



Coweta County Board of Commissioners

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Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session

Minutes

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February 11, 2025

6:00 PM

**Commission Chambers
37 Perry Street
Newnan, GA 30263**

Coweta County Board of Commissioners

Roll Call/Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Bill McKenzie	District 2 - Chairman	Present
John Reidelbach	District 4 - Vice Chairman	Present
Jeff Fisher	District 1	Present
Bob Blackburn	District 3	Present
Alphonso Smith	District 5	Present
Michael Fouts	County Administrator	Present
Kelly Mickle	Assistant County Administrator	Present
Sandy Wisenbaker	Assistant County Administrator	Present
Tod Handley	Public Works Administrator	Present
Nathan Lee	County Attorney	Present
Fran Collins	Deputy County Clerk	Present

The Honorable Board of Commissioners of Coweta County, Georgia met in Regular Meeting Session on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Meeting Called to Order

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

Chairman McKenzie explained that the 2025 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) included a new Animal Adoption Center which is underway and that a copy of the floor plan is located in the lobby outside the meeting room. He invited all citizens to take part in a short survey regarding the Adoption Center plans by either scanning the QR code on the floor plan or by visiting the Coweta County website.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman McKenzie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Invocation was given by Commissioner Smith.

Notification of Location of Rules

Chairman McKenzie 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 outside the meeting room.

Regular Session

Awards and Presentations

1. Recognition of a School Resource Officer

Coweta County Sheriff Lenn Wood explained that the Sheriff's Office is proud of their employees and it shows everyday in what they do. Sheriff Wood, Sergeant Toby Nix, Lieutenant Eddie Kirk, and Captain Rodney Ison were present in support of and to honor Corporal Chad Cowart.

Community Relations Sergeant Toby Nix explained that for the past several years the Coweta County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) has participated in National Night Out. He further explained that this is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, and involves strategic planning, fundraising, scheduling, and communications in order to successfully host this event. Two years ago, Corporal Cowart took over this task and diligently worked to make this a great success for Coweta County and the CCSO has enjoyed great community turnout and received very positive feedback from the citizens each year. After the events, Corporal Cowart generates a detailed report for National Night Out to participate in the rewards program. In 2023, Coweta County Sheriff's Office received recognition for Outstanding Performance Award in Category 2 (population 100,000-300,000). CCSO was one of only two agencies to receive this award. In 2024, Coweta County Sheriff's Office was the only agency in the State of Georgia to win this award, and was one of only 17 nationwide. In closing, he explained that the Coweta County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) would like to recognize Corporal Cowart for his hard work and dedication to making National Night Out such a success in Coweta.

Corporal Cowart expressed that it is his honor to work for the CCSO and that the department has outstanding leadership. To be able to host this event for the children and citizens of the community makes all the hard work worth it. Planning for the 2025 event is already underway and will be held the first Tuesday in October. In closing, he expressed his appreciation to everyone that helps to make this event so successful in Coweta County.

The Board recognized Corporal Cowart with the Coweta County Sheriff's Office for his hard work, dedication, service to the community, and his achievements in the National Night Out program.

Chairman McKenzie expressed appreciation to Sheriff Wood for the leadership he provides to the CCSO, for the cooperation between Administration and the Board of Commissioners, and to the citizens of Coweta County.

Approval of Minutes

2. Request Approval of the Minutes from the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session Held on January 23, 2025

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session held on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Bob Blackburn

SECONDER: John Reidelbach

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

Consent Agenda

Chairman McKenzie explained that staff received a written formal request from the applicant to withdraw agenda item # 5 *Recommend Denial of Petition # CONDUSE 24-04 filed by Trinity Fellowship Assembly of God, Inc. Requesting a Conditional Use Permit for Property Located Along Fischer Road Near Its Intersection with Minix Road, Sharpsburg*, prior to the meeting.

Motion to: Approve Withdrawal and Amend Agenda

The Board voted to approve a request to withdraw *Petition # CONDUSE 24-04 filed by Trinity Fellowship Assembly of God, Inc. Requesting a Conditional Use Permit for Property Located Along Fischer Road Near Its Intersection with Minix Road, Sharpsburg* (agenda item # 5) as requested by the applicant and to amend the agenda to remove this item from the agenda.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Jeff Fisher

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

3. Confirm an Appointment by the Chairman for 2025

Motion to: Confirm

The Board voted to confirm reappointment of Ms. Leigh Ann Green to serve as the Non-Public Representative to the Three Rivers Regional Commission (TRRC) for the term beginning January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2025.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Bill McKenzie

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

Supplemental and Non-Agenda Items

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to approve the addition of one Non-Agenda item for discussion.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Jeff Fisher

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

Public Hearing (The Chairman will call for any comments regarding the following items after each item is presented)

Chairman McKenzie explained that the Board is charged with making decisions regarding zonings, rezonings, variance requests, ordinances, etc. Often times these decisions are made with little input received from the community until after a decision has been made. He encouraged citizens to get involved with the upcoming update to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan through surveys, town hall meetings, and other means. Additionally, he urged everyone to use the County website to stay informed about the Plan.

