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Coweta County Board of Commissioners

Public Hearing/Regular Session

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 | **6:00 PM** | **Commission Chambers**

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COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bob Blackburn	District 3 - Chairman	Absent	
Tim Lassetter	District 2 - Vice Chairman	Present	
Paul Poole	District 1	Present	
John Reidelbach	District 4	Late	6:04 PM
Al Smith	District 5	Present	
Michael Fouts	County Administrator	Present	
Eddie Whitlock	Associate Administrator	Present	
Kelly Mickle	Assistant Administrator	Present	
Nathan Lee	Assistant County Attorney	Present	
Fran Collins	Deputy County Clerk	Present	

The Honorable Board of Commissioners of Coweta County, Georgia met in Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

Meeting Called to Order

Vice-Chairman Lassetter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairman Lassetter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Invocation was given by Commissioner Smith.

Notification of Location of Rules

Vice-Chairman Lassetter indicated the location of the rules governing the meeting.

REGULAR SESSION

Motion To: **Amend the Agenda**

The Board voted to amend the agenda to remove item # 4 *Recommend Denial of Petition # ZA 055-20 Filed by Magnolia Senior Living at Sharpsburg Requesting a Quality Development Corridor District Variance to Allow Visibility of Solar Panels on Property Located at 3700 SR 34 East, Sharpsburg* (Parcel # 133-6092-003) as requested by the applicant, and to remove item # 11 *Request Approval/Execution of PayPal User Agreements to Support ACCELA Software for the Community Development Department* as requested by staff.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Paul Poole, District 1
SECONDER:	Al Smith, District 5
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn, John Reidelbach

SPOTLIGHT

1. 8040 Presentation from the University of West Georgia

President Brendan Kelly from the University of West Georgia explained that this is his first opportunity to visit since being hired by the university in March 2020. He pointed out that Coweta County is a critical service area for both the main campus (Carrollton) and the Newnan campus, which currently has more than 1,000 students, multiple programs, and offered 97 courses this semester. Challenges faced from the COVID-19 pandemic include a two-week closure, online classes for spring and summer, and a conservative fall. Measures were taken to correct the isolation students faced during the fall including some face to face classrooms and socially distanced athletic events on campus this semester. His goal is for the university to be a fundamental part of what happens in western Georgia and to give students the ability to connect to the opportunities available. He explained that his strategic plan for the future is focused on three priorities which include relevance, competitiveness, and place making for students. In closing, he expressed appreciation to the Board and explained that he would like to come back in the future to continue establishing a connection and to leverage the resources the university has in the community.

Commissioner Lassetter expressed appreciation to President Kelly for the update, his leadership in the community, the University's role in Newnan and Carrollton, and the difference the University has made in his and his son's lives as alumni.

RESULT:	**ACCOMPLISHED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. **Minutes of Tuesday, February 09, 2021**

The Board voted to approve the minutes from Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session held on February 9, 2021.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Paul Poole, District 1
SECONDER:	Al Smith, District 5
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

Motion To: **Amend Minutes from the February 9, 2021 Meeting**

Commissioner Reidelbach requested that the minutes from the February 9, 2021 Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session be amended to reflect his intention to abstain from the vote regarding agenda item *# 14 Bid Award Associated with EMS Billing Services*.

The Board voted to amend the minutes from the February 9, 2021 Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session to reflect abstention by Commissioner Reidelbach from the vote regarding agenda item *# 14 Bid Award Associated with EMS Billing Services*.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Paul Poole, District 1
SECONDER:	Al Smith, District 5
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

SUPPLEMENTAL AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supplemental Agenda

There were no Supplemental or Non-Agenda items to be added for discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING (The Chairman will Call for Any Comments Regarding the Following Items After Each Item is Presented)

3. Motion To: **8001 : Public Hearing Regarding a Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of Cook Lane - 3rd District**

Public Works Director Tod Handley explained that prior to construction of the B.T. Brown Reservoir, Cook Lane extended from Tommy Lee Cook Road to Alexander Road. When the reservoir was constructed, part of Cook Lane was covered by the reservoir and the remaining portion that connected to Tommy Lee Cook Road was developed into a subdivision. One of the subdivision lots (P44 of the Pointe North Subdivision) contained the last portion of Cook Lane that became overgrown with trees over time and is no longer being used as a roadway. In August 2019, the owners of lot P44 contacted staff requesting that the roadway be restored to a passable condition. The owners are now requesting that this portion of the old roadway be abandoned.

Vice-Chairman Lassetter called for comments in support of the proposed abandonment. There were none.

Vice-Chairman Lassetter called for comments in opposition to the proposed abandonment. There were none.

The Board voted to close the Public Hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of a portion of Cook Lane.

RESULT:	**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Smith, District 5
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

8001 Public Hearing Regarding a Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of Cook Lane - 3rd District

The Board voted to abandon Cook Lane beginning at a point 575 feet south of North Lake Drive and extending to the property of the Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Smith, District 5
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT (Items on the Agenda)

Public Comments Regarding Items On the Agenda

Vice-Chairman Lassetter called for comments regarding any items on the agenda. There were none.

Recommendations from Community Development and/or the Board of Zoning Appeals

4. **7919 Recommend Denial of Petition # ZA 055-20 Filed by Magnolia Senior Living at Sharpsburg Requesting a Quality Development Corridor District Variance to Allow Visibility of Solar Panels on Property Located at 3700 SR 34 East, Sharpsburg - WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT**

Vice-Chairman Lassetter explained that the Board voted to amend the agenda earlier in the meeting to remove item # 4 *Recommend Denial of Petition # ZA 055-20 Filed by Magnolia Senior Living at Sharpsburg Requesting a Quality Development Corridor District Variance to Allow Visibility of Solar Panels on Property Located at 3700 SR 34 East, Sharpsburg* (Parcel # 133-6092-003) as formally requested by the applicant.

RESULT:	**REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

5. 8070 Request from Prologis to Place a Second Monument Entrance Sign for the Orchard Hills Business Park Located at 600 SR Hwy 16, Newnan

Assistant Community Development Director Angela White explained that staff received a request from Prologis to place a second monument entrance sign at the Orchard Hills Business Park under the *Coweta County Sign Ordinance Section 58-8 Master Sign Plans (h) Significant Development Exceptions.* While the signs meet the size requirement of the Ordinance, without an "Exception", there is no allotment for a second sign. The requirements for an exception are as follows:

1. Development Campus is located on a single tract, parcel or lot.
2. Tract size is a minimum of 100 acres.
3. Campus is comprised of at least three buildings, at least one of which buildings must be greater than four stories and a minimum of 60-feet in height.
4. The campus development requires 2000 or more parking spaces.

In closing, she explained that when the Business Park is completed, it will meet all requirements of the ordinance therefore applicant submitted the request for the second sign.

Ms. White fielded questions from the Board regarding direction the signs will face, angle of placement, whether the signs are double sided, and whether the signs will be placed in the right-of-way.

The Board voted to approve a request from Prologis to place a second monument entrance sign at the Orchard Hills Business Park located at 600 SR Hwy 16, Newnan

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tim Lassetter, District 2 - Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

6. 8029 Request Acceptance of Right-of-Way Located on Hutchinson Road at Estes Pines Subdivision - 1st District

The Board voted to accept conveyance of additional right-of-way located along the County maintained portion Hutchinson Road at Estes Pines Subdivision from Rowe Road to the intersection of Fox Hollow Drive (Parcel # 165-1272-001).

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Paul Poole, District 1
SECONDER:	Al Smith, District 5
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. 8047 Request Appointments to Various Boards/Authorities

No action was taken regarding appointments to various boards and authorities.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

NEW BUSINESS

Bids and Contracts

8. 8061 Request Approval/Execution of Supplemental Agreement # 1 to the Project Framework Agreement Associated with the Madras Connector, Phase 1 Project (RB 13.9) - 3rd District

The Board voted to electronically execute Supplemental Agreement # 1 to the Project Framework Agreement (PFA) with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) associated with the Madras Connector, Phase 1 to reflect the additional project funding from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and reduction of the GDOT oversight costs totaling a local share reduction of $87,530.25 (RB 13.9).

RESULT:	**EXECUTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Tim Lassetter, District 2 - Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

9. 8069 Request Approval/Execution of Amendment # 3 to the Contract with American Engineers Associated with the Madras Connector, Phase 1 Project (RB13.9) - 3rd District

Public Works Director Tod Handley explained that staff is in receipt of an amendment to the contract with American Engineers for additional geotechnical work that became necessary after the construction of a retaining wall to keep the roadway fill out of an environmentally sensitive area along with some additional requirements that were put into place by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) regarding stability of slopes and walls that the engineer was required to fulfill.

The Board voted to execute Amendment # 3 to the contract with American Engineers in the amount of $21,200 associated with additional geotechnical field work and performance of Global Stability Analyses on the Madras Connector, Phase 1 project (RB 13.9).

RESULT:	**EXECUTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Smith, District 5
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

10. 8057 Request Approval/Execution of Amendment # 1 to the Contract with Piedmont Paving Associated with the Shaw and Pete Road Roundabout Project (RB19.20) - 4th District

Public Works Director Handley explained that the School System is constructing a new school on Shaw Road at its intersection of Pete Road. Their engineering firm developed plans for the school and parking lot. The County hired a separate engineer to work on the plans for the roadway improvements. During the design phase, some changes were made by both engineering groups which were not communicated to each other and upon entering the construction phase, it was discovered that additional changes are needed.

In response to questions from the Board, Director Handley explained that he is not overseeing the engineering firm for the school, their engineer's area of expertise is in school site design and not transportation design, and the roundabout will be full sized.

The Board voted to execute Amendment # 1 to the contract with Piedmont Paving in the amount of $41,032.50 associated with the Shaw and Pete Road Roundabout project (RB19.20).

