

MINUTES
MERIWETHER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 22, 2022

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was held in person and also by Zoom due to COVID

Commissioners Present: Chairman Beth Neely-Hadley, Vice Chairman Bryan Threadgill, Commissioner Shirley Hines, Commissioner Rosla Plant, and Commissioner Alfred "Buster" McCoy

Staff Present: County Administrator Michelle Irizarry, Finance Director Bill Gregory, Deputy County Clerk Allyson Stephens, Director of Special Projects Theron Gay, and Attorney Michael Hill

Staff Absent: County Clerk Beverly Thomas

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beth-Neely Hadley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Chairman Alfred "Buster" McCoy

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the Agenda with the addition of #5 *under New Business, Discussion of Leroy Robinson Road* by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy. All were in favor.

V. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director, Bill Gregory, provided financial reports to the Board. Finance Director, Gregory stated the County bank balance for the General Fund remains strong. Director Gregory stated money was moved from the TSPLOST account to the TSPLOST Treasury Department account with the State of Georgia to obtain a higher interest rate. Director Gregory stated that after the County receives checks from the Tax Commissioner this month, they may possibly be moving money out of the General Fund to the LGIP downtown as well. Director Gregory stated everything remains pretty strong. Director Gregory provided the analysis for the 2020 SPLOST and TSPLOST. Director Gregory stated the averages remain strong for both accounts. Director Gregory stated in the 10 months of 2022 there has been an average of \$148,000 for the SPLOST account and \$123,000 average for the TSPLOST account, which Director Gregory stated is \$20,000-\$30,000 over the adjusted averages from 6- months ago.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENT

None

VII. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the Minutes of the November 9, 2022, Regular Meeting with the spelling change of *McIntyre* to *McEntyre* by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy. All were in favor.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Meriwether County and Cities Joint 2022-2042 Comprehensive Plan Update

A motion was made to go into a Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy regarding the Meriwether County and Cities Joint 2022-2042 Comprehensive Plan Update. All were in favor. Paul Jarrell from Three Rivers Regional Commission presented a PowerPoint on the screen. Mr. Jarrell introduced himself and explained that Three Rivers Regional Commission is a Planning Agency that provides services to 10 counties within the region. Mr. Jarrell explained that they assist local governments with various planning initiatives, workforce development, agency on aging, and transit services. Mr. Jarrell stated that he is there to help the County and Cities with a Joint Comprehensive Plan Update. Mr. Jarrell stated this is a Joint Comprehensive Plan Update with all local governments being involved that helps paint the vision for the next 20 years. Mr. Jarrell stated that this is the first of the Public Hearings that will take place and there will be one at the end of the process with plenty of opportunity for public input during the process. Mr. Jarrell went over the PowerPoint explaining that the reason that the Comprehensive Plan Update is done is to establish a short- and long-term broad-based community vision for future in order to capture things that are going on in our community. He stated it helps identify things that are doing great and capture things that need to be improved. Mr. Jarrell explained that the assessment of the existing needs and opportunities helps to identify this. Mr. Jarrell stated that part of the plan identifies the needs in the community that need to be addressed in order to reach the vision that wants to be seen. Mr. Jarrell stated that the next step would be to establish goals and strategies that will help address those needs. Mr. Jarrell explained some of the topics within the plan are transportation needs, community facilities and services, natural and cultural resources, housing, economic development, and broadband. Mr. Jarrell explained that it is important to build upon previous planning efforts and the plan is updated every five years, however, a lot can happen in five years, such as initiatives that are tourism-based or any infrastructure needs that are being addressed. It is important to capture the things going on that are successful. Mr. Jarrell stated that it is important to formalize an implementation plan to leverage public and private investment. Mr. Jarrell stated that at the end of the plan everything included issues, goals, needs, and strategies and form them into a 5-year work program which are the high priority projects that would like to be done. Mr. Jarrell stated that each local government will have their separate work program, meaning the County will have its program and each City will have their own work program. Mr. Jarrell stated that doing all of this helps the local governments keep their QLG status or Qualified Local Government status which is needed to be able to apply for grants, permits, and other funding programs. Mr. Jarrell stated that it is required by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. Mr. Jarrell stated that they will have a Comprehensive Plan Team that will include Elected Officials, County and City Staff, the Consultant Team/TRRC staff, Steering Committee, and the Public. Mr. Jarrell stated that the State requires a Plan Steering Committee for the purpose to oversee, guide and