4. First Public Hearing Regarding the Coweta County Comprehensive Plan Updates

Development and Planning Manager Teresa Crow explained that tonight's Public Hearing is the official kickoff for the 2026-2046 Coweta County Comprehensive Plan update. She further explained that she has been part of the County's planning team for nineteen (19) years and she and her colleagues are excited to begin a series of conversations with the Board and the public regarding the existing Comprehensive Plan and ways it can be updated to best reflect the community's vision for the next twenty (20) years.

Development and Planning Manager Crow briefly reviewed the scope and purpose of the Comprehensive Plan, its importance, the update process, how to participate, where to find the existing Plan and other data and resources already gathered by staff, and the opportunity for initial public comments tonight. She explained that the Plan is reviewed pursuant to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Minimum Planning Standards and highlighted the following required six (6) components:

- Vision and Goals
- Needs and Opportunities
- Community Work Program (5-year)
- Future Land Use Element
- Transportation Element
- Broadband Element

She noted that in addition to the minimum standards, the existing Coweta County Comprehensive Plan also contains a Growth Strategy map prepared during the last Comprehensive Plan update and reflective of previous planning work intended to preserve rural character and guide growth toward areas with existing infrastructure and contributing to government efficiency. The benefits of the process include opening lines of communication, allowing citizens to play a pivotal role in guiding the future of the community, encouraging efficient use of tax dollars, increasing government transparency, and making government decisions more predictable for all involved including those seeking to invest in the community as well as for the citizens. The deadline to complete the planning process and adopt the updated Comprehensive Plan (2026-2046) is October 31, 2026. Meeting the deadline is critical for Coweta County to maintain its Qualified Local Government status which is a consideration in various funding opportunities. She encouraged every interested person to participate and explained that in order for the County's small in-house team to reach a larger audience, they will seek the help of community ambassadors. Community ambassadors can include any civic group, homeowner's association (HOA), non-profit organization, special interest group, partner organization (i.e. school system, Piedmont Newnan Hospital, local municipalities, adjacent counties, etc). The minimum planning standards also require a steering committee to guide the process, which the Board established during the January 23, 2025 Commission meeting. She highlighted ways for the public to get involved, including the County's website (www.cowetaplans.com) which will be updated during the process and contains a wealth of information already gathered by staff, features information regarding upcoming public input sessions, and serves as the launching point for online surveys. The initial online survey and mapping exercise is expected to be launched on February 12, 2025. Community ambassadors will help broaden the audience, and interviews will be conducted with partner organizations whose long-term plans may affect the County's or vice versa. During the interviews, the team hopes to understand ways to work together for

shared community goals. The Steering Committee is a working group composed of elected officials, citizen appointments from each Commission district, an economic development professional, and County officials from departments responsible for key infrastructure. This group will be critical for review of citizen input and guiding staff in preparation of the updated Plan. When the draft update is produced, it will be shared with the public for another phase of community input to ensure it reflects the community's vision as accurately as possible. She briefly reviewed the timeline and explained that public engagement begins with this Public Hearing, ambassador outreach and stakeholder interviews will also begin, and the steering committee meetings will be ongoing throughout the process. The initial community survey will be active tomorrow morning and run through early May 2025. Also, during the April to May timeframe, there will be a public input session in each of the five (5) Commission districts. During the summer, staff will begin updating the Plan elements and continue to meet with the steering committee as needed. The draft elements will be available during the fall for review by the public, and staff will be reaching back out to community ambassadors to provide their feedback. By April 2026, staff will have the document submitted for regional review. Once approved, a Public Hearing will be scheduled prior to October 31, 2026 for this Board to adopt the Plan. In closing, she explained that five (5) public input sessions have been scheduled and invited the public to participate.

In response to questions from Commissioner Smith, Ms. Crow explained that the public input sessions are not scheduled in order of Commission district, and the first session is scheduled on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. (District 1).

