

MINUTES
MERIWETHER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 24, 2022

6:00 P.M.

This meeting was held in person and also by Zoom due to COVID

Commissioners Present: Chairman Beth Neely-Hadley, Vice Chairman Bryan Threadgill, Commissioner Shirley Hines, Commissioner Rosla Plant and Commissioner Alfred "Buster" McCoy

Staff Present: County Administrator Michelle Irizarry, County Clerk Beverly Thomas, Finance Director Bill Gregory, Attorney Michael Hill

Staff absent: Director of Special Projects Theron Gay

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beth-Neely Hadley

II. INVOCATION

Chairman Beth-Neely Hadley

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Alfred McCoy to adopt the Agenda with the following changes under New Business:

Move 1. Proclamation to honor Julie Ellison on her 103rd Birthday to after the Public Hearing section. Add 5. Courthouse Roof Drains. All were in favor.

V. FINANCE REPORT

Bill Gregory, Finance Director, reported the General Fund was at \$4.1M and the LGIP General Account was \$1M. There were no other comments

VI. CITIZEN COMMENT

None

VII. MINUTES

1. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Alfred McCoy to approve the Minutes from the May 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting. Voting in favor were, Chairman Neely-Hadley, Vice Chairman Threadgill, Rosla Plant and Alfred McCoy. Shirley Hines abstained. The motion passed.

Administrator Irizarry introduced Ms. Cassandra Sharpe, as the new Meriwether County Building, Zoning, and Community Development Director. Ms. Sharpe has 18 years of experience and came to Meriwether County from the City of Lovejoy. Ms. Sharpe serves as the Treasurer for the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement. The Board welcomed Ms. Sharpe to Meriwether County.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

None

Moved from New Business #1

1. Proclamation to honor Julia Ellison on her 103rd Birthday (this was moved to this section of the Agenda from New Business)

Chairman Neely-Hadley read the Meriwether County Proclamation to honor Ms. Julia Ellison on her 103rd Birthday. Birthday Congratulation letters from Governor Kemp and Senator Raphael Warnock were also read. The Board of Commissioners wished Ms. Ellison a happy and healthy 103rd Birthday. Photographs were taken with Ms. Ellison for the newspaper.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

1. Water & Sewerage, District 5 – to fill an unexpired term that will expire on 12-31-24

Motion was made by Chairman Beth Neely-Hadley and seconded by Vice Chairman Threadgill to appoint Walter D. Brown, Jr. to the Water & Sewerage Authority District 5 - to fill an unexpired term that will end on 12-31-2024. All were in favor.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2022 Resurfacing Contract

Administrator Irizarry reported this was tabled at the last Board Meeting and we have received additional information from Piedmont Paving in regard to the different Roads and the dates they plan to complete. Commissioner Hines asked if this was the 2021 Roads. Bill Cawthorne, Director of Construction Projects/Roads, and Bridges confirmed those were the roads that needed correction on the 2021 LMIG. Those were the roads that had been resurfaced but needed repairs. Commissioner Hines asked if they could lock in the time and was it the roads that were subcontracted for repairs. Mr. Cawthorne stated that was correct. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated weather was the thing that could affect the paving at this point. The Board was hesitant to award the bid at the last meeting until clarification was provided on the 2021 LMIG repairs. Commissioner Hines confirmed the Roads were for Epps to complete not Piedmont. Mr. Cawthorne confirmed that was correct. Commissioner Hines asked how we hold Epps accountable since we don't have the contract with them. Mr. Cawthorne stated the County has not paid Piedmont and we have the 2022 LMIG resurfacing contract as well. They can start the 2022 LMIG resurfacing in about two weeks if we get all the paperwork completed. Vice Chairman Threadgill asked if the Board agrees to enter into a new contract, would the contract state the County was not interested in having a third-party paving company. Mr. Cawthorne stated the County took out surface treatment in the 2022 contract. The only subcontractor Piedmont will use is for striping. Administrator Irizarry confirmed the Board was provided the additional information regarding the 2021 LMIG repairs following discussion at the last meeting. Commissioner Hines read the Minutes and had a question about how some of the roads were selected. Commissioner Hines stated Commissioner Plant had spoken about Forrest Road and Commissioner Hines had brought it up several times. Commissioner Hines asked if all the roads on the current LMIG were on the Road Evaluation list and were top priority roads. Mr. Cawthorne stated the Roads are based on

their condition. We are getting some of the worst roads and some of the roads that are not yet in desperate need and haven't fallen apart. If those roads can be resurfaced ahead of a lot of base failure you can save a lot of money. Mr. Cawthorne stated we are looking at this from two different directions. Commissioner Hines stated there had been a discussion where it was done by Districts and we discussed doing by districts may not be the best route but look at the worst roads so that it will not cost more down the road.