participate in the development of the plan. The Steering Committee must include at least one member of each governing body (City Councils and Commission), member representing the economic development sector, and other local community stakeholders and citizens, which represent a wide spectrum of interests in the community. Mr. Jarrell explained that some of the activities of the Steering Committee would be open houses and community visioning events in order to get citizen and stakeholder input and a community vision for the future. Mr. Jarrell stated that there are various ways to involve the public for input such as events that were done prior such as open houses at the Administration office as well as surveys. Mr. Jarrell stated that at the end of the process there is a Draft Plan Review that is sent out to all neighboring counties and local governments for 30 days for input. Mr. Jarrell stated that during the Draft Plan Review official approval is given from the Department of Community Affairs. Mr. Jarrell explained that all the plans are a 20-year outlook that are updated every 5 years. This is also intended to be updated as needed to account for economic, development, and/or environmental changes which impact the local community. Mr. Jarrell explained the plan's framework which included: Community Goals, Needs and Opportunities, Land Use, Economic Development, and Community Work Program. Mr. Jarrell stated that per the Department of Community Affairs, Meriwether County is listed as a Georgia Tax Credit Tier 1 Economic status, so a separate enhanced economic development portion of the plan has to be done. Mr. Jarrell stated that he can get everyone a current copy of the plan to look through. Mr. Jarrell presented a timeline for the process. Mr. Jarrell stated that the end goal is to be June when the plan is updated and adopted. Mr. Jarrell stated they hoped to have a draft plan review ready by April or May. Mr. Jarrell provided contact information for himself as the Project Lead, Stephanie Wagner as the Planner, and Shari Selch as the GIS Coordinator. Vice Chairman Threadgill explained to Mr. Jarrell that there would be three new commissioners coming onto the Board and wanted to know when he would need to know who will be on the Steering Committee. Mr. Jarrell explained that as soon as they could determine who would be on the Committee, however they can have a working group and bring other's on if needed. Mr. Jarrell stated that it would be good to get going on the meat of the plan. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated that the first meeting of the Steering Committee according to the timeline would be December. Mr. Jarrell stated that this is approximate timeline and there can be months that meetings are doubled up if needed, and if there are any appointments from the Commission districts, then maybe they could possibly be passed onto the new Commissioners as the process has already started. Chairman Neely-Hadley asked if we had a list of who all was on the Steering Committee last time. Mr. Jarrell stated that there is a list in the front of the plan. Chairman Neely-Hadley asked if they had the list tonight so she could see who served prior. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated there was three County Commissioners, Representatives of the Cities, and a Citizen from each district. Chairman Neely-Hadley asked when the committee needed to be formed. Mr. Jarrell stated there is no rule to appoint the Committee at a BOC meeting. Chairman Neely-Hadley asked if the staff could work to get appointees from the cities, but the Commissioners would need to work on that side. Mr. Jarrell stated that it could be that the newly elected Commissioners carry on with what was done previous as far as who represented, but it was very flexible. Mr. Jarrell stated it would be good to go ahead and get the group together to have a meeting in January. Chairman Neely-Hadley asked how often the committee met before.

