



Coweta County Board of Commissioners

Public Hearing/Regular Session

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Thursday, January 21, 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	Present	
Tim Lassetter	District 2 - Vice Chairman	Present	
Paul Poole	District 1	Present	
John Reidelbach	District 4	Present	
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 Thursday, January 21, 2021.

Meeting Called to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Blackburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Invocation was given by Commissioner Smith.

Notification of Location of Rules

Chairman Blackburn indicated the location of the rules governing the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Thursday, January 07, 2021

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting Session held on January 7, 2021.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

The Board voted to approve the addition of three (3) Non-Agenda items for discussion as presented by staff.

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

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

2. Motion To: **Public Hearing Regarding a Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of Right-of-Way on West Bledsoe Road - 3rd District**

Administrator Fouts explained that staff has received a request from an adjoining property owner for the abandonment of a portion of unused right-of-way beyond the existing end of West Bledsoe Road (0.831± acres). The area of right-of-way that would be considered for abandonment was set aside for a project that would have extended Bledsoe Road to connect with Werz Industrial Drive, however that project was abandoned. The adjoining property owner that has requested the abandonment of this area of right-of-way has agreed to dedicate a separate area of right-of-way near the end of the existing road and to construct a cul-de-sac at that location in conjunction with the planned development of their property.

Chairman Blackburn called for comments in support of or in opposition to the proposed abandonment. There were none.

The Board voted to close the Public Hearing regarding a proposed abandonment of a portion of right-of-way located on West Bledsoe Road, Newnan (0.831± acres).

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

- 7939 Public Hearing Regarding a Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of Right-of-Way on West Bledsoe Road - 3rd District

The Board voted to abandon a portion of unused right-of-way located beyond the existing end of West Bledsoe Road, Newnan (0.831± acres).

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

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. There were none.

Motion To: **Amend the Agenda to Move Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda**

The Board voted to amend the agenda to move "Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda" forward.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Smith, District 5
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Poole, Lassetter, Blackburn, Reidelbach, 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.

**** Note:** The speakers below are not listed in the order of appearance.

Ms. Deloris Wood, Pine Grove Circle, Newnan addressed the Board explaining that she has seen on television that boxes of food are being provided by the government for those in need during the pandemic and asked Coweta County to participate. She also addressed the Board regarding her concerns about continued closure of the senior centers and the need for updated signage and directional signage for the Clay/Wood Center.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding a request for Coweta County to apply for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to provide seed money to establish an Eviction Diversion Program to assist individuals and landlords who are struggling with unemployment/rent/mortgages/housing/property insurance as a result of the nationwide COVID-19 pandemic:

- * Ms. Pamela Gabel (American Red Cross Volunteer)
- * Alfrieda Thomas (Newnan Housing Authority)
- * Ms. Terisa Buchanan, White Oak Drive, Newnan
- * Ms. Yvette Thomas (Community Action for Improvement)

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

3. 7995 Request Acceptance of a Deed of Use Restriction Associated with a Guest House Located at 1892 Old Corinth Road, Newnan - 2nd District

Administrator Fouts explained that Timothy Blankenship Jr. and Jada Blankenship wish to construct a guesthouse on property located at 1892 Old Corinth Road, Newnan (Parcel # 052-2082-009 - amended). The applicants have submitted a Deed of Use Restriction as required in the Coweta County Code of Ordinances for guesthouses.

The Board voted to accept a Deed of Use Restriction from Timothy Blankenship Jr. and Jada Blankenship associated with a guest house located at 1892 Old Corinth Road, Newnan (Parcel # 052-2082-009 - amended).

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Lassetter, District 2 - Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1
AYES:	Poole, Lassetter, Blackburn, Reidelbach, Smith

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. 7989 Appointment by Chairman for 2021

RESULT:	ACCOMPLISHED
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Motion To: **Appointment by Chairman for 2021**

The Board voted to confirm the appointment of Mr. Jay Boren to serve as alternate for Chairman Blackburn as a member of the North Georgia Water Planning District Board.

RESULT: **CONFIRMED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Al Smith, District 5
SECONDER: Tim Lassetter, District 2 - Vice Chairman
AYES: Poole, Lassetter, Blackburn, Reidelbach, Smith

5. 7987 Request Appointments to Various Boards/Authorities

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

RESULT: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

NEW BUSINESS

Bids and Contracts

6. 7992 Request Approval/Execution of Contract Amendment # 1 Associated with the Fleet Maintenance Project (PW20.1)

The Board voted to execute Amendment # 1 to an existing contract with Riley Contracting in a credit amount of \$2,000 associated with the Fleet Maintenance project (PW20.1).

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

7. 7997 Request Approval/Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement Associated with COVID-19 Testing

The Board voted to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with District 4 Public Health and Mako Medical Laboratories, LLC associated with COVID-19 Specimen Point of Collection (SPOC) testing at the Coweta County Fairgrounds.

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

8. 7999 Request Approval/Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Associated with an Outdoor Pavilion at the Senoia Library - 1st District

The Board voted to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Senoia associated with construction of an outdoor pavilion at the Senoia Library.