Administrator Fouts explained that the first public input session will be held on April 17th for District 1, April 21st for District 4, April 22nd for District 5, April 28th for District 3, and May 1st for District 2, but anyone can attend any or all sessions.

In response to a question from Commissioner Blackburn, Administrator Fouts explained that the County is following the minimum planning standards set forth by statute, and the document is formally referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, although some people call it the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

In response to a question from Commissioner Blackburn, Ms. Crow explained that the Comprehensive Plan only serves as a guide because it is difficult to accurately predict twenty (20) years into the future, but staff hopes to do its best with all of the input received.

In response to a question from Chairman McKenzie, Ms. Crow confirmed that the Comprehensive Plan has to be updated every five (5) years to meet the State's minimum standards.

Chairman McKenzie explained that he is the Chairman of the Steering Committee and he

looks forward to learning about the Comprehensive Plan and what the Community Development department does. He invited anyone who wishes to read the existing Comprehensive Plan (over 800 pages) to do so and explained that one of the intentions of this update is to reduce the number of pages in the document.

Chairman McKenzie called for any comments in support of or in opposition to the 2026-2046 Coweta County Comprehensive Plan update. There were none.

Motion to: Close the Public Hearing

The Board voted to close the first Public Hearing regarding the 2026-2046 update to the Coweta County Comprehensive Plan.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Jeff Fisher

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

Regular Session

Public Comments Regarding Items On the Agenda - This is also time for anyone that wishes to address the Board regarding cases heard at the Public Hearing conducted by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Chairman McKenzie called for comments regarding any items on the agenda and explained that since agenda item # 5 *Recommend Denial of Petition # CONDUSE 24-04 filed by Trinity Fellowship Assembly of God, Inc. Requesting a Conditional Use Permit for Property Located Along Fischer Road Near Its Intersection with Minix Road, Sharpsburg* was previously removed from the agenda, no comments regarding that item will be heard.

There were no comments regarding any other items on the agenda.

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

5. **Recommend Denial of Petition # CONDUSE 24-04 Filed by Trinity Fellowship Assembly of God, Inc. Requesting a Conditional Use Permit for Property Located Along Fischer Road Near Its Intersection with Minix Road - District 4**

Agenda item # 5 *Recommend Denial of Petition # CONDUSE 24-04 Filed by Trinity*

Fellowship Assembly of God, Inc. Requesting a Conditional Use Permit for Property Located Along Fischer Road Near Its Intersection with Minix Road, Sharpsburg was previously removed from the agenda following receipt of a formal written withdrawal request from the applicant.

6. Request Acceptance of Roadways and Execution of a Deed of Open Space Restriction for Property Located in Twelve Parks Subdivision, Phase D - District 1

Administrator Fouts explained that Twelve Parks PH D Development, LLC submitted a Deed of Open Space Restriction that reflects 27.992± acres total, being shown on the final plat of Twelve Parks Subdivision, Phase D. In addition, the grading, storm drainage, curb and gutter, and street base within Phase D have been completed for Wolfden Loop (3,187 LF), Alum Trail (904 LF), Unicoi Trail (301 LF), Keown Loop (1,925 LF), and Rabun Trail (727 LF). The developer has posted a maintenance bond in the amount of \$114,551 to cover any defects in materials or workmanship that may occur within three (3) years of acceptance and performance bonds for incomplete items, including \$6,062.00 for sidewalk installation and \$333,200 for asphalt topping. The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the legal documents.

In response to a question from Commissioner Reidelbach, Public Works Administrator Handley explained that the right-of-way in this subdivision is thirty-six (36) feet and the sidewalks will be placed outside of the right-of-way.

Motion to: Accept and Execute

The Board voted to accept Wolfden Loop (3,187 LF), Alum Trail (904 LF), Unicoi Trail (301 LF), Keown Loop (1,925 LF), Rabun Trail (727 LF), associated drainage structures and right-of-way into the Coweta County Public Roads System, to place the constructed improvements into a three (3) year maintenance period, and to execute a Deed of Open Space Restriction associated with the Twelve Parks Subdivision, Phase D.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Jeff Fisher

SECONDER: John Reidelbach

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

7. Request Approval/Execution of a Deed of Open Space Restriction and Easement Over Private Right-of-Way for Property Located in Cresswind at Spring Haven Subdivision, Phase 2A - District 2