Special Projects Director, Theron Gay stated that in the beginning the group met more frequently to get a good outline. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated this was something the new Commissioners would need to be thinking about as they were not present before. Mr. Gay stated that the meeting will need to be advertised if there are three Commissioners. Mr. Jarrell stated if there is a quorum then there would need to be an advertisement. Commissioner Hines stated that she would like to suggest as there was a challenge with citizens not understanding the process, to let people know so they can become engaged with the opportunity. Commissioner Hines stated that it may be important to post on the County website and social media platforms and if someone is interested, they can submit their name, background, and interests, which allows those who want to be a part of what the growth looks like. Commissioner Hines stated that last time there was a lot of confusion and people didn't know what a Comprehensive Plan was and why we have to do it. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated that something can be done and posted on the Facebook page. Mr. Jarrell stated that they can also put a survey up on Facebook with a QR code on flyers to make it more accessible. There were no further comments from citizens or anyone in attendance. A motion was made to go out of Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m. by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy. All were in favor.

2. Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority – request to rezone two parcels from Rural Reserve to Industrial. Tax Map Parcels 004-006-004 and 004-006-005 totaling 7.289 acres, located at 7418 Lone Oak Road. The purpose of the rezoning is for Manufacturing/Industrial Buildings.

A motion was made to go into Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m. by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy. All were in favor. Cassandra Sharpe, Director of Planning and Zoning stated that coming before you is a request from the Industrial Development Authority to rezone two parcels from Rural Reserve to Industrial. Director Sharpe stated this is a total of 7.29 acres and is identified as Tax Map Parcels 004-006-004 and 004-006-005, located at 7418 Lone Oak Road. Director Sharpe stated that the purpose is to rezone for manufacturing and industrial buildings. Director Sharpe stated the Industrial Development Authority has acquired the property and it is in the same location with the other industries in the area and the IDA is asking that it be consistent with the current zoning around it. Ms. Jane Fryer, with the Industrial Development Authority stated that this property is continuous with the other Industrial Development Authority property, and it is just increasing the size of the industrial site from 40 acres to 47 acres, and they would like it changed to industrial. There was no one who spoke in opposition. With no further comments, a motion was made to go out of Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m. by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy. All were in favor. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill to allow the rezoning from RR to Industrial of Tax Map Parcels 004-006-004 and 004-006-005. This was seconded by Commissioner McCoy. Voting in favor were Chairman Neely Hadley, Vice Chairman Threadgill, Commissioner Hines, and Commissioner McCoy. Commissioner Plant abstained.

3. Angela Hand – request to rezone .12 of an acre within 111 acres from A1 - Agricultural to A1 Special Use (.12 of an acre). The property is located on Tax Map 077-012, 2005 Hwy. 100, Greenville, GA. The purpose of the rezone is for the Hand Family Cemetery.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCoy and seconded by Vice Chairman Threadgill to go into Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m. All were in favor. Director Sharpe stated this was a request from Ms. Angela Hand who owns 111 acres zoned agricultural, identified on Tax Map Parcel 077-012, 2005 Hwy. 100, Greenville GA. Director Sharpe stated the purpose of the request is to rezone .12 of an acre from the property for the Hand Family Cemetery. Director Sharpe explained the State requires that all cemeteries have to be named and registered with the State and Meriwether County Ordinance does allow this under a Special Use. Director Sharpe stated this will be located at the right of the driveway at the old homeplace. Director Sharpe explained that Ms. Hand was not able to make it to the Public Hearing. Chairman Neely-Hadley explained that it is in our policy that the applicant has to be present. Special Projects Director, Theron Gay stated that since the Public Hearing is open, he suggests continuing the Hearing until next month. There was no one present to speak for or against the request. A motion was made to go out of Public Hearing by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy to go out of Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m. All were in favor. A motion was made to continue the Public Hearing by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner Plant. All were in favor.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Meriwether County Code of Conduct

