



Jackson County Board of Commissioners

June 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Jury Assembly Room - County Courthouse

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - Chairman Tom Crow

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

2. Invocation - Gina Roy, Assistant Manager

Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager, gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Chas Hardy

Commissioner Chas Hardy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. June 3, 2024 Draft Minutes

To approve the minutes for June 3, 2024

Commissioner Hix moved to approve the June 3, 2024 minutes. Chairman Crow seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
(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.

There were no comments.

6. Reports

Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager, reported county offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 in celebration of the Juneteenth holiday.

7. Recognitions, Appointments, and Special Items

Commissioner Seagraves gave a special recognition to Kenneth Bridges, who has served on the Jackson County Board of Assessors since 2005. He read and presented a plaque to Mr. Bridges for his years of service and a group photograph was taken of Mr. Bridges and county commissioners.

A. 2023 Financial Audit Presentation by Josh Carroll, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC.

The purpose of this presentation is to publicly present the 2023 official audit results for Jackson County, Georgia.

Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager, called on Josh Carroll, with Mauldin &

Jenkins, LLC. Mr. Carroll gave a presentation on the FY 2023 Financials. He noted there were no findings and Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC had issued an unmodified or clean opinion. A copy of the presentation is a part of the official record.

**B. Advantage Behavioral Health Community Service Board - 2 Year Term:
To appoint an individual to serve a two (2) year term on the Advantage Behavioral Health Community Service Board**

- Patti Knick - Term expires June 30, 2024

Commissioner Hardy moved to reappoint Patti Knick to the Advantage Behavioral Health Community Service Board. Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

**C. Jackson County Board of Assessors - 3 Year Term:
To appoint two (2) individuals to serve a 3-year term on the Jackson County Board of Assessors**

- Kenneth Bridges - Term expires June 30, 2024
- Kristi Young - Term expires June 30, 2024

Commissioner Seagraves moved and nominated Eric Pennington to the Jackson County Board of Assessors for a three-year term. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

Commissioner Hardy moved to reappoint Kristi Young to the Jackson County Board of Assessors for a three-year term. Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

**D. Jackson County Department of Family & Children Services - 5 Year Term:
To appoint an individual to serve a 5-year term on the Jackson County Department of Family & Children Services.**

- Henry Slocum - Term expires June 30, 2024

Commissioner Hardy moved to reappoint Henry Slocum to the Jackson County Department of Family & Children Services board for a five-year term. Commissioner Hix seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

**E. Northeast Georgia Regional Commission - 1 Year Term:
To appoint an individual to serve a 1-year term on the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission as a Private Sector representative.**

- Jim Shaw - Term expires June 30, 2024

Chairman Crow moved to reappoint Jim Shaw to the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission as the private sector representative. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

F. Jackson County Water & Sewerage Authority - 3 Year Term:

To appoint two (2) individuals to serve a 3-year term on the Jackson County Water Sewerage Authority.

- Kevin Poe - Term expires June 30, 2024
- Dylan Wilbanks - Term expires June 30, 2024

Commissioner Hardy moved to reappoint Kevin Poe to the Jackson County Water & Sewerage Authority for a three-year term. Chairman Crow seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

Chairman Crow moved to appoint David Ehrhardt to the Jackson County Water & Sewerage Authority for a three-year term. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

8. Consent Agenda

Chairman Crow moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

A. FY2025 Capacity Agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections and Jackson County

To approve FY2025 Capacity agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections(GaDOC).

B. Intergovernmental Agreement between Jackson County and all the municipalities in Jackson County related to TSPLOST

To approve an IGA between Jackson County and the nine municipalities in Jackson county related to TSPLOST

9. New Business

A. Consider Acceptance Award for EMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

The purpose of this request is to accept the award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The grant will be used to update the Jackson County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to meet the federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. These funds will be used to hire assistance with updating the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager, presented a request to approve the Hazard

Mitigation Grant. The grant will be used to update the Jackson County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to meet federal requirements. The local match was \$2,400 local match. Chairman Crow moved to approve and accept the award for the EMA Hazard Mitigation Grant. Commissioner Hix seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

B. Increase Budget for Awarded Contract to Purchase Ambulance for EMS

Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager, reported this was a request for a budget amendment to purchase an ambulance. The lowest bid was \$82,890 over what was budgeted. The total purchase of the ambulance was \$362,890. Chairman Crow moved to approve the budget increase to purchase the ambulance.