Administrator Fouts explained that Cresswind Spring Haven Community Association, Inc. has submitted a Deed of Open Space Restriction for acceptance by the Board. The deed reflects 3.371± acres total as listed on the final plat for Cresswind at Spring Haven Subdivision, Phase 2A. In addition, KH Cresswind Spring Haven, LLC and KH Oak Hill, LLC

have submitted an easement over private right-of-way for execution by the Board that reflects 0.904± acres. He also explained that the grading, storm drainage, curb, gutter, and street base have been completed for private streets Matterhorn Court and Catalina Court, in accordance with Coweta County regulations. A maintenance bond in the amount of \$22,844, a landscape bond in the amount of \$24,762.50, and a performance bond for asphalt topping in the amount of \$46,190.07 have also been submitted for consideration by the Board. In closing, he explained that staff and the County Attorney have reviewed the legal documents and find them to be in order.

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute a Deed of Open Space Restriction and an Easement over Private Right-of-Way associated with 3.371± acres located in the Cresswind at Spring Haven Subdivision, Phase 2A.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Bill McKenzie

SECONDER: Alphonso Smith

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

Unfinished Business

8. Request Appointments to Various Boards/Authorities

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to reappoint Mr. Mark Woods to serve as the District 4 representative to the Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority for the term beginning April 11, 2025 and expiring April 10, 2028.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

New Business

Bids and Contracts

9. **Request Approval/Execution of a Master Service Agreement with For the Record for Coweta County Probate Court**

Assistant Administrator Wisenbaker explained that the Coweta County Probate Court requires software to record court proceedings for official records. The Probate Court does not generally utilize court reporters for many of the court's proceedings, so this recording software is necessary to ensure that a reliable and accurate recording of the proceedings is preserved. The For The Record software is already utilized by several other Coweta County Courts, and is the recommended software vendor for standardization purposes. The included quote is a three-year contract that will provide the County with software upgrades and support during its duration. The estimated cost is \$2,150, which will be paid out of the Probate Court's Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute a Master Services Agreement with For The Record associated with software to be utilized by the Coweta County Probate Court for a three-year duration.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Alphonso Smith

SECONDER: Jeff Fisher

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

Additional Action Items

10. **Request Approval/Execution of a Letter of Support to Include the Happy Valley Circle Bridge Over Browns' Creek in the Georgia Department of Transportation's Local Bridge Replacement Program**

Public Works Administrator Handley explained that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) assists local governments in the replacement of structurally deficient bridges through their Local Bridge Replacement Program. GDOT has provided notice that the existing bridge on Happy Valley Circle over Browns' Creek meets the requirements to qualify for this bridge replacement program. The County's estimated cost of participation in this project is \$50,000 to assist in right-of-way acquisition and to close the road during replacement of the bridge with an off-site detour. This off-site detour route will require Happy Valley Circle traffic south of this bridge location desiring to travel to the north to detour south to Edgeworth Road, east to US 29, and then north on US 29 to reach destinations to the north. In order to proceed with this project within their Local Bridge Replacement Program, GDOT has requested a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners.

In response to a question from Commissioner Smith regarding the Sullivan Road project, Public Works Administrator Handley explained that the portion of Sullivan Road from the Lower Fayetteville intersection to the intersection of Clubview Drive and Woodlake Drive is nearly complete with some remaining asphalt paving to be completed to bring the level of pavement up to the level of the curb and gutter. The roundabout at that intersection is fully constructed and further north of the roundabout, most of the curb and gutter have been installed. Paving on that section will begin as the weather and temperature allow. The contract completion date is in September 2025 and currently the contractor is ahead of schedule. If the weather cooperates, the project may be completed in late March or April 2025.

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute a letter of support to include the Happy Valley Circle bridge over Browns' Creek in the Georgia Department of Transportation's Local Bridge Replacement Program.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Bob Blackburn

SECONDER: John Reidelbach

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

11. Request Approval/Execution of a Local Administered Projects Recertification Application for Local Projects that Utilize Federal Funding

Public Works Administrator Handley explained that Coweta County receives federal funding through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to accomplish transportation related projects. The federal government and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) require that the County meet certain criteria associated with the funding. GDOT's program is titled the "Local Administered Project (LAP) Certification". In order to qualify for that certification, the County must have qualified people that have attended certain types of training and adopt regulations and policies to ensure that GDOT's policies will be enacted when the County performs local work. Several projects that have been completed using federal funding over the years include the Poplar Road Interchange, the Bypass Extension from Turkey Creek Road to SR 16, the Brown's Mill Battlefield Park, and the Chattahoochee Hill Country Regional Greenway Trail within the Chattahoochee Bend State Park. Coweta County first obtained LAP Certification from GDOT in 2010 and has been approved for recertification during each renewal cycle in 2015, 2018, and 2021. The County's current LAP certification will expire on March 31, 2025 and in order to maintain LAP Certification, staff has completed GDOT's Recertification Application, providing detailed information regarding staff's efforts to maintain compliance with applicable federal and state requirements.

