# Coweta County Board of Commissioners

## Public Hearing/Regular Session

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**Tuesday, February 8, 2022** | **6:00 PM** | **Commission Chambers**

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# COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## *Call to Order*

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Bob Blackburn | District 3 - Chairman | Present | |
| John Reidelbach | District 4 - Vice Chairman | Present | |
| Paul Poole | District 1 | Present | |
| Tim Lassetter | District 2 | Present | |
| Al Smith | District 5 | Absent | |
| Michael Fouts | County Administrator | Present | |
| Eddie Whitlock | Associate Administrator | Present | |
| Kelly Mickle | Assistant Administrator | Present | |
| Jerry Ann Conner | Assistant County Attorney | Present | |
| Shannon Zerangue | County Clerk | Present | |

The Honorable Board of Commissioners of Coweta County, Georgia met in Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session on Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

**Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Blackburn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Reidelbach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation**

Invocation was given by Commissioner Lassetter.

**Notification of Location of Rules**

Chairman Blackburn explained that the rules governing the meeting could be found on the County's website as well as on the table located in the lobby just outside the meeting room.

# REGULAR SESSION

Motion To: **Amend the Agenda**

The Board voted to amend the agenda to remove item # 4 *Public Hearing Regarding a New Distilled Spirits, Beer, and Wine Package Store License Filed by Mitkumar Patel and Paresh Patel in Operation of Total Liquor, Wine & Beer (Aashiana LLC) Located off Aces Circle, Newnan* because the applicants previously withdrew their request prior to the meeting.

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| **RESULT:** | **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | John Reidelbach, District 4 - Vice Chairman |
| **SECONDER:** | Tim Lassetter, District 2 |
| **AYES:** | Bob Blackburn, John Reidelbach, Paul Poole, Tim Lassetter |
| **ABSENT:** | Al Smith |

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of Thursday, January 20, 2022**

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session held on January 20, 2022.

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

2. **Minutes of Tuesday, January 25, 2022**

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the Called Meeting/Work Session held on January 25, 2022.

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

3. 12812 Confirm Execution of a Development Agreement Estoppel Associated with Lot A in the Bridgeport Development - 2nd District

The Board voted to confirm execution of a Development Agreement Estoppel as requested by Bridgeport Lot A, LLC associated with Lot A in the Bridgeport Development because the closing date for this transaction was extended.

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

## SUPPLEMENTAL AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Motion To: **Approve Supplemental and/or Non-Agenda Items**

The Board voted to approve the addition of one (1) Non-Agenda item for discussion as presented by staff.

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

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

4. 12768 Public Hearing Regarding a New Distilled Spirits, Beer, and Wine Package Store License Filed by Mitkumar Patel and Paresh Patel in Operation of Total Liquor, Wine & Beer (Aashiana LLC) Located off Aces Circle, Newnan - District 4 WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT

The Board previously voted to remove agenda item # 4 *Public Hearing Regarding a New Distilled Spirits, Beer, and Wine Package Store License Filed by Mitkumar Patel and Paresh Patel in Operation of Total Liquor, Wine & Beer (Aashiana LLC) Located off Aces Circle, Newnan* because the applicants withdrew their application prior to the meeting.

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| **RESULT:** | **REMOVED FROM AGENDA** |

## REGULAR SESSION

## PUBLIC COMMENT (Items on the Agenda)

**Public Comments Regarding Items On the Agenda**

Chairman Blackburn called for comments regarding any items on the agenda.

Mr. Norm Tapley, Jefferson Woods Drive, Peachtree City addressed the Board regarding Petition # CUP 21-010002 filed by Trinity School requesting a spectators' seating variance for property located at 8817 Hwy. 54, Sharpsburg (agenda item # 5). He explained that Trinity Christian School is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. The number of students has grown from 24 students in 1991 to 1,461 students. He expressed appreciation to the Board and the community for their support over the years. In closing, he explained that the school has a need to expand its visitors' seating area for athletic events and asked for the Board's consideration to grant the request.

