



Coweta County Board of Commissioners

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Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session

Minutes

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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
Alphonso Smith	District 5 - Vice Chairman	Present
Jeff Fisher	District 1	Present
Bob Blackburn	District 3	Present
John Reidelbach	District 4	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
Shannon Zerangue	County Clerk	Present

The Honorable Board of Commissioners of Coweta County, Georgia met in Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

Meeting Called to Order

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

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.

Chairman McKenzie explained that Event Services Director Tray Baggarly experienced a major medical event last Thursday and asked that everyone remember him in their prayers.

Announcements and Comments from the Commissioners

Chairman McKenzie called for any announcements and/or comments from the Board.

Commissioner Smith commented on the current state of the nation, the importance of the Constitution, and that America was founded by immigrants and on the principle that all individuals are welcome here. He urged everyone to aspire to be a better person.

Regular Session

Awards and Presentations

1. Spotlight - Explore Newnan Coweta

Ms. Heather Daniel, Chairman and CEO of Explore Newnan-Coweta, Inc. (ENCI), provided a brief presentation regarding the state of tourism in Coweta County and its economic impact over the past year. She explained that ENCI's mission is to generate economic development for the county by effectively marketing the community as a preferred leisure, tournament, and meeting destination. She provided statistical data for 2025 regarding the number of visitors to Coweta County, their spending activity, how many were from out-of-state, and what percentage stayed overnight. She also highlighted where visitors to the county are spending their money, explaining that 26% spent money at local businesses and the average visitor spent \$108 per person. She noted the percentage of restaurant spending that was generated by visitors in 2025. She explained that 57% of visitors to Coweta County were 25-54 years old, 44% have an average household income of \$100,000, and 41% have children in their household. She provided data regarding where the visits originated from, highlighted marketing strategies, ad campaigns, and social media statistics, and noted that over 250 articles mentioned Coweta County, which equates to an advertising value of \$5,000,000 in free exposure. She highlighted the "Curiously Crafted" program that calls attention to local businesses and products that are made here in the community. In addition, ENCI launched an ambassador program that creates more frontline residents that can share the amazing assets of Coweta County. She explained that ENCI also has two (2) cycles annually where businesses can apply for grants up to \$5,000 to be used toward visitor-centric efforts, and to date

ENCI has awarded a total of \$60,000 in grant funds to local businesses. Since the inception of the grant program, ENCI had its largest application pool and this was the first time that they were not able to award everyone what they asked for. She also highlighted the "Curious Card" program that will be launching soon, explaining that this will be a digital card that can be downloaded at no charge, and it will feature discounts at local businesses and hotels. In closing, she explained that tourism helps sustain the community's quality of life through spending at local businesses, which helps both residents and the local government.

Approval of Minutes

2. **Request Approval of the Minutes from the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session Held on January 22, 2026**

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Session held on January 22, 2026.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

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 two (2) Non-Agenda items for discussion.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Bob Blackburn

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)

3. **Public Hearing Regarding a New Consumption Distilled Spirits, Beer and Wine License Filed by Martin Herman Velasquez-Benavides in Operation of La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant (La Cosecha Sharpsburg, LLC) Located at 130 Fischer Marketplace Lane, Sharpsburg – District 1**

Licensing and Permitting Manager Joy Thompson explained that Mr. Martin Herman Velasquez-Benavides, license representative and managing member of La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant (La Cosecha Sharpsburg, LLC) located at 130 Fischer Market Place Lane, Sharpsburg (Parcel # 145-6133-028), has applied for a new consumption distilled spirits, beer, and wine license. A certificate from a Georgia registered land surveyor that confirms compliance with distance requirements as defined in *Section 6-46*, of the *Alcohol Ordinance* demonstrating that the license request adheres to the applicable ordinance has been provided. The Business and Alcohol License Division has reviewed the application, finds that it is in order, and meets all relevant requirements. The necessary background checks (GCIC) and fingerprint reports (GBI) for Mr. Velasquez-Benavides and additional members of La Cosecha Sharpsburg, LLC have been finalized, confirming the qualifications as stipulated in the *Alcohol Ordinance*. In closing, she recommended that the license not be released to the applicant unless the location is open within six (6) months from the date of approval by the Board (August 3, 2026), and final approval is obtained from the Georgia Department of Revenue (*Alcohol Division*), Fire Marshal, Environmental Health, and Community Development (Zoning Division and Building Permits and Inspections Division).