In response to a question from Commissioner Smith, Public Works Administrator Handley explained that generally speaking, funds are allocated to counties based on a project basis. Phase 1 of the Madras Connector is currently the only active project receiving federal funding and staff is waiting for an executed construction agreement with CSX Railroad before construction can begin.

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute a Local Administered Projects (LAP) recertification application for submission to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Jeff Fisher

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

12. Request Approval/Execution of an Amendment to Chapter 54. Roads and Bridges of the Coweta County Code of Ordinances Associated with Right-of-Way Usage for Events

Assistant Administrator Mickle explained that staff is proposing an amendment to *Chapter 54. Roads and Bridges, Article VI Right-of-Way Usage for Events* of the *Coweta County Code of Ordinances* to expand applicability of when the permit is required, to update verbiage to make it consistent with current practices (ex: contact information verses address and phone number and to whom the application is submitted to), to add an application fee, and to add a penalties provision for failure to obtain a permit. An additional change includes expansion of the deadline for application submission from thirty (30) days to ninety (90) days prior to the event.

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute an amendment to *Chapter 54. Roads and Bridges, Article VI Right-of-Way Usage for Events* of the *Coweta County Code of Ordinances* as presented by staff.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Jeff Fisher

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

13. Request Approval/Execution of an Amendment to Chapter 46. Parks and Recreation of the Coweta County Code of Ordinances Associated with a Zero Tolerance Policy and User Expectations

Assistant Administrator Mickle explained that in an effort to ensure the safety and proper

usage of the facilities and enforcement of the existing rules set forth in *Chapter 46 Parks and Recreation, Article II. Rules and Regulations, Section 46-34* of the *Coweta County Code of Ordinances*, staff is proposing an amendment to *Section 46-34 Zero Tolerance Policy and User Expectations*. The amendment will replace the existing *subsection (8)* with verbiage that expands who can observe non-compliant behavior or actions that can result in being banned from the activity or facility, and removal of an existing predicate requirement that currently hinders the Parks and Recreation Director in preventing the return of individuals who violate the County rules.

Ms. Mickle fielded questions from Chairman McKenzie, Commissioner Reidelbach, and Commissioner Smith explaining that the Athletic Associations are required to execute an agreement requiring all participants to abide by County ordinances. Currently, a volunteer, coach, participant or individual who has been removed from the facility by Parks and Recreation staff or by an acting Board member of an Athletic Association could then be banned from the facility. The proposed amendment would allow an acting member of an Athletic Association or a Parks and Recreation staff member to report the behavior to the Parks and Recreation Director to potentially ban the individual even if the individual were not removed from the facility. The activity has to be witnessed or heard by an acting Board member of an Athletic Association or a Parks and Recreation staff member. The Parks and Recreation Director will make the ultimate decision, and there will be an opportunity for the banned person to file an appeal to the County Administrator. If a banned person shows up at a facility, staff will ask them to leave and if they refuse, staff will call law enforcement.

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute an amendment to *Chapter 46 Parks and Recreation, Article II. Rules and Regulations, Section 46-34 Zero Tolerance Policy and User Expectations, Subsection (8)* of the *Coweta County Code of Ordinances*.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Alphonso Smith

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

14. Request Approval to Submit Fiscal Year 2026 Accountability Court Operating Grant Applications

Assistant County Administrator Mickle explained that the Coweta County Accountability Court requests approval to apply for Fiscal Year 2026 grants through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). These grants fund basic operations including personnel, therapy services, drug testing, transportation services, and basic supplies. The grant application totals are \$422,154 for Drug Court which includes a veterans and mental health track and a match requirement of \$63,323 (covered by participant fees) and

\$168,384 for DUI Court and a match requirement of \$25,257 (covered by participant fees).

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to approve the submission of applications for the following Fiscal Year 2026 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Accountability Courts Operating Grant for each of the Coweta County Accountability Courts, to approve the related matching funds, and to designate the County Administrator as the "Authorized Official" to execute any related documents.