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

5. **12797 Recommend Approval of Petition # CUP 21-010002 Filed by Trinity Christian School Requesting a Spectator's Seating Area Variance for Property Located at 8817 Hwy. 54, Sharpsburg**

Zoning Coordinator Lisa Eschman presented Petition # CUP 21-010002 filed by Trinity School requesting a spectator's seating variance for property located at 8817 Hwy. 54, Sharpsburg (Parcel # 146-6154-005) along with a recommendation of approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals. She explained that the subject property consists of 25.37± acres containing an established church and private school campus known as Trinity Fellowship Church/Trinity Christian School. On August 18, 2011, the Board voted to grant a Conditional Use Permit under Petition # ZA 017-11 to expand the campus for a multi-purpose athletic field with concessions, restrooms, and spectator seating areas. The current permit allows 2,400 square feet for the visitor's seating area. The applicant is proposing a two (2) phase approach to expand the seating area to increase the number of seats for visitors. Phase 1 will expand the current 2,400 square feet area to 4,200 square feet with Phase 2 expanding the area to a total of 6,000 square feet. In closing, she reviewed the factors considered by staff during the application process and presented two (2) conditions for consideration by the Board should they choose to grant the variance request.

The Board voted to grant a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to expand a spectators' seating area (from 2,400 square feet to 4,200 square feet in Phase 1 and from 4,200 square feet to 6,000 square feet in Phase 2) as requested in Petition # CUP 21-010002 filed by Trinity School for property located at 8817 Hwy. 54, Sharpsburg (Parcel # 146-6154-005), subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall meet all requirements of the Building, Fire, and Development Review departments.
2. The applicant shall agree to work with the County in good faith to address any concerns regarding noise, odor, glare, or similar objectionable features.

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

6. **12798 Recommend Approval of Petition # CUP 21-010003 Filed by Michael and Amy Meason Requesting a Conditional Use Permit for Lot 3 Located in the Magnolia Estates Development off SR 70, Newnan**

Zoning Coordinator Eschman presented Petition # CUP 21-010003 filed by Michael and Amy Meason requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Lot 3 located in the Magnolia Estates Development off SR 70, Newnan (Parcel # 061B-079) along with a recommendation of approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals. She explained that the subject property consists of 5.33± acres and the applicants wish to utilize an RV as a temporary residence during the construction of their home. In closing, she reviewed the factors considered by staff during the application process and presented six (6) conditions for consideration by the Board should they choose to grant the Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

The Board voted to grant a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for use of an RV as a temporary residence as requested in Petition # CUP 21-010003 filed by Michael and Amy Meason for Lot 3 located in the Magnolia Estates Development off SR 70, Newnan (Parcel # 061B-079), subject to the following conditions:

1. The use of the recreational vehicle (RV) as a temporary residence shall be permitted for a maximum period of twelve (12) months beginning February 22, 2022 and ending February 23, 2022, or thirty (30) days after a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) is granted, whichever is less; at which time the RV shall no longer be used as the residence.
2. No more than one (1) recreational vehicle shall be parked on the site.
3. The recreational vehicle shall be parked at least 10-feet away from the primary residential structure.
4. Ensure the recreational vehicle has a working smoke and carbon monoxide detector.

5. Ensure the recreational vehicle has a working multipurpose dry chemical fire extinguisher.
6. The applicant shall meet all applicable requirements of the Environmental Health department.

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| **RESULT:** | **GRANTED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Bob Blackburn, District 3 - Chairman |
| **SECONDER:** | Paul Poole, District 1 |
| **AYES:** | Bob Blackburn, John Reidelbach, Paul Poole, Tim Lassetter |
| **ABSENT:** | Al Smith |

7. 12770 Request to Set Public Hearing on February 22, 2022 Regarding a New Distilled Spirits, Beer, and Wine Package Store License Filed by Daniel Zavada in Operation of Arbor Beverage Centre, LLC Located on 154, Newnan - 3rd District

The Board voted to set a Public Hearing on February 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. regarding a new distilled spirits, beer, and wine package store license filed by Daniel Zavada in operation of Arbor Beverage Centre, LLC located on Hwy 154 (Parcel # 107-6022-003).

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| **RESULT:** | **PUBLIC HEARING SET [UNANIMOUS] Next: 2/22/2022 6:00 PM** |
| **MOVER:** | Paul Poole, District 1 |
| **SECONDER:** | Tim Lassetter, District 2 |
| **AYES:** | Bob Blackburn, John Reidelbach, Paul Poole, Tim Lassetter |
| **ABSENT:** | Al Smith |

8. **12826 Request to Set a Public Hearing on March 8, 2022 to Initiate Zoning of Property Located off Ishman Ballard Road, Newnan as Previously Requested in Petition # REZ 21-010003 Filed by Forestar**

In accordance with the Georgia Constitution and *Appendix A. Zoning and Development, Article 29* of the *Coweta County Code of Ordinances*, the Board voted to set a Public Hearing on March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to initiate rezoning of property located off Ishman Ballard Road, Newnan (Parcels # 048-5030-001B and # 049-5003-001).