Mr. Martin Herman Velasquez-Benavides, applicant, explained that he currently owns twenty-four (24) locations, including one already established in Newnan and the one being discussed tonight. He is excited to be in Coweta County opening a beautiful brand-new restaurant.

Chairman McKenzie called for any comments in support of or in opposition to the proposed alcohol license. There were none.

Motion to: Close the Public Hearing

The Board voted to close the Public Hearing regarding a new consumption distilled spirits, beer, and wine license filed by Mr. Martin Herman Velasquez-Benavides, license representative and managing member of La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant (La Cosecha Sharpsburg, LLC) located at 130 Fischer Market Place Lane, Sharpsburg (Parcel # 145-6133-028).

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Alphonso Smith

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

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

Motion to: Grant

The Board voted to grant a new consumption distilled spirits, beer, and wine license to Mr. Martin Herman Velasquez-Benavides, license representative and managing member of La

Parrilla Mexican Restaurant (La Cosecha Sharpsburg, LLC) located at 130 Fischer Market Place Lane, Sharpsburg (Parcel # 145-6133-028), subject to the following conditions:

1. The location shall be open within six (6) months from the date of approval by the Board.
2. The applicant shall obtain final approval from the Georgia Department of Revenue (Alcohol License Division), the Coweta County Fire Marshal, the Coweta County Environmental Health Department, and Coweta County Community Development (Zoning Division, Building Permits and Inspections Division).

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Jeff Fisher

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

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. There were none.

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

4. Request Acceptance of Additional Right-of-Way Donation Located at Fischer Road, Sharpsburg - District 4

Administrator Fouts explained that Raven Homes, LLC has submitted documents associated with a donation of 5,000 square feet (0.116± acres) of additional right-of-way (ROW) at Raven Ridge Subdivision located on Fischer Road, Sharpsburg (Parcel # 131-6086-002A). The County Attorney reviewed and approved associated legal documents prior to submittal to the Board of Commissioners for acceptance.

Motion to: Accept

The Board voted to accept the donation of 5,000 square feet (0.116± acres) of additional right-of-way (ROW) at Raven Ridge Subdivision located on Fischer Road, Sharpsburg (Parcel # 131-6086-002A).

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Alphonso Smith

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

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

Unfinished Business

5. Request Appointments to Various Boards/Authorities

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to appoint Mr. James Anderson (Fire Rescue EMS Training Director) to "Position 3" of the Region 4 EMS Council for the term beginning immediately and expiring June 30, 2028 to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Michael Terrell following his resignation as a member of the Council.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Bill McKenzie

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

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

On behalf of the Board, Chairman McKenzie expressed appreciation to Mr. Terrell for his previous service as a member of the EMS Council.

New Business

Bids and Contracts

6. Request Approval/Execution of Agreement with RightSite Health Associated with TeleHealth EMS Services

Administrator Fouts explained that Coweta County provides Emergency Medical Services (EMS) through the Fire Rescue department. The EMS system is experiencing increasing operational strain as a result of population growth, rising call volumes, and ongoing staffing challenges. A substantial portion of EMS responses involve low-acuity, non-emergent medical conditions that do not require ambulance transport, which in turn reduces system availability for true emergencies. As a result, the EMS division of Fire Rescue has been evaluating some potential options to provide telehealth services and has

identified a provider. RightSite is a telehealth solution specifically designed to address low-acuity EMS calls through timely virtual assessment and treatment by licensed emergency room physicians and other qualified clinicians. By integrating with 911, RightSite can often resolve these incidents without the deployment of an ambulance or the utilization of emergency department resources. In an effort to identify an appropriate solution, staff evaluated multiple alternative services and delivery models. RightSite has been utilized in multiple counties in the metro Atlanta area, including Henry and Fayette Counties, with great success. Staff is requesting that the Board consider partnering with RightSite which will enable Coweta County to improve EMS system efficiency, reduce unnecessary ambulance transports, preserve emergency response capacity, and enhance patient care outcomes, all while incurring no cost to the County for the service.