- Drug Court with Veterans and Mental Health track: \$422,154 with a match requirement of \$63,323 (from participant fees)
- DUI Court: \$168,384 with a match requirement of \$25,257 (from participant fees)

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Alphonso Smith

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

15. Request Approval to Submit Fiscal Year 2026 Family Treatment Court Grant Application

Assistant Administrator Mickle explained that Family Treatment Court is administered by the Coweta County Juvenile Court and their grant application is for \$214,840 with a matching requirement of \$37,906 (covered by participant fees).

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to approve the submission of a grant application for the Coweta County Juvenile Court to fund personnel, therapy services, drug testing and basic supplies in the total amount of \$214,840 with matching funds of \$37,906 (from participant fees) through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), and to designate the County Administrator as the "Authorized Official" to execute any related documents.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

16. Request Approval/Execution of Rights-of-Entry Associated with Storm Drain Pipe Replacement at 4 Barrington Court, Sharpsburg - District 4

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute Rights-of-Entry with Ms. Whitney Arce (4 Barrington Court, Sharpsburg) and Mr. Joshua Riedl (53 Barrington Farms Drive, Sharpsburg) for the purpose of replacing a failing storm drain pipe at 4 Barrington Court, Sharpsburg.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

17. Request from Main Street Newnan to Utilize County Sidewalks and Right-of-Way at the Historic Courthouse

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to approve a request from Main Street Newnan to utilize portions of the County's sidewalks and associated right-of-way (ROW) at the Historic Courthouse during the following special events planned in 2025:

- Market Day - 1st Saturday of each month between March and December (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
- Spring Art Walk - Friday, March 21, 2025 (3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Downtown Newnan Restaurant Week - Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Saturday, April 19, 2025 (3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Summer Wined Up - Friday, June 20,2025 (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Fourth of July Parade - Friday, July 4, 2025 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
- Fall Art Walk - Friday, September 19, 2025 (3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Octoberfest Craft Beer Tasting - Friday, October 3, 2025 (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Spirits & Spice Festival - Saturday, October 25, 2025 (2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
- Munchkin Masquerade - Friday, October 31, 2025 (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
- Holiday Sip-and-See - Friday, November 21, 2025 (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Santa on the Square - Friday, November 28, 2025 (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Bill McKenzie

SECONDER: John Reidelbach

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

18. Request to Schedule Work Sessions

Administrator Fouts explained that there is currently a Work Session scheduled on Thursday, April 24, 2025 and staff is requesting that the meeting be rescheduled to Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. because of a conflict with Association of County

Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) annual conference. In addition, staff is requesting that the Board schedule a Work Session on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Both Work Sessions are open to the public and will be held in the Commission Chambers.

Motion To: Approve

The Board voted to reschedule the Work Session currently scheduled on Thursday, April 24, 2025 to Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. and to schedule a Work Session on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Bill McKenzie

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

Supplemental and Non-Agenda Items

Administrator Fouts explained that the Board previously authorized staff to proceed with the sale of real property to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) associated with a bridge replacement project on Old Corinth Road (PI # 0016576). Staff is requesting that the Board confirm the sale.

Motion to: Confirm

The Board voted to confirm the sale of real property to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) associated with a bridge replacement project on Old Corinth Road (PI # 0016576).

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Bill McKenzie

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith

Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda – This section is for any public comments regarding items NOT on the agenda. Each speaker (up to 10) will be afforded a maximum of three (3) minutes and will be respectfully heard by the Board without public display or approval/disapproval from the audience. The Board will not engage with the speaker during his/her comments. The Board will listen to any questions or comments and take them into consideration.

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

Mr. Neal Wolfe, Thomaston Street, Newnan, addressed the Board regarding the *County Code of Ordinances*, data centers, the need for progress and new technology, minimizing effects on the environment by data centers, benefits of data centers, hearing from all stake holders including developers, and requested that the Board engage with outside experts prior to rendering any decision regarding data centers.

Ms. Connie Lytten, Wagers Mill Road, Newnan, spoke in opposition to "Project Sail" (data center) citing its location in a rural area not supported by the Comprehensive Plan, noise and light pollution, creating an eyesore, negative effects on surrounding property, data center developers asking the Board to support their rezoning requests in *RC (Rural Conservation)* zoned areas, and setting a precedent for other data centers that wish to locate in rural areas instead of industrially zoned properties.

Executive Session - In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2

There were no issues to be discussed in Executive Session.

Regular Session

Affidavit

Adjournment

Motion to: Adjourn

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Alphonso Smith

SECONDER: John Reidelbach

AYES: Bill McKenzie, John Reidelbach, Jeff Fisher, Bob Blackburn, Alphonso Smith