1. A copy was presented with the updated Code of Conduct. Administrator Irizarry stated that presented is the updated Code of Conduct that was updated by Attorney Michael Hill on November 17, 2022. Administrator Irizarry stated there is two copies presented, one with the markup and one without so the Board can see the changes that were made. Administrator Irizarry stated there was discussion between Col. Hadley and Michael Hill and Mr. Hill can answer any questions. Mr. Hill stated that most of the markup is to try to fine-tune the language to avoid vagueness so there is not a lot of subjective criteria in the Code of Conduct. Mr. Hill stated most of what the Board will see remaining is objective. Mr. Hill stated they also wanted to make sure it was consistent with Constitutional and State areas such as firearm regulations and etc. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill to accept the Code of Conduct as presented. This was seconded by Commissioner Plant. All were in favor.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Meriwether County Planning Commission

1. Administrator Irizarry stated that Meriwether County Ordinances requires for a Planning Commission to hear rezoning requests and make recommendations that come before the Board of Commissioners. Administrator Irizarry stated this Planning Commission was likely established before we had staff that were able to do a lot of the

things that are being done now and there has been problems with quorums in the past with this group. Administrator Irizarry stated that the group only makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. Administrator Irizarry stated that because of this, and because we have a professional staff in place to review these requests and send the recommendations forward to the Board of Commissioners, we would like the Board to consider revising our Ordinances and possibly eliminating the requirements for a Planning Commission. Commissioner Hines asked if the Planning Commission was available so citizens can also be there to hear what's being said and do the citizens get a chance to hear the information ahead of time. Administrator Irizarry stated they do. Commissioner Hines stated that citizens would no longer have the ability to hear the requests prior to it coming to the Board. Administrator Irizarry stated that there would still be a Public Hearing. Vice Chairman Threadgill stated that with no quorum, there is still no meeting. Commissioner Hines stated she understood that and that if the quorum is based on the fact making sure that those who are on the committee know their obligation to be there, but eliminating all public input, prior to it coming to the Board of Commissioners. Administrator Irizarry stated that the public input can still happen in the Public Hearing because that information would be in the report and the report would still come forth with a Public Hearing. Administrator Irizarry stated that staff would like to recommend setting a Public Hearing to change this Ordinance on December 14, 2022, at the next meeting. A motion was made to set the Public Hearing for December 14, 2022, at the 9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting by Vice Chairman Threadgill. This was seconded by Commissioner Plant. Voting in favor were Chairman Neely-Hadley, Vice Chairman Threadgill, Commissioner Plant, and Commissioner McCoy. Commissioner Hines was opposed. The motion passed.

Meriwether County 2023 LMIG Projects

2. Information regarding the 2023 LMIG Projects was provided to the Board by Mr. Bill Cawthorne. Mr. Cawthorne stated there was an issue paper in their package that discussed Luthersville Road and the amount of money that would take. Mr. Cawthorne stated there has been discussion about Forest Road and some of the really bad or severe areas. Mr. Cawthorne stated they are recommending at least as a minimum some safety overlays on Forest Road. Mr. Cawthorne stated the estimate for an overlay on Forest Road is \$85,000 which would leave a balance of about \$565,000 to choose the rest of the projects for the 2023 LMIG. Mr. Cawthorne stated that in the past it had been done that each district got a road or two and if Forest Road and Luthersville Road remain on the project, that brings each district down to approximately one mile per district under LMIG. Or, Mr. Cawthorne stated, we could select other projects and maybe do one road or two roads in one or two districts. Commissioner McCoy asked if Mr. Cawthorne meant like the Commissioners have done in the past and went in together to get a longer section. Mr. Cawthorne stated that is correct and we kind of need that information to know how to put this together for the LMIG program. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated she thought they had discussed as a Board a couple years prior that maybe not looking at the roads necessarily by district, but look at the worst roads, because we have some that are in such bad shape. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated we also have some that we need to do something to in order to keep them from getting in such bad shape and it is costing us so much money to repair. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated her opinion was if there are 5 miles left, she felt it would need to be looked at as what roads are in the worst shape. Mr.