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute an Agreement with RightSite to provide TeleHealth EMS Services, contingent upon final legal review.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

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

7. Request Approval/Execution of an Updated Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Associated with Extension Office Services and Staff

Assistant Administrator Mickle presented an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension. She explained that this MOU will replace the previous agreement (July 26, 2022) and shall be effective from the date of execution until updated or terminated by written notice at least ninety (90) days in advance. The MOU primarily outlines the roles, responsibilities, and cost-share of the Extension office staff between the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and the County.

In response to a question from Commissioner Reidelbach, County Extension Coordinator Stephanie Butcher explained that the only updated information in the MOU specifically addresses technology.

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension to conduct Extension work in Coweta County in the areas of agriculture, natural resources, 4-H youth programming and family and consumer science.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

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

Additional Action Items

8. Request Approval/Execution of a Resolution of Support Associated with the Coweta-Fayette Connectivity Study

Public Works Administrator Handley explained that representatives from Coweta County, Fayette County, and several of the cities and towns within each county have participated in meetings over the past few years to discuss the SR 34/SR 54 corridor as well as the other roadways that currently provide connections between the two counties. The degraded operation of the SR 34/54 corridor has been the primary subject of discussion, with alternate connection points and potential locations for new connection points also being discussed. Since improvement of the SR 34/SR 54 corridor would involve both counties and Peachtree City, and any new connections would potentially also involve multiple local governments, the possibility of a joint study to analyze the existing connectivity between the counties and the need for future additional connections was discussed. In response to a call for projects from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), Fayette County has submitted a request for federal funding to perform a connectivity study between the two counties. ARC requires that for projects involving multiple local governments, the governing body of each local government provide a resolution of support for the project. If funding is awarded for this study through ARC, the local funding match would be prorated between each of the participating local governments. The total cost of the study is estimated to be \$700,000, for which the total local match would be \$140,000. Coweta County's estimated participation in the cost would be \$45,000.

Mr. Handley fielded questions from Commissioner Reidelbach regarding a study performed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) several years ago, explaining that one recommendation from GDOT was to limit commercial access along the corridor. In addition, GDOT determined that even if they were to widen SR 54 by adding two (2) more lanes, it would only provide a few years of relief, and that more connection points were needed between Coweta County and Fayette County.

Administrator Fouts explained that this has been an issue for a number of years and coordination between the Coweta, Fayette, and surrounding municipalities is key. The previous study performed by GDOT examined north and south connectors, but the proposed improvements would have netted less than a 10% gain from either option (north or south connector).

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute a Resolution of Support associated with the performance of a Coweta-Fayette Connectivity Study at a total cost of \$45,000 (local match).

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Bill McKenzie

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

9. **Request Approval/Execution of a Resolution Associated with Acquisition of a Sanitary Sewer Easement for New Fire Station # 10 Located in Senoia - District 1**

Public Works Administrator Handley explained that new Fire Station # 10 located along SR 16 east of the City of Senoia will be connected to the City's sanitary sewer system. The closest connection point to the City sewer system is a manhole that is located just outside the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) right-of-way (ROW) on the property owned by O'Reilly Auto Parts at the corner of SR 16 and Chestlehurst Road. A small permanent sewer easement and a temporary construction easement are necessary from O'Reilly Auto Parts to accomplish the connection of the sewer line from the fire station to the utility hole located at the edge of the O'Reilly property. Staff has attempted for over a year to communicate and negotiate with representatives of O'Reilly Auto Parts to purchase the necessary easement rights. However, those efforts have been unsuccessful and in order to prevent delays in the completion of the fire station, it may be necessary to obtain the easements through condemnation. It should be noted that in the last week, the representative from O'Reilly has resumed communications with County staff and Counsel, so it is possible that staff may be able to complete the purchase of these easements without the need for condemnation. However, should communications again be stalled, it is recommended that a Resolution of Condemnation be approved and executed by the Board, in the event that condemnation becomes the County's last resort in the acquisition of the necessary easements. State law also requires a 30-day waiting period for this type of condemnation after the approval of the resolution by the Board, so, if approved and executed by the Board, filing of the condemnation in court could not occur until the expiration of that 30-day period, during which staff and Counsel will continue to work toward closing the purchase of these easement rights without using eminent domain.