Commissioner Hix seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Acceptance of FY2025 Jackson County Drug Court State Grant & Piedmont Circuit Veterans Court State Grant and request DATE Funds:

To request of the commission:

- 1. To accept and approve the grant award for FY2025 from CJCC to assist in the funding of our Jackson County Drug Court.**
- 2. To accept and approve the grant award for FY2025 from CJCC to assist in the funding of our Piedmont Circuit Veterans Court.**
- 3. To acknowledge use of the DATE Fund to assist in program operational expenses.**

Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager, advised action was taken each year to approve the grants for the special courts in Jackson County. She recommended approval. Chairman Crow moved to approve the Acceptance of the FY2025 Jackson County Drug Court State Grant & Piedmont Circuit Veterans Court State Grant and request DATE Funds. Commissioner Hix seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

D. Request to Dedicate Roads and Right-of-Way within Webb Estates Subdivision

To request the acceptance of the roads and right-of-way within Webb Estates Subdivision. See deed and final plat attached.

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, reported Webb Estates Subdivision had reached the threshold in which they could request to have the roads turned over to the county. The development had reach 75% buildout. Ms. Dove advised no public hearing as needed. Commissioner Seagraves moved to approve the Request to Dedicate Roads and Right-of-Way within Webb Estates Subdivision. Chairman Crow seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

E. Request to Dedicate Roads and Right-of-Way within Enclave at Morris Creek Subdivision

To request the acceptance of the roads and right-of-way within Enclave at Morris Creek Subdivision. See deed and final plat attached.

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, said this subdivision was completely built out and was ready to dedicate the roads within the development. Commissioner Hardy moved to approve the request. Commissioner Hix seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

10. Zoning Related Business

A. New Business

1. MA-24-0130 : Brian Wade, 8425 Holly Springs Road, Maysville; 5.31 acres (Map 087/Parcel 013A)

Request to change the Character Area Map from "Agricultural" to "Rural" and leave the Future Land Use Map as "Residential"

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, presented the staff report for the request. The applicant requested approval of a map amendment from Agricultural to Rural in order to rezone and split the property so their son could build a home. The Planning Staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval. Chip Ferguson, County Attorney, opened the public hearing for comment. The applicant was not present and there was no opposition. The public hearing was closed and the request submitted to the board for a decision.

Commissioner Hardy moved to approve MA-24-0130. Commissioner Hix seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

2. RZ-24-0204 : David Elder, 159 Bellamy Road, Athens; 4.01 acres (Map 043/Parcel 018B)

Request to rezone from A-2 (Agricultural Rural Farm District) to AR (Agricultural Residential) in order to subdivide into 2 tracts

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, presented the staff report. The applicant requested approval of 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. Chip Ferguson, County Attorney, opened the public hearing for comment. David Elder, 123 Bear Creek Lane, addressed the board expressing his desire to create two (2) lots on the wooded land. There was no opposition to the request. And, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Seagraves moved to approve RZ-24-0204 with one (1) condition.

1. This would be the final split.

Commissioner Hix seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

3. **RZ-24-0206 : Thomas Bursi, 407 Cooper Bridge Road, Braselton; 4.96 acres (Map 117/Parcel 004)**

Request to rezone from A-2 (Agricultural Rural Farm District) to AR (Agricultural Residential) in order to subdivide into 3 tracts

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, presented the staff report for RZ-24-0206. The applicant desired to rezone property from A-2 to A-R in order to split the property into three (3) tracts. The Planning Staff and Planning Commission recommended approval with one (1) condition.

1. Driveways must meet driveway must meet driveway separation listed within the Jackson County Unified Development Code. If they cannot, a shared driveway must be implemented.

Chip Ferguson, County Attorney, opened the public hearing for comment. Thomas Brusi, 407 Cooper Bridge, Braselton, GA addressed the board in support of the request. He was also amenable to the recommended condition. There was no opposition and the public hearing was closed. Commissioner Hix moved to approve RZ-24-0206 with one (1) condition.

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Commissioner Elrod seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 5 – 0)

4. **Comprehensive Plan Update Public Hearing**

The purpose of the public hearing is to brief the community on the process for developing the County's 2025 comprehensive plan update and to obtain input on the proposed planning process. Residents, business owners, and all stakeholders are invited to provide comments, ideas, and suggestions.

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, explained two (2) public hearings were needed regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update. Carol Flaute, with the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, addressed the board and explained the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan. She also gave a brief overview of the process of the plan update. She reviewed the seven (7) required elements and highlighted opportunities for public participation.

Chip Ferguson, County Attorney, opened the public hearing to comment on the comprehensive plan process. There were no comments.

11. **Adjournment**

Chairman Crow declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

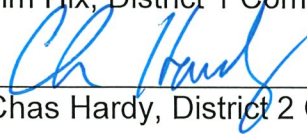
Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Approved: July 1, 2024



Tom Crow, Chairman



Jim Hix, District 1 Commissioner



Chas Hardy, District 2 Commissioner



Vacant, District 3 Commissioner

Marty Seagraves, District 4 Commissioner



Cole Elrod, District 5 Commissioner

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Attest:



Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk