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

Additional Action Items

9. 7998 Request Approval/Execution of a Resolution and Amendment to the Salary Deferral Plan

Administrator Fouts explained that the Salary Deferral Plan for Employees of Coweta County, Georgia (the "Plan"), an eligible deferred compensation plan within the meaning of Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, was most recently amended and restated as of July 1, 2020. Staff requests that the Board execute a resolution and amendment to the Plan retroactively to July 1, 2020, to delete the requirement that Deferral Contributions be suspended for six (6) months following a Participant's receipt of an in-service distribution because of an unforeseeable emergency. The Plan did not impose a suspension requirement before it was restated as of July 1, 2020, and the County has not imposed any suspensions because of unforeseeable emergency distributions made before, on or after such date. Section 11.1 of the Plan provides that the Employer may amend the Plan at any time.

The Board voted to execute a resolution and amendment to the Salary Deferral Plan that removes the deferral suspension requirement in Section 5.05(f) of the Plan retroactive to July 1, 2020 and to authorize the County Administrator to take any steps necessary to implement this action.

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

10. 7993 Request Approval/Execution of a Revised Radar List for Coweta County

The Board voted to execute a revised list of roadways (# 0121-077) received from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for use/enforcement of radar by law enforcement personnel.

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

11. 7980 Request Approval to Surplus Old IT Equipment

The Board voted to surplus old IT equipment which will be recycled via eCycle or destroyed via shredding (hard drives). ***List scanned into final minutes***

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

SUPPLEMENTAL/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

12. 8000 Request to Set the First Public Hearing on February 9, 2021 Regarding Comprehensive Plan Updates

The Board voted to set the first Public Hearing on February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Comprehensive Plan Updates.

Administrator Fouts explained that the first Public Information Open House (PIOH) originally scheduled regarding the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) has been changed from January 26, 2021 to February 11, 2021, and staff will provide notification to the public regarding this change.

RESULT:	PUBLIC HEARING SET [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/9/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Al Smith, District 5	
SECONDER:	Tim Lassetter, District 2 - Vice Chairman	
AYES:	Poole, Lassetter, Blackburn, Reidelbach, Smith	

13. 8001 Request to Set a Public Hearing on February 23, 2021 Regarding the Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of Cook Lane - 3rd District

Administrator Fouts explained that in 2019, staff received a request to abandon a portion of Cook Lane; however, at the May 7, 2019 Public Hearing, the property owner decided to withdraw his request. The property owner and a potential buyer have now decided that they would like the Board to consider abandonment of a portion of Cook Road beginning at a point 575 feet south of North Lake Drive and extending to the property line of the Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority.

The Board voted to set a Public Hearing on February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the proposed abandonment of a portion of Cook Lane beginning at a point 575 feet south of North Lake Drive and extending to the property line of the Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority.

RESULT:	PUBLIC HEARING SET [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/23/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Al Smith, District 5	
SECONDER:	Paul Poole, District 1	
AYES:	Poole, Lassetter, Blackburn, Reidelbach, Smith	

14. 7986 Request Approval/Execution of an Agreement with Lexipol Associated with Grant Services

Administrator Fouts explained that the Coweta County Fire/Rescue Department is requesting to retain Lexipol to provide grant writing services. In addition, CCFRD is asking for approval to apply for a grant associated with firefighter equipment valued at approximately \$323,000. This grant requires a 10% match, which has been included in the FY 2021 budget.

In response to a question from Commissioner Reidelbach, Administrator Fouts explained that the terms of agreement allow for termination of services with a sixty (60) day notification to Lexipol.

In response to a question from Commissioner Smith, Administrator Fouts explained that staff could research the possibility of retaining Lexipol in the future if Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding should become available to communities with a population less than 200,000 (the current threshold) to implement an Eviction Diversion program. He further explained that staff is hopeful that the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will provide further guidance soon regarding the associated process related to this CARES Act funding.

The Board voted to execute an annual agreement with Lexipol to provide subscription and grant consulting services at a cost of \$3,000 yearly and to approve submission of a grant application by Lexipol (for a total cost of \$2,500) associated with the purchase of various firefighter equipment.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion To: Enter Into Executive Session

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

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

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: John Reidelbach, District 4
SECONDER: Paul Poole, District 1
AYES: Poole, Lassetter, Blackburn, Reidelbach, Smith

REGULAR SESSION

Motion To: Return to Regular Session

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

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Al Smith, District 5
SECONDER: Tim Lassetter, District 2 - Vice Chairman
AYES: Poole, Lassetter, Blackburn, Reidelbach, Smith

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: Tim Lassetter, District 2 - Vice Chairman
AYES: Poole, Lassetter, Blackburn, Reidelbach, Smith

Motion To: Approve a Personnel Action Discussed in Executive Session

The Board voted to approve a personnel action as discussed in Executive Session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Lassetter, District 2 - Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Al Smith, District 5
AYES:	Poole, Lassetter, Blackburn, Reidelbach, Smith

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:	Poole, Lassetter, Blackburn, Reidelbach, Smith