In response to a question from Commissioner Smith, Mr. Handley explained that the area needed for the easement is 150 square feet and has an appraised value of \$2,900.

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute a Resolution of Condemnation associated with the acquisition of a permanent sewer easement and a temporary construction easement related to the connection of new Fire Station # 10 to the City of Senoia's sanitary sewer system at the corner of SR 16 and Chestlehurst Road.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Bill McKenzie

SECONDER: Alphonso Smith

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

10. Request Approval of a Budget Amendment Associated with the Tax Commissioner's Office Property Tax Collection Software

Administrator Fouts explained that the Tax Commissioner's Office collects property taxes for the County and its municipalities, and they wish to upgrade their tax collection software that is utilized for billings, collections, and disbursements. The software is also used to complete the digest, which is approved by the Department of Revenue (DOR). The software that they have continued to use for numerous years is no longer adequate, and they have selected Assurance Software to provide for their needs. Assurance is a Georgia-based company located in neighboring Carroll County, which will provide the Tax Commissioner's office with local technical support. There is a one-time implementation cost of \$55,000 and an ongoing maintenance cost of \$3,100. The ongoing maintenance cost will be a minimal increase since the current cost is \$2,900 per month. The Tax Commissioner is requesting a budget amendment of \$55,000 to implement the new software system.

In response to a question from Commissioner Reidelbach, Administrator Fouts explained that the Tax Commissioner is not choosing the optional cloud-based service.

Tax Commissioner Justin McMichael explained that the current software is outdated and no longer useful. He also fielded a question from Chairman McKenzie explaining that his office collects \$280 million in property taxes annually.

Chairman McKenzie thanked Mr. McMichael and his staff for their hard work, and explained that he receives numerous compliments regarding the efficiency of the Tax Commissioner's operations/services.

Administrator Fouts explained that preparation of the Tax Digest this past year was very stressful because of changes made by the State. Mr. McMichael was instrumental in working with the Tax Assessor's office and the Department of Revenue to get the task accomplished. He thanked Mr. McMichael and commended him for his hard work and dedication.

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$55,000 related to a one-time cost for installation, training, and data conversion associated with Assurance Software to be utilized by the Coweta County Tax Commissioner's Office and to approve execution of the related contract, contingent upon final legal review.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Alphonso Smith

SECONDER: John Reidelbach

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

11. Request Approval/Execution of the Victims of Crime Act Grant Award Documents for the District Attorney's Office

Assistant Administrator Mickle explained that the District Attorney's office has been awarded a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant for the period October 2, 2025 – September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$81,368 to enhance the Victim Assistance program. There is a matching requirement of \$20,342. If the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) revokes the temporary waiver during the grant performance period, the matching requirement will be funded from Drug Forfeiture Funds received by the District Attorney's office. The Prosecuting Attorney's Council of the State of Georgia (PACGA) receives the subgrant from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) under the Federal Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant Program. As PACGA is the centralized subgrant recipient on behalf of all prosecuting attorneys in Georgia receiving the VOCA funds, they require each County and District Attorney's office to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) outlining responsibilities and policies relating to the grant program. Staff is recommending that the Board execute the MOA with PACGA, approve execution of the VOCA grant award documents, and designate the County Administrator as the authorized official to execute related documents.

In response to a question from Commissioner Smith, Assistant Administrator Wisenbaker explained that the funds can be utilized for certain uses, such as counseling, to serve victims. However, the funds are generally utilized to fund positions needed to serve victims.

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Prosecuting Attorneys' Office of Georgia (PACGA) and the District Attorney, to execute the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant award documents, to approve distribution of the grant funds directly to the District Attorney's office, and to designate the County Administrator as the authorized official to execute related documents.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Bill McKenzie

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

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

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

Assistant Administrator Mickle explained that Main Street Newnan, on behalf of the City of Newnan, has requested permission to utilize portions of the County's sidewalk and associated right-of-way at the Historic Courthouse during special events planned in 2026.