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| **RESULT:** | **PUBLIC HEARING SET [UNANIMOUS] Next: 3/8/2022 6:00 PM** |
| **MOVER:** | Paul Poole, District 1 |
| **SECONDER:** | Tim Lassetter, District 2 |
| **AYES:** | Bob Blackburn, John Reidelbach, Paul Poole, Tim Lassetter |
| **ABSENT:** | Al Smith |

9. 12831 Request to Set Public Hearing Regarding on March 8, 2022 Regarding Proposed Amendments to the Coweta County Zoning and Development Ordinance Associated with Model Homes

The Board voted to set a Public Hearing on March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. regarding proposed amendments to *Appendix A. Zoning and Development, Article 24. Development Regulations, Section 244.5.1. Final Plat*, and *Section 246.2.3. Final Plat Approval* of the *Coweta County Code of Ordinances* associated with model homes.

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| **RESULT:** | **PUBLIC HEARING SET [UNANIMOUS]** | **Next: 3/8/2022 6:00 PM** |
| **MOVER:** | Paul Poole, District 1 | |
| **SECONDER:** | Tim Lassetter, District 2 | |
| **AYES:** | Bob Blackburn, John Reidelbach, Paul Poole, Tim Lassetter | |
| **ABSENT:** | Al Smith | |

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. 12811 Request Appointments to Various Boards/Authorities

The Board voted to take the following actions regarding appointments to various boards/authorities:

- Appoint Ms. Lisa Williams as an At-Large member to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Board for the term expiring June 30, 2024
- Reappoint Mr. Rob Brass as the 1st District representative to the Coweta County Development Authority for the term beginning April 11, 2022 and expiring April 10, 2027
- Appoint Commissioner Paul Poole to serve as Chairman and voting member of the Coweta County Transit Technical Coordinating Committee (TTCC) for the term beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2023 *see Ordinance # 058-21 adopted on December 14, 2021*
- Appoint County Planner Jenny Runions as a voting member of the Coweta County Transit Technical Coordinating Committee (TTCC) for the term beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2023 *see Ordinance # 058-21 adopted on December 14, 2021*
- Appoint Grants Manager Charlyn Shepherd as a voting member of the Coweta County Transit Technical Coordinating Committee (TTCC) for the term beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2023 *see Ordinance # 058-21 adopted on December 14, 2021*
- Appoint Communications Manager Cathy Wickey as a voting member of the Coweta County Transit Technical Coordinating Committee (TTCC) for the term beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2023 *see Ordinance # 058-21 adopted on December 14, 2021*
- Appoint Mr. Tommy Kennedy from the Three Rivers Regional Commission (TRCC) as a non-voting member of the Coweta County Transit Technical Coordinating Committee (TTCC) for the term beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2023 *see Ordinance # 058-21 adopted on December 14, 2021*
- Appoint Ms. Carrie Anderson from the Georgia Department of Transportation's Transit Division as a non-voting member of the Coweta County Transit Technical Coordinating Committee (TTCC) for the term beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2023 *see Ordinance # 058-21 adopted on December 14, 2021*
- Reappoint Mr. Billy Arnall as the 3rd District representative to the Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Authority of Coweta County for the term beginning June 19, 2022 and expiring June 18, 2028

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

## NEW BUSINESS

## Bids and Contracts

11. 12671 Request Approval/Execution of a Real Estate Purchase and Sales Agreement with the Coweta County School System - 4th District

Administrator explained that the Coweta County School System owns real estate property located at the corner of Pete and Shaw Roads (Parcel #131-6109-017) adjacent to Cannongate Elementary School. As part of the 2019 SPLOST program, the County desires to acquire the property to construct a community center and passive recreational park. The property has been appraised at a fair market value of $22,059 per acre, for a total value of $242,669.00 based on the 11.001± acres plat.

The Board voted to execute a Real Estate Purchase and Sales Agreement with the Coweta County School System in the amount of $242,669.00 associated with acquisition of property located at the corner of Pete and Shaw Roads [Parcel # 131-6109-017 (partial)].