Cawthorne stated you could do the worst, or you could look at doing another long section to prevent the road from getting in worse shape. Mr. Cawthorne stated that in the County, there is 92.8 miles of road that needs to be reconstructed, and if you went and resurfaced it, it would just fall apart. Vice Chairman Threadgill asked when Mr. Cawthorne needed the information. Mr. Gay stated that the information would be needed by the next meeting on December 14, 2022. Mr. Gay stated that they needed direction so they could put the roads together. Mr. Gay explained direction was needed on whether they want to combine like what has been done on Luthersville Road. Mr. Gay stated that right now Luthersville Road was estimated at 1 mile of work, but they did receive a telephone call today and a verbal confirmation that the commitment from GDOT for Coleman Creek Circle, will be reallocated to Luthersville Road and Mr. Gay stated this was good news. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated that we should do 2 miles, because if a little every year is going to be done, it will take several years to get Luthersville Road done. Mr. Gay stated we could do the two miles on Luthersville Road and have some dollars left over, because Forest Road is in really bad shape and needs to be reconstructed. Mr. Gay stated that what Mr. Cawthorne was trying to do was extend the life and safety of the road, by putting down an overlay, until we could go back and get more dollars to do the full depth reclamation. Mr. Cawthorne stated it is more to improve safety to keep someone from having an accident. Vice Chairman Threadgill asked if we approved the overlay. Mr. Gay stated we discussed it. Vice Chairman Threadgill stated we are looking at \$85,000 for the overlay, but \$2.1 million for the total. Mr. Cawthorne stated the overlay is in small sections. Mr. Gay stated that we have the \$1.2 million, but with adding the additional funds from GDOT it would go to \$1.7 million total. Mr. Cawthorne stated he had done some estimates on some of the roads. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated that she and Commissioner Elect Worsley had talked about some roads in the district to get him familiar and stated that some of the roads meet requirements as of need. Mr. Cawthorne stated that Stovall Road could be a candidate if each divided by one mile each. Vice Chairman Threadgill asked if Mr. Cawthorne had a list like he normally does. Mr. Cawthorne stated he has an evaluation sheet from the worst to the best and wants to know what direction the Commissioners would like to go. He asked if they would like to attack some of the bad roads first. Vice Chairman Threadgill stated he would like to go look in his district first, because he knows there are some roads that need it, before he commits to giving that part away to another district. Mr. Cawthorne stated that the Board could give him a phone call back and he could do estimates on those to see where everything stands. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated that even if you took the \$565,000 that could be divided among all five districts that still wouldn't be a quarter of what was needed for Forest Road. Commissioner Hines suggested that since Mr. Cawthorne puts so much effort and time in evaluating the roads, it is imperative to go back to that and do an update and the update should be provided as frequently as possible. Commissioner Hines stated that there needs to be a system in place because those roads that were evaluated prior could be worse and a system needs to be in place so a County can keep better track of what that looks like. Mr. Cawthorne stated that he reevaluated the roads that are selected or candidates to be selected. Commissioner Hines stated that what she is saying is that all those roads were rated 4-5 years ago were all rated and is suggesting that the roads are looked at more periodically due to volume and traffic on the roads. Commissioner Hines suggested that the worst roads be looked at and not so much by District because if it is