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to approve a request from Main Street Newnan, on behalf of the City of Newnan, to utilize portions of the County's sidewalk and associated right-of-way at the Historic Courthouse during the following special events planned in 2026:

- Love Local - Friday, February 13, 2026 (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Market Day - 1st Saturday of each month between March and December (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
- Spring Art Walk - Friday, March 27, 2026 (3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Downtown Newnan Restaurant Week - Sunday, April 12, 2026 - Saturday, April 18, 2026 (3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Berries and Blooms Festival - Saturday, May 16, 2026 (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
- Summer NewnaNights - Thursday, June 11, 2026; Thursday July 9, 2026; Thursday, August 13, 2026 (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Summer Wined Up - Friday, June 19, 2026 (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Fourth of July Parade - Saturday, July 4, 2026 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
- Christmas in July - Saturday, July 25, 2026 (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
- Octoberfest Craft Beer Tasting - Friday, October 2, 2026 (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Spirits & Spice Festival - Saturday, October 24, 2026 (2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
- Munchkin Masquerade - Friday, October 30, 2026 (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
- Holiday Sip-and-See - Friday, November 20, 2026 (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Santa on the Square - Friday, November 27, 2025 (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

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

13. Request Approval to Utilize Various County Roads During the Unity Riders Roundup Bike Ride

Assistant Administrator Mickle explained that the Unity Riders plan to host their annual bike ride in Coweta County on Saturday, April 4, 2026. This ride is to encourage a healthy lifestyle through cycling and exercise. Approximately 50-60 cyclists will take part in this event, which begins and ends at the Powell Expo Center off Temple Avenue in Newnan. There will be three (3) routes including a 10-mile, 20-mile and 30-mile route, and each route is located in the southwest portion of the county. The Sheriff's Office will be made aware of the event and signage will be placed along the route three (3) days ahead of the

ride.

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to approve the use of various County roads on Saturday, April 4, 2026 as requested by the Unity Riders to host their annual cycling event.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Alphonso Smith

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

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

14. Request Approval to Utilize Various County Roads During the Tour of Coweta Bike Ride

Assistant Administrator Mickle explained that the Tour of Coweta Bike Ride is hosted by the Newnan Rotary Club each year and will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The rides start and begin at the Coweta County Justice Center in downtown Newnan and will include approximately 400 cyclists. There will be four (4) routes of 27-miles; 47-miles; 62-miles; and 98-miles. Four (4) rest stops will be located along each route at the following locations: Grantville ball fields, Moss Oak Plantation at Powers Crossroads, Chattahoochee Bend State Park, and at Outreach Church on Bruce Jackson Road. The Sheriff's Office will be made aware of the event and signs will be placed along the routes three (3) days ahead of the ride.

In response to a question from Commissioner Reidelbach, Administrator Fouts explained that no additional law enforcement personnel is required for these cycling events, so there is no added cost to the County. However, the applications are reviewed by Public Safety to ensure that they are aware that an event will be taking place.

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to approve the use of various County roads on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. as requested by the Newnan Rotary Club to host their annual Tour of Coweta Bike Ride.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: John Reidelbach

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

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

Supplemental and Non-Agenda Items

15. Request Adoption of the Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

Assistant Administrator Mickle explained that the Public Transit Agency Safety Plan

(PTASP) is a Federal Transit Agency (FTA) requirement in order for transit agencies to access 5307 funding. The PTASP establishes a policy statement, a Safety Committee to assess risks and related processes, recurring training for transit staff, and a way for drivers to submit safety concerns, among other things. The original document was approved by the Board for the 2025 grant year (see December 17, 2024 Commission meeting minutes). The initial PTASP was submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for review and approval. Each year thereafter, the PTASP must be reviewed for any necessary updates and submitted to GDOT and the Atlanta Transit Link Authority (ATL). The policy was recently reviewed by ATL's consultant. Comments from the review were incorporated into the updated policy. The only local update is the change of address for the Transit Office. This is an annual policy adoption required to meet our funding obligation associated with the 5307 federal funding received by Coweta Connect.

