional pay. Fire Chief Stephens did a lot of extra and was out the next day picking up trash, and he went out and everything looked cleaned up well. Administrator McCarthy stated there was a scurry to make sure everything was in place with permits through the Health Department and making sure the vendors had all the information they needed and a lot of double-checking to make sure there were no hiccups. Administrator McCarthy reiterated how much extra everyone did to make sure everything was working and there was an outpouring and flood of people supporting the event. Administrator McCarthy stated there will be a fireworks closeout meeting on Thursday, to go over lessons learned and how to improve on future events. Administrator McCarthy stated that he has received a lot of appreciation from the staff for having a Friday off and had returned recharged. Chairman King stated that Fire Chief Stephens was mowing prior to the event as well as Mr. Randy Carter. Chairman King stated that there needed to be more trash cans at the event.

Assistant Administrator Blue Cole stated that he had attended the following meetings: Water and Sewer, IDA, and Rotary. Asst. Administrator Cole stated that he attended a meeting with the Three Rivers Regional Commission to work on training with companies in the Industrial Park as well as working with West Georgia Tech for training for Public Works employees and will provide more information at a later time. Asst. Administrator Cole stated that the County was awarded the EPD Grant for Better Back Roads, which is a \$400,000 dollar project that will provide training for Public Works, reduce the sediment running into the Chattahoochee and bring in an actual trainer that wrote the manual in 2021. Asst. Administrator Cole stated that on Friday at 6:30 p.m. there would be a graduation for a fire class at the RD Hill Center in Greenville and hopes that, if available, the Board can attend. Asst. Administrator Cole stated that the County did not get the US DOT Raise Grant, which was the \$10,000,000 dollar grant that was submitted back in April. Asst. Administrator Cole stated there will be a meeting to go over what can be improved, and he will reapply next year. Asst. Administrator Cole stated to keep the

citizens aware of where the TSPLOST funds have been allocated, he displayed a sign that reads "Your TSPLOST funds at Work". Asst. Administrator Cole gave a shout-out to Randy Carter who had two baseball teams that were runner ups at the State Championship. Asst. Administrator Cole also wished a Happy Birthday to I.T. Director, Matthew Brown. Vice Chairman Worsley asked if staff had inspected the Covered Bridge after the filming crews to make sure it was done correctly. Asst. Administrator Cole stated that filming was pushed out 9 months and no work had been completed. Vice Chairman Worsley stated that he thought the County committed \$50,000 to the project. County Attorney Lee stated that the County didn't commit any funds to the bridge and the Commissioners were very clear that the safety of the bridge was first and not the movie. It was clarified that the Board did not approve funds, but approved the company to do the work, and they have backed out of it.

XV. REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Emmett Collins: Commissioner Collins stated he would like to thank the County staff and County employees for what they do and thanked everyone that helped out at the fireworks. Commissioner Collins gave a special thanks to Meriwether County Sheriff's Department and stated that everything went great and there was plenty of help and no problems. Commissioner Collins stated he is looking forward to next year.

Commissioner Rosla Plant: Commissioner Plant stated the Animal Shelter will have a yard sale this weekend, Saturday and Sunday at 444 Carroll Chunn Road and all the proceeds will go to the Animal Shelter. Commissioner Plant stated that hopefully everyone will support by purchasing or donating.

Vice Chairman Adam Worsley: Vice Chairman Worsley stated that the County staff is working well together and a lot of work is being done. Vice Chairman Worsley stated that the fireworks were good and there was support from all functions of the County, and it was fantastic per positive comments from people and vendors. Vice Chairman Worsley stated it was a very good showing for the County and thanked everyone involved.

Chairman Gene King: Chairman King stated that it was good to introduce people to Lake Meriwether and some had never heard of Lake Meriwether and didn't know what the lake offered. Chairman King stated that he had the privilege to present the medals and plaques to the coaches and the kids at the ball tournament at Lake Meriwether. Chairman King got to speak and told them that they had a Board of Commissioners that is committed to recreation for Meriwether County and was just the beginning for the future to come. Chairman King stated it was a blast. Chairman King thanked everyone for what they are doing and stated the deck just came in to trim the roads, and he is getting a lot of calls and Barry will start to get the roads cut back.

XVI. REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no report from County Attorney Nathan Lee

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

County Administrator McCarthy stated there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Litigation.

Commissioner Collins stated that he forgot to mention and wanted to recognize the sponsors. Commissioner Collins stated there was a tremendous number of sponsors for the lake, and would like to offer an extended thanks to all the cities that participated and welcomed them to participate on July 4, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Vice Chairman Worsley to go into the Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation at 9:59 a.m. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Worsley and seconded by Commissioner Plant to go out of the Executive Session at 11:19 a.m. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Plant and seconded by Vice Chairman Worsley to go back into the Regular Session at 11:21 a.m. All were in favor.

Chairman King called for a motion to approve the action taken in the Executive Session. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Worsley to approve the action taken in the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Plant. All were in favor.

XVIII. FUTURE MEETINGS & NOTICES

Chairman King announced the Future Meetings prior to the Executive Session.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business a motion was made by Vice Chairman Worsley and seconded by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. All were in favor.

Approved by:

Attest:

Date:

Majority Vote of the Board of Commissioners
Kristy Bellaspy administrative Assistant
July 23, 2024