strictly looked at by District, it will be hard and there will be some roads that are just going to be. Commissioner Hines stated that the new Board coming in may look at it totally different but regardless of how it is looked at there needs to be good data. Vice Chairman Threadgill stated to Mr. Cawthorne that he believes he has good data and has done a great job. Commissioner Hines stated she wasn't saying he wasn't. Mr. Cawthorne stated that those in the 28-30 range will not get any better until you address the problem. Mr. Gay stated that the document Mr. Cawthorne has is a working document that is continuously updated. Mr. Cawthorne stated that those that were done in the past 5 or 6 years with the LMIG program are those that we continually look at and upgrade, but those that are in the 30-27 range will not get any better. Mr. Gay stated that if the Board was agreeable to look at the concept of continuing with the 1 mile of Luthersville Road and adding the additional 1 mile the State will help us with, and then maybe do the overlay on Forest, he, and Mr. Cawthorne could come back at the next meeting with two or three options. Mr. Gay stated one would be some roads that we pave or pull over and preserve and the other could be some combination roads and could also come back with the 5 miles of worst roads in the County. Mr. Gay stated that one of the problems with picking some of the worst roads is that you will not be able to get them all included. Mr. Gay stated you would probably only be able to get one mile instead of five miles. Commissioner Hines stated that in reference to Safety, there are a lot of roads that need to be restriped and asked if this is something that could come out of this money or is it a different pool. Mr. Gay stated that in the past there has been a Safety LMIG for striping. Commissioner Hines stated that there are some roads that have no striping at all. Commissioner McCoy asked if Mr. Cawthorne was taking into consideration the traffic on the roads. Mr. Cawthorne explained that he was and that was the main reason for the condition. Commissioner McCoy stated that an ambulance took off a mirror meeting a vehicle on Luthersville Road because the road isn't wide enough. Mr. Gay explained that the sections that haven't been addressed yet on Luthersville Road are very narrow. Mr. Cawthorne stated that they are widening the road from 19ft to 21 ft. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated that it is important to take care and will need to be done and it is encouraging to know that we can get 2 miles taken care of instead of just the 1 mile with the transfer of the money for assistance from GDOT. Mr. Gay stated that it is important for the Board to continue to press GDOT as we received a little over half of a million dollars this year and maybe we will receive that next year. Chairman Neely-Hadley asked what was needed. Mr. Cawthorne stated that the need to know what the Board is looking for. Are they looking to save some and let Luthersville get reconstructed and overlay on Forest. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated that her opinion is to do what was discussed on Luthersville Road and Forest Road and come back with a plan for the other 5 miles. Mr. Cawthorne stated that he had looked at Dallas Mill Road and it was estimated at \$380,000. Commissioner Plant asked about the Greenville end of King Road. Mr. Cawthorne stated that he looked at that and it was 2.6 miles and will cost a lot and he has an estimate on that as well. Commissioner Plant states the patching is not holding. Mr. Gay stated that if a commitment could be given for Luthersville Road and the safety overlay for Forest, then staff could come up with recommendations on the other 5 miles. A motion was made by Chairman Neely-Hadley to commit to Luthersville Road and the safety overlay on Forest Road, with the Board coming back with a decision on the other 5

miles in the December meeting. This was seconded by Commissioner McCoy. All were in favor.

MOU – GIS1, LLC. and Meriwether County, GA

3. Administrator Irizarry stated that there is a current contract with GIS1 who handles parcel data maintenance, road center line, CUVA and FLPA calculations for \$7,200 annually. Administrator Irizarry stated there's no cost for this MOU, but this gives GIS1 permission to sell our data and make money to keep the prices down. Vice Chairman Threadgill asked what data was sold. Administrator Irizarry stated GIS information. A motion was made to sign the MOU between GIS1, LLC and Meriwether County, GA by Vice Chairman Threadgill. This was seconded by Commissioner McCoy. All were in favor.

No-Thru Truck Designation and Signage for Goldmine Rd. and Roswell Lee Rd.

4. Administrator Irizarry stated there had been several complaints received regarding traffic cutting through from Hwy. 54 on Goldmine Road and Roswell Lee Road. Administrator Irizarry stated there are 18 wheelers that live in the neighborhood, and they don't have an issue with the neighbors, but there is a problem with the constant coming through in the middle of the night and the jake braking is tough on the streets. Administrator Irizarry stated that with industries being in the area, there are a lot of cut throughs and since the no-thru signs were put up on Forest Road, there has been an increase on this. Administrator Irizarry asked the Board to designate the area of Goldmine Road and Roswell Lee Road a no through truck designated area and allow signage to be placed. Administrator Irizarry stated that she spoke with Col. Hadley and was advised that it would be at the discretion of the Board, but she wasn't sure of any legal issues with the request. Attorney Hill stated that he would go back and take a look to see if there were any legal issues. Vice Chairman Threadgill made a motion upon the approval of the County Attorney to designate Goldmine Road and Roswell Lee Road as No-Thru Truck designation and place signage. This was seconded by Commissioner McCoy. All were in favor.