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to approve the updated Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) for Coweta Connect, the County's transit program.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Jeff Fisher

SECONDER: Bob Blackburn

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

16. **Request Approval/Execution of an Agreement with Templar Development Group, LLC and the City of Senoia Associated with Annexation Procedures and Transportation Improvements - District 1**

Administrator Fouts explained that at the January 22, 2026 Commission meeting, an annexation petition (Petition # AN 05-25) was presented to the Board. The applicant, Templar Development Group, LLC, is seeking to annex 26.16± acres into the City of Senoia. Currently, the subject property is zoned *RC (Rural Conservation)* and Templar is seeking the City's *R-40C (Residential Conservation)* zoning district to develop sixty-one (61) single-family homes versus five (5) five-acre lots as currently zoned. At the January 22nd meeting, the Board did vote to file an intent to object to the annexation in accordance with state law. Attorney Lee has been working with staff and Templar's attorney and an agreement has been reached to resolve the conflict. The agreement was approved by the Senoia City Council at their meeting on February 2, 2026. The agreement states that should the property be annexed into the City and developed as proposed, the developer shall construct a maximum of sixty-one (61) single-family homes. In addition, upon issuance of the 30th certificate of occupancy, the developer shall pay the County the sum of \$3,500 per lot based on the number of single-family lots shown on the final plat to go toward related transportation improvements. Should the Board decide to approve the proposed agreement, the County shall dismiss the objection to the annexation.

Motion to: Execute

The Board voted to execute an Agreement with Templar Development Group, LLC and the City of Senoia associated with Annexation Procedures and Transportation Improvements related to Petition # AN 05-25.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Alphonso Smith

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. In accordance with the rules governing the meeting, up to 10 speakers will be afforded 3 minutes to speak and will be respectfully heard by the Board without public display or approval/disapproval from the audience. The Board does not engage with speakers during their comments. The Board will listen to any questions or comments and take them into consideration but will ask the County Administrator or staff to correct any inconsistencies or false statements after the speaker has been heard without debate.

Chairman McKenzie called for comments regarding any items not on the agenda. He explained that in accordance with the rules governing the meeting, up to ten (10) speakers will be afforded three (3) minutes to speak and will be respectfully heard by the Board without public display or approval/disapproval from the audience. The Board does not engage with speakers during their comments. The Board will listen to any questions or comments and take them into consideration but will ask the County Administrator or staff to correct any inconsistencies or false statements after the speaker has been heard without debate.

The following individuals addressed the Board in opposition to "Project Sail", data centers in residential areas, and the newly adopted *Data Center Ordinance* citing concerns regarding lack of a left-turn lane on Hwy 16 into "Project Sail's" property, questionable tax revenue benefits, minimal job creation, aesthetics, light and noise pollution, rapid unregulated growth, strain on the ecosystem, utility rate hikes being passed to citizens, destruction of natural resources, lack of transparency and correspondence from the Board, inadequate information provided at Prologis' recent open-house community meeting, zoning integrity, creation of toxic waste, developers being out for short-term profits, adverse health effects, consumption of resources, negative impacts to home values, a potential House Bill that would pause new data center construction in Georgia, the need for a more stringent/restrictive ordinance, and stupidity and corruption of government officials:

- Mr. Jimmy Newman, Wagers Mill Road, Newnan

- Ms. Cathy Newman, Wagers Mill Road, Newnan
- Ms. Misty Caballero, District 3
- Mr. C.J. Caballero, District 3
- Mr. Tim Ryan, District 3
- Mr. John Kurtz, District 2
- Ms. Connie Lytten, Wagers Mill Road, Newnan
- Mr. Ron Bockrath, Boone Road, Newnan
- Ms. Laura Beth, District 2

Chairman McKenzie expressed his deep disappointment and displeasure regarding the lack of respect and accusations being made against the Commissioners. He explained that the Board has not "recruited data centers" and is not "dumping" a data center in a rural residential area. He emphasized that this is a property rights issue and explained that under the laws of the State of Georgia and the County, a property owner has the right to request that the Board consider a rezoning of their property.

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

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting.