

Jackson County Board of Commissioners

November 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Jury Assembly Room - County Courthouse

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - Chairman Tom Crow

Chairman Tom Crow called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Commissioners Present: Tom Crow, Chairman
Jim Hix, Commissioner District 1
Chas Hardy, Commissioner District 2
Ralph Richardson, Commissioner District 3
Marty Seagraves, Commissioner District 4

Staff Present: Kevin Poe, County Manager
Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager
Jeff Strickland, County Attorney
Jamie Dove, Public Development Manager
Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Press: Hannah Barron, Mainstreet News/Jackson Herald

2. Invocation - Kevin Poe, County Manager

Kevin Poe, County Manager, gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Tom Crow

Chairman Tom Crow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendment of Agenda:

Kevin Poe, County Manager, acknowledged letters were sent to cities concerning the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Certificate of Distribution. He also distributed copies of a Certificate of Distribution for LOST with amounts based on three (3) year phased-in collections. Chairman Crow moved to amend this item to the agenda for consideration. Commissioner Hix seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 - 0)

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. To approve the minutes for November 7, 2022
To approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 board meeting

Commissioner Hix moved to approve the minutes for November 7, 2022.
Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. (Vote 5 – 0)

5. Citizen Input

Each speaker is provided up to four (4) minutes to address the board on any item that is not listed on this agenda.

1. Kenneth Blackstone, 178 Tysor Court, Jefferson, GA addressed the board. He resided in the Dillon's Walk Subdivision and reported the homeowners were opposed to a cut-through proposed through two (2) cul-de-sacs in the neighborhood as access to Hwy. 124 for the new development adjacent to the subdivision. He believed this access would decrease the value of their homes within the subdivision. He said if the access was needed for public safety purposes, the residents asked for consideration of gating the access so that only public safety personnel may access it. The parcels in question were identified as 082 009B and 082B REC. He submitted a signed petition of all residents who supported this with the exception of three.

6. Reports

There were no reports.

7. Consent Agenda

Chairman Crow moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item G.
Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

Discussion of Item G: Fairview Community Center:

Mr. William Carlyle, 193 Murphy Road, Pendergrass, GA was opposed to this request. He was concerned about the policing of the center and the possible negative extracurricular activities that could potentially occur. Mr. Poe advised proper legal documents that would be prepared and ultimately presented to the Board of Commissioners for consideration. Commissioner Richardson made the motion to table the request for thirty (30) days. Chairman Crow seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, the vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 - 0)

A. Request Renewal of Annual Audit Contract with Mauldin & Jenkins

Mauldin and Jenkins have been the County's audit firm since 2017, with the last contract expiring with the 2021 audit. The purpose of this request is to renew the contract at a 5-year term as presented.

B. Renovations & Site Work, Gordon Street Center

To award contract for Renovations & Site Work at the Gordon Street Center.

C. Fiscal Year 2023 Aging Services Contract

SFY 2023 Aging Services Contract with the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission. The contract is for the period from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Authorize the Chairman to sign contract.

D. Sign and acknowledge the formation of the Commerce Land Bank

Agree to the formation of the Commerce Land Bank

- E. Revision of the Solid Waste Transfer Station Tipping Fee Schedule
To request that the Board of Commissioners approve a revised tipping fee schedule for the Solid Waste Transfer Station.
- F. 2023 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG)
Approve the 2023 list of roads for resurfacing under the LMIG program.
- G. Fairview Community Center & Property
Board of Commissioners approval to accept offer from Fairview Community Club of building and 2 acres of property located at 102 Fairview Road off Highway 60
- H. Change Order #5 - Motorola Solutions, Inc. - P25 Public Safety Radio System Installation
To approve Change Order #5 with Motorola Solutions, Inc. related to installation of the new P25 Public Safety Radio System.

8. New Business

- A. Request for the Board to Consent to a Request for Deannexation Proposed Deannexation of said property, identified as Tax Parcel 112/018, located within the town limits of Braselton. The tract is 1.81 acres and is owned by Jackson Office Park LLC.

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, presented the staff report on a request for the deannexation from the Town of Braselton. There were two parcels that were submitted for combination. One parcel was in unincorporated Jackson County and the other was in the town limits. The request was submitted from the Town of Braselton. Staff requested permission to begin work on the process. Commissioner Richardson moved to approve the request for deannexation. Chairman Crow seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 - 0)

Discussion of Distribution of Funds Derived from Local Option Sales Tax:
Chairman Crow stated a new certificate was required every ten (10) years. He then made the motion to approve the LOST Certificate of Distribution with three (3) phased-in collections. Commissioner Hix seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, the vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 - 0)