Commissioner Hines asked how the Board chooses the roads if Mr. Cawthorne had already evaluated the roads. Commissioner Hines stated Forrest Road needed to be looked at and Mr. Cawthorne stated that would be a major project. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated it had been discussed at the last meeting, since it was not on the bid proposal, if we accept the proposal we can make changes such as taking out a road. Commissioner Hines stated that was done last year with one of her roads. Commissioner Hines stated she would like for our County Administrator to look at what the State is offering like the Infrastructure Bill that was passed. There is funding now available for Infrastructure, and we need to know how to apply so we can take advantage of all the funding available. Commissioner Hines stated Mr. Cawthorne indicated a culvert on River Cove Road and that was fine but Strickland Town Road, which washed out three years ago, should have had a culvert put in as well. Commissioner Hines wanted to know how we determine which road takes precedence over another road and what is the procedure we have in place. Mr. Cawthorne stated it depends on the process we are bidding out. An example was given of bidding out resurfacing and chip seal, they have a lower needs rating, but we can seal them and save those roads before you get to a higher rating with 50/60% of base failure which will take a total reconstruction. Commissioner Hines stated Strickland Town Road washed out three years ago and asked when it would get a new culvert. Mr. Cawthorne stated that would need to be brought before the Board to go out for proposals. Commissioner Hines asked why that was not part of the bid with the other ones. Mr. Cawthorne stated the current bids are only for resurfacing. Motion was made by Rosla Plant and seconded by Vice Chairman Threadgill to accept the 2022 LMIG list as presented. All were in favor.

2. Public Safety Communications Tower

Chairman Neely-Hadley stated this was discussed at our last meeting and in the Work Session earlier this evening. Motion was made by Alfred McCoy and seconded by Vice Chairman Threadgill to allow Brin Jones to proceed in moving and purchasing equipment to locate on a leased tower not exceed \$95K and not to exceed \$10K for the building and fencing, subject to the connectivity available. All were in favor.

3. Home Occupation License Interpretation regarding Direct Sale Product Distribution

Administrator Irizarry stated this was discussed at the last meeting and is in reference to our Code of Ordinances Section 5.5 and 5.6. This addresses how times have changed regarding direct sales. In reviewing the current allowable businesses under residential home occupations, this request seems to qualify, but is not necessarily written out that way in the Ordinance. Staff recommends allowing other products to be considered under the allowable direct product sales distribution category as long as the home occupation meets the criteria that is established under Meriwether County's Ordinances and the

business does not develop and expand into retail operation with an inventory of products for use.

Chairman Neely-Hadley stated that is what Mr. Gay spoke about at the last meeting. Commissioner Hines was concerned of people being allowed to purchase and resale guns at their homes and how this was being compared to selling Tupperware. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated it is not just guns, it is computers and many other items that was listed in their handout. Many people are working from home now and doing sales. It would not be a retail shop with anyone coming there. Commissioner Hines stated they would buy something, store it, and then ship it out. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated yes or customizing it in some way such as a computer having programs uploaded and someone coming there to pick it up was an example given last week. The Ordinance is dated and includes Amway, Avon, and Tupperware as examples for direct sales distribution. Commissioner Hines stated now we are allowing an individual to sell guns and what else. Chairman Neely-Hadley provided examples and stated they would have to meet the requirements. It is basically a business without inventory, and without signage at the permitted residential home. Administrator Irizarry directed Commissioner Hines to 553j on the handout. Commissioner Hines stated one of her main concerns was doing massive ordering and selling it back whether it is a direct sale or shipping it back to someone and knowing that someone may have a business in their neighborhood with citizens not knowing that you are operating that business, especially with guns. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated they would need an additional license to sell the guns. There is no signage or a retail store for direct sales distribution. A Business License would still be needed. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated Mr. Gay was unable to attend the meeting this evening but Ms. Irizarry can answer any questions. Administrator Irizarry stated the example tonight was a request for a home occupation. He will be custom ordering firearms at the request of the customer, have the product delivered to the home business with the background checks and FFL requirement completed before the transfer and deliver of the product to the customer. There was discussion of the revision. Administrator Irizarry stated it was to clarify direct sales product distribution where it gives examples. The current examples in number 5 are very dated.

Attorney Hill stated this is not a new Ordinance and it is to clarify direct sale product distribution identified in 5.5j5 extends beyond those and etcetera means those that fit the direct sales and also meet the rest of the Ordinance as it currently is. Commissioner Hines confirmed with Attorney Hill that this was not a new Ordinance. Attorney Hill stated it clarifies more than such as Avon, Amway, Mary Kay, etc. Administrator Irizarry stated it is the Staff's recommendation to allow other products to be considered under the allowable direct product sales distribution category as long as the home occupation meets the criteria established. Following additional discussion, Commissioner Hines did not want the County to find themselves in the position like what happened a few years ago when someone started a business and then made changes to the business that was not in compliance. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bryan Threadgill and seconded by Alfred McCoy to allow Administration to look at 5.5 and 5.6 and authorize Administration to put together the guidelines consistent with the memorandum offered by Mr. Gay here today. All were in favor.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proclamation to honor Julia Ellison on her 103rd Birthday

This was moved to the section of the Agenda that follows Public Hearing.

2. Veronica Dowell - request for funding for the 2022 AURS Summer Program

Ms. Dowell provided handouts to the Board Members