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

12. 12827 Request Approval of a Construction Manager at Risk for the Jail Expansion Project

Principal Architect Kip Oldham with K. A. Oldham Designs and Facilities Director Mike Johnson addressed the Board regarding a recommendation for a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) for the Jail Expansion project. They explained that the committee/panel appointed by the Board [Finance Director Hans Wilson, Sheriff Lenn Wood, and Facilities Director Mike Johnson (October 5, 2021)] followed a methodical process to present a recommendation to the Board. Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) were issued to pre-qualify applicants/contractors for the CMR. The panel reviewed the RFQs and utilized a scoring method to narrow the field to three (3) firms that met the RFQ criteria. Those three (3) firms were invited to participate in a panel interview and to submit a fee proposal. After the panel completed the interview scoring, the fee proposals were opened, reviewed, and adjusted to reflect a 104-week completion time (overall proposal divided by proposed number of weeks multiplied by 104 weeks).

Commissioner Reidelbach asked why the highest bidder was recommended by the panel.

Mr. Oldham explained that the proposals received were for an overall budget instead of a solid bid. Those proposals were evaluated numerous ways. For example, two contractors provided fees for their services based upon a specific amount of time, and the third contractor provided fees based upon a longer completion time. Because there were various factors to evaluate, the panel extrapolated the fee proposals based upon an equal completion time for the project in order to make a recommendation to the Board.

The Board voted to retain New South Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contractor for the Jail Expansion project based on their project staff, jail construction experience, and proposed project summary.

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

13. 12710 Request Approval/Execution of an Agreement with Veristor Capital Associated with Purchase of a Pure Storage Solution

Assistant County Administrator Mickle explained that the IT Department is requesting approval to purchase a Pure Storage solution that will provide two (2) redundant flash storage arrays. The Pure Storage arrays are required to replace existing end of support storage systems and provide additional layers of security, disaster recovery, and backup. The existing storage systems provides Coweta County data storage for critical services and applications. The Pure Storage system will provide enhanced features for reducing downtime of the County's critical infrastructure including the two (2) storage arrays in geo-diverse locations operating as one (1) system to seamlessly move virtual servers between two (2) data centers, and long-distance disaster recovery. Veristor Systems, Inc is a Pure Storage partner that has assisted Coweta County is past projects and is familiar with the County's existing server infrastructure. They have provided a quote that includes the two (2) flash storage arrays, six (6) years of gold support, installation services, and a readiness assessment. The total sales price is $492,420 and staff is proposing to pay this over a five (5) year period at $101,911 with a 1.74% interest rate. The annual payment was included in the FY2022 budget.

The Board voted to execute an agreement with Veristor Capital, contingent upon legal review, associated with the purchase of a Pure Storage solution for a total cost of $492,420 with annual payments of $101,911 over a period of five (5) at a 1.74% interest rate.

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

14. 12834 Request Approval/Execution of a Contract with DebtBook to Provide a Lease/Debt Reporting Platform

Assistant Administrator Mickle explained that Finance is requesting to purchase software that will assist with tracking and accounting for different debt issuances as well as different leases based upon the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. It will also assist with preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). In closing, she explained that the total cost for the first year is $6,500, including $1,500 for setup, followed by an annual fee of $5,000.

The Board voted to execute a contract with DebtBook to provide a lease/debt reporting platform in order to comply with GASB 87, meet reporting requirements of current and future debt issues, and create notes to the financial statements in the future at a total cost of $6,500 for the first year and $5,000 annually.

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

15. 12835 Request Approval/Execution of a Contract to Assist the Georgia Department of Transportation with the Glover Road Project at SR 16 (RB22.2) - 2nd District

The Board voted to execute a contract with McLeRoy Construction in the amount of $25,200 (SPLOST) to perform items of work on the Georgia Department of Transportation's Quick Response project at the intersection of SR 16 with Glover Road (RB22.2).

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| **RESULT:** | **EXECUTED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Tim Lassetter, District 2 |
| **SECONDER:** | John Reidelbach, District 4 - Vice Chairman |
| **AYES:** | Bob Blackburn, John Reidelbach, Paul Poole, Tim Lassetter |
| **ABSENT:** | Al Smith |

16. 12838 Request Approval/Execution of Supplemental Agreement # 4 Associated with Additional Environmental and Engineering Services for the Madras Connector, Phase 1 (RB13.9) - 3rd District

Administrator Fouts explained that staff is requesting additional engineering costs totaling $111,000 associated with the Madras Connector, Phase 1 project because of unforeseen delays with the project.

The Board voted to execute Supplemental Agreement # 4 with American Engineers in the amount of $111,000 (SPLOST) for additional engineering services on the Madras Connector, Phase 1 project (RB13.9).

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

## Additional Action Items

17. 12730 Request Approval to Implement an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of SR 54 with Gordon Road - 1st and 2nd Districts

Administrator Fouts explained that Public Works Director Tod Handley has recently met with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) regarding various projects, including the intersection of Gordon Road at SR 54. As a safety improvement measure, GDOT has approved a 4-way stop at this approach and has requested that the County purchase flashing beacon assemblies to be installed by GDOT forces to accomplish this project.

The Board voted to purchase flashing beacon assemblies for the approaches of Gordon Road to the intersection with SR 54 at a total cost of $8,299.18 (SPLOST) to implement an all-way stop.

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

18. 12816 Request Approval to Rename Roadways - 3rd District

Administrator Fouts explained that as a result of the Herring Road/Madras Connector Phase 1 realignment project, two (2) portions will need to be renamed. In accordance with *Appendix A. Zoning and Development, Article 24, Section 244.3.2* of the *Coweta County Code of Ordinances* associated with naming of streets, staff submits the following changes for consideration:

- The portion of Herring Road from Hwy. 29 to the railroad shall be named "Madras Church Road."
- The portion of Herring Road east of the railroad to Palomino Drive shall be named "Equine Way."

He noted that these name changes will not become effective until construction of the Herring Road realignment project is nearing completion.

He also explained that in addition staff received a request from the sole resident on S Starrs Pond Road that the roadway be renamed to eliminate any potential confusion (i.e. public safety response) with Starrs Pond Road. Staff submits the following change for consideration:

- S Starrs Pond Road shall be named "Starrs Farm Road."

The Board voted to approve the following actions regarding renaming of roadways located in the 3rd District:

- The portion of Herring Road from Hwy. 29 to the railroad shall be named "Madras Church Road" - effective upon completion of construction of the Herring Road realignment project.
- The portion of Herring Road east of the railroad to Palomino Drive shall be named "Equine Way" - effective upon completion of construction of the Herring Road realignment project.
- S Starrs Pond Road shall be named "Starrs Farm Road" - effective immediately.

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| **RESULT:** | **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Bob Blackburn, District 3 - Chairman |
| **SECONDER:** | Paul Poole, District 1 |
| **AYES:** | Bob Blackburn, John Reidelbach, Paul Poole, Tim Lassetter |
| **ABSENT:** | Al Smith |

19. 12839 Request Approval/Execution of a Resolution Associated with a Salary Supplement for Superior Court Judges in the Coweta Judicial Circuit

Administrator Fouts explained that the Coweta Judicial Circuit is comprised of Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Meriwether, and Troup counties. Currently, the circuit includes seven (7) Superior Court Judges. Pursuant to state law (O.C.G.A. § 15-6-29 and

O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4), the annual salary for Superior Court Judges is established and paid by the state through the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia. Additionally, pursuant to state law [O.C.G.A. § 15-6-29(c)], counties comprising the circuit are empowered and authorized to provide a salary supplement for these judges. Based on an Act approved by the General Assembly in 2009, each county in the circuit currently provides a supplement to the Superior Court Judges in an amount equal to $30,000 per annum per judge. Coweta's portion is $7,599 per annum per judge. Staff is in receipt of a letter from Superior Court Judge Emory Palmer requesting an increase of the circuit provided annual supplement from $30,000 to $50,000 for the Superior Court Judges in the Coweta Judicial Circuit to become effective July 1, 2022 pending approval of local legislation. Based on the 2020 Superior Court Caseload Report developed by the Judicial Council of Georgia's Administrative Office of the Courts, caseload statistics indicate that Coweta is the second largest in the circuit (34%). Based on the request and the new caseload allocation, there is an additional expense to the County as requested because Coweta adopted a resolution for other elected officials' annual salaries that are tied to those of the Superior Court Judges. In summary, if approved, this request will cost the County approximately $180,000 annually ($45,000 for the current fiscal year - July through September).

The Board voted to execute a Resolution Associated with a Circuit-Wide Salary Supplement for Superior Courts Judges in the Coweta Judicial Circuit.