9. Zoning Related Business

A. New Business

- 1. RZ-22-0135 – Drew Lane/New Kings Bridge Rd., Athens, GA (Map 028/Parcel 001)
RZ-22-0135 – Valiant Services (David Elder), Drew Lane/New Kings Bridge Rd., Athens, GA; 112.24 acres; rezone from A-3 to A-2 for a large lot (8+ acre lots) subdivision. (Map 028/Parcel 001)

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, presented the staff report for RZ-22-0135. The applicant requested approval of a rezoning request from A-3 to A-R in order to develop the property as a large lot subdivision. There will be a total of twelve (12) lots, which will be served by private wells and septic. The Planning Staff and Planning Commission recommended approval. Jeff Strickland, County Attorney, reviewed the public hearing procedures. He then opened the public hearing for comment. David Elder, 123 Bear Creek Lane, Bogart, GA spoke in support of the application. He explained the request was for an A-2 split and most of the lots would exceed eight (8) acres. There was no opposition and the public hearing was closed. Commissioner Seagraves moved to approve RZ-22-0135. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

2. RZ-22-0137 – 837 Wardlaw Road, Hull, GA (Map 004/Parcel 020H)

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, presented the staff report for RZ-22-137. The applicant requested a rezoning from A-R to M-H for either the construction of a stick-built home or placement of a manufactured home. The applicant will use the existing well and septic system on the property. The Planning Staff and Planning Commission recommended approval of the request. Jeff Strickland, County Attorney, opened the public hearing for comment. Shaun Burns, 837 Wardlaw Road, Hull, GA spoke in support of the application. He told of his initial plans to build a barndominium, but because of increased construction costs, it was unreasonable. There was no opposition to the request and the public hearing was closed. Commissioner Seagraves moved to approve RZ-22-0137. Commissioner Hix seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

3. RZ-22-0138 – 1682 Gum Springs Church Road, Jefferson, GA (Map 106/Parcel 008Q)

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, presented the staff report for RZ-22-0138. She explained the applicant requested a rezone from A-2 to A-R in order to split the property into two (2) tracts. The Planning Staff and Planning Commission recommended approval. Jeff Strickland, County Attorney, opened the public hearing for comment. Lori Cheek, 1682 Gum Springs Church Road, spoke and explained her desire to rezone the property in order to split off 1.5 acres so her daughter and son-in-law could build a house. There was no opposition and the public hearing was closed. Commissioner Richardson moved to approve RZ-22-0138. Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

4. CC-22-0009 – 639 Davenport Road, Braselton, GA (Map 117/Parcel 019K2)

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, advised CC-22-0009 and SU-22-0042 were a combined project. She reported that on Friday, staff received an email from the applicant requesting to withdraw both applications. Commissioner Richardson moved to accept the withdrawal letter for CC-22-0009. Chairman Crow seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

5. SU-22-0042 – 639 Davenport Road, Braselton, GA (Map 117/Parcel 019K2)

Commissioner Richardson moved to accept the withdrawal letter for SU-22-0042. Chairman Crow seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

6. MA-22-0114 – 7957 Hwy. 53, Braselton, GA (Map 118/Parcel 001A)

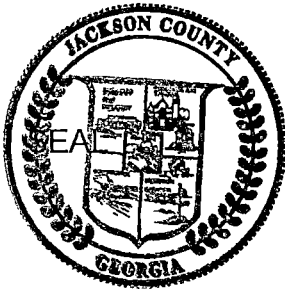
Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, presented the staff report for MA-22-0114. She explained the applicant requested a Future Land Use Map change from residential to commercial. The Planning Staff recommended denial and the Planning Commission recommended denial as well. Jeff Strickland opened the public hearing for comment. Loyd Wheeler, 8015 Hwy. 53, Braselton, GA addressed the board in support of the application. He reported that he and his son had plans to open a gun shop. There was no opposition to the request and the public hearing was closed. Commissioner Richardson moved to approve MA-22-0114. Chairman Crow seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

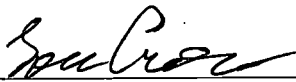
10. **Adjournment**

Chairman Crow declared the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

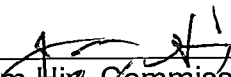
Minutes Approved: Monday, December 5, 2022

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Tom Crow, Chairman



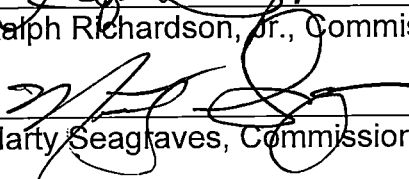
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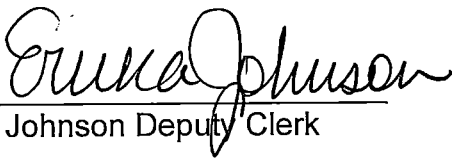


Ralph Richardson, Jr., Commissioner District 3



Marty Seagraves, Commissioner District 4

Attest:


Ericka Johnson Deputy Clerk