RESULT:	**EXECUTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John Reidelbach, District 4
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

11. 8071 Request Approval/Execution of PayPal User Agreements to Support ACCELA Software for the Community Development Department - WITHDRAWN BY STAFF

Vice-Chairman Lassetter explained that the Board voted to amend the agenda earlier in the meeting to remove item # 11 *Request Approval/Execution of PayPal User Agreements to Support ACCELA Software for the Community Development Department* as requested by staff.

RESULT:	**REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

12. 8062 Bid Award Associated with Enforcement of Ordinance Regulating Rank Plant Growth and Trash Accumulation for Property Located at 40 Brett's Bend, Sharpsburg - 1st District

The Board voted to retain TWR Lawn Service, Inc to perform cleanup of property located at 40 Brett’s Bend, Sharpsburg (Parcel # 135-1118-043) at a total cost of $400.00, and to place a lien on said property, should it become necessary, to recoup associated costs for said services.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Paul Poole, District 1
SECONDER:	Al Smith, District 5
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

Additional Action Items

13. 8049 Request Approval to Temporarily Close Joe Cox Road at the Railroad Crossing - 2nd District

The Board voted to temporarily close Joe Cox Road at the Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing from March 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. until March 5, 2021 at 6:00 a.m. for the purposes of replacing and widening the crossing.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Smith, District 5
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

14. 8073 Request Approval/Execution of a Resolution to Request Local Legislation to Establish the Coweta County Public Facilities Authority

Administrator Fouts explained that the Board and staff have determined that the creation of a Public Facilities Authority is in the best interests of the residents of the county. The purpose of the authority will be to assist in obtaining favorable financing for necessary facilities and equipment as authorized by law in providing services for the citizens of Coweta County. In order to proceed with the creation of this authority, the Board must execute a resolution requesting introduction of legislation by the local legislative delegation. The local delegation will then work with the legislative counsel's office to draft and review the local legislation prior to a bill being established for introduction and adoption by the General Assembly.

The Board voted to execute a resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation introduce legislation to establish the Coweta County Public Facilities Authority during the 2021 Legislative Session.

RESULT:	**EXECUTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Paul Poole, District 1
SECONDER:	John Reidelbach, District 4
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

15. 8059 Request Approval to Temporarily Close Crook Road on Various Dates for Filming by Stalwart Films - 1st District

Commissioner Smith requested that all necessary precautions and protocols regarding the Sheriff's Department and traffic directions to be followed by Stalwart Films.

The Board voted to execute a Film Location Agreement with Stalwart Films associated with the temporary closure of Crook Road, as needed, from February 8 - December 31, 2021 for the purposes of filming Season 11 of "The Walking Dead."

RESULT:	**EXECUTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Paul Poole, District 1
SECONDER:	Al Smith, District 5
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

16. 8058 Request Approval to Utilize Various County Roads During the "VeloCity" Bike Ride Event

Commissioner Lassetter asked that Event Services notify Grady Health Foundation that all participants are required to follow the rules of the road and that Grady Health Foundation is required to enforce them. He explained that in the past there have been numerous safety issues from participants riding side by side and he wants the event to remain safe and a positive for everyone.

Administrator Fouts explained that Event Services Director Tray Baggarly will communicate concerns expressed by the Board to Grady Health Foundation, and the Sheriff's Office will be responsible for enforcing road safety.

The Board voted to approve a request from the Grady Health Foundation to utilize various County roads to host the "VeloCity" Bike Ride on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Smith, District 5
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

17. 8078 Request from the Town of Turin for Assistance with Scraping and Filling Potholes on George Revell Street - 1st District

The Board voted to provide labor and equipment to assist the Town of Turin with scraping and filling potholes on George Revell Stret.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Paul Poole, District 1
SECONDER:	Al Smith, District 5
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

PUBLIC COMMENT (Items Not on the Agenda)

Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Vice-Chairman Lassetter called for comments regarding any items not on the agenda. There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion To: **Enter Into Executive Session**

The Board voted to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel, real estate, and litigation issues.

Members in attendance included Vice-Chairman Lassetter, Commissioner Poole, Commissioner Reidelbach, and Commissioner Smith. Chairman Blackburn was absent. Staff members in attendance included Administrator Fouts, Assistant Administrator Mickle, Assistant Attorney Lee, and Deputy County Clerk Collins.

Community and Human Resources Director Patricia Palmer was in attendance to discuss personnel issues. Public Works Director Tod Handley and Engineering Division Director Bob Palmer were also in attendance to discuss a real estate issue.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Smith, District 5
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

REGULAR SESSION

Motion To: **Return to Regular Session**

The Board discussed personnel, real estate, and litigation issues during Executive Session and voted to return to Regular Session.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Smith, District 5
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

AFFIDAVIT

Motion To: **Execute Affidavit and Resolution for Executive**

The Board voted to execute an Affidavit and Resolution for Executive Session.

RESULT:	**EXECUTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Smith, District 5
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn

ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: **Adjourn**

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Smith, District 5
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Tim Lassetter, Paul Poole, John Reidelbach, Al Smith
ABSENT:	Bob Blackburn