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

20. 12805 Request Approval to Submit a Grant Application Associated with a Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Unit

Sheriff Lenn Wood, Major Mark Fenninger, Lieutenant Jason Wood, and Sargent Ty Thompson from the Coweta County Sheriff's Office addressed the Board regarding an application for a Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Unit grant. They explained that the growth in Coweta has resulted in an increase in traffic fatalities, DUIs, etc. The grant funds will allow the CCSO to combat this problem and provide education to the community without a need to employ additional personnel. In closing, they also recognized Ms. Charlyn Shepherd (Grants Manager) and Ms. Kim Smith (Crime Analyst) for their hard work on preparing the grant application.

The Board voted to approve submission of a grant application to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) to fund a Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Unit.

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| **RESULT:** | **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Tim Lassetter, District 2 |
| **SECONDER:** | John Reidelbach, District 4 - Vice Chairman |
| **AYES:** | Bob Blackburn, John Reidelbach, Paul Poole, Tim Lassetter |
| **ABSENT:** | Al Smith |

## SUPPLEMENTAL/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

21. 12850 Request Approval/Execution of a Temporary Easement Agreement with Frazier Properties, Inc. - 3rd District

Administrator Fouts explained that the County is in the process of constructing an intersection improvement project at SR 16 and Old Hwy. 85, Senoia. As a condition of zoning for Petition # 023-19 filed by Frazier Properties, Inc and approved by the Board on March 3, 2020, the property owner must dedicate the right-of-way required to accomplish this project to Coweta County and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). During the construction, in order to allow the public to travel the right-of-way that will be permanently conveyed, staff and counsel have drafted a Temporary Right-of-Way Easement Agreement with Frazier Properties, Inc. This Agreement will terminate at midnight on March 8, 2022, or upon execution of the deed dedicating the associated right-of-way, whichever occurs first. In closing, he explained that following execution of the deed to convey the required right-of-way, the County will take the measures required by law to abandon the old right-of-way and convey it to Frazier Properties, Inc.

The Board voted to execute a Temporary Easement Agreement with Frazier Properties, Inc associated with the intersection improvement project at SR 16 and Old Hwy. 85, Senoia.

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT (Items Not on the Agenda)

**Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda**

Chairman Blackburn called for comments regarding any items not on the agenda.

Mr. Derrick Lewis explained that he is the Associate Director of the Wholistic Stress Control Institute. The Institute's main office is in Atlanta, but there is a satellite office in Newnan. He further explained that the Institute received a five (5) year federal grant in 2020 to help combat the opioid crisis. When the grant was written in 2019, Coweta County was ranked 6th in the state in opioid overdoses. The funds were awarded to provide substance abuse prevention for youth in Coweta County ages 9 - 20. During the five-year period, the scope of the grant included education for 1,000 youth in Coweta. In a period of two and one-half years, the Institute has reached approximately 1,000 youth by working with the Coweta County School System in middle and high schools. Currently, there are five (5) classes that include wellness, opioids, marijuana, alcohol, and vaping/prescription drugs. In addition to the classroom education provided to students, they also have a peer education program to train students to discuss the dangers of substance abuse with their peers. He further explained that he wanted to introduce himself to the Board and inform them about the work the Institute is doing in the community.

In response to a question from Commissioner Reidelbach, Mr. Lewis explained that the program is not a treatment program, rather a prevention program focused on early education about the dangers of substance abuse.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION - In accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-4

Motion To: **Enter Into Executive Session**

The Board voted to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a real estate issue.

Members in attendance included Chairman Blackburn, Commissioner Poole, Commissioner Lassetter, and Commissioner Reidelbach. Commissioner Smith was absent. Staff members in attendance included Administrator Fouts, Assistant Administrator Mickle, Assistant Attorney Conner, Public Works Director Handley, and County Clerk Zerangue.

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

## REGULAR SESSION

Motion To: **Return to Regular Session**

The Board discussed a real estate issue during Executive Session and voted to return to Regular Session.

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| **RESULT:** | **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Tim Lassetter, District 2 |
| **SECONDER:** | John Reidelbach, District 4 - Vice Chairman |
| **AYES:** | Bob Blackburn, John Reidelbach, Paul Poole, Tim Lassetter |
| **ABSENT:** | Al Smith |

## AFFIDAVIT

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

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

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

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: **Adjourn**

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

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