Discussion of Leroy Robinson Road

5. Commissioner Hines stated that when the county came up with the criteria of how you go from a dirt road to a paved road, Ms. Johnsie Reeves came to the County and got the forms, filled them out and submitted them and has not heard anything back. Commissioner Hines would like us to follow up. Commissioner Hines stated that Ms. Johnsie Reeves and her sisters attended each meeting for 5 years consecutively. Commissioner Hines stated that they have been advocating for their road to be paved for the last 20 years and since there now has been a policy and procedure implemented, they would like to hear back from the County and where they stand in reference to her road getting paved. Chairman Neely-Hadley asked if staff remembered seeing any of the information come back in. Mr. Gay stated that he remembers the application being picked up but not coming back in. Mr. Gay stated he knows there is a long stretch at the beginning of the road with no homes and we will be happy to take a look at that as far as the criteria goes. Commissioner Hines stated she knows this policy was adopted in 2019 or 2020 and that once this came out Ms. Reeves came and got a copy of it, and she is wanting to know where it is. Mr. Gay stated that he doesn't recall seeing the application but can get her another application and will be happy to hand deliver a copy to her.

XII. REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Irizarry wanted to share that GACE received a commendation from Secretary of State. Administrator Irizarry stated that GACE is the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement and passed around the a commendation that was issued on October 27, 2022, and our Code Enforcement Officer will begin classes soon and Mrs. Cassandra Sharpe is on the Board at GACE. Administrator Irizarry stated that for the November 5, 2022, edition of the ACCG Local Lens, Meriwether County was featured with Officials and DNR with the renovation and opening of the boat ramp. Administrator Irizarry showed the Board the picture that was featured. Administrator Irizarry gave an update on the Christmas Trees at the Courthouse and stated that three have not been decorated and we will make sure the power, and all is working, and it is a process. Administrator Irizarry stated that the punch list for Lake Meriwether should be finished up on Monday.

XIII. REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hines – wished everyone an enjoyable and safe Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Plant – wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to enjoy our many blessings.

Chairman Neely-Hadley – wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hoped it would be a nice weekend with their family and good food.

Vice Chairman Threadgill – wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner McCoy – wished everyone the best of the season and appreciated the comments about the Thanksgiving dinner. Administrator Irizarry announced the ribbon cutting for the Greenville Fire Station on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. and hoped to see everyone there. Commissioner McCoy stated that he had been filling in down at Lake Meriwether for Mr. Robert and this morning was cool until the sun broke through. Commissioner McCoy stated that hearing next having the punch list complete, we will do something for the opening of the new RV side. Commissioner McCoy stated that the Airport is coming along nicely, the concrete is poured, and they are waiting on a 28-day cure before they start with the steel.

Mayor Charlene Glover asked what time the Grand Opening would be for the Fire Station. Administrator Irizarry advised her it would be at 10:00 a.m. and gave her one of the invitations.

XIV. REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Hill had no report but understood there was a need for Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to go into Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. to discuss Personnel and Litigation by Vice Chairman Threadgill. This was seconded by Commissioner Plant. All were in favor. A motion was made by Commissioner McCoy and seconded by Vice Chairman Threadgill to go out of Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. All were in favor. A motion was made to go back into Regular Session at 7:22 p.m. by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy. All were in favor. There was not action taken in Executive Session

XVI. FUTURE MEETINGS & NOTICES

Future Meetings and Notices were announced by Chairman Neely-Hadley.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner McCoy to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. All were in favor.

Approved by: Majority vote of the Board of Commissioners

Attest: Allyson R. Stephens

Date: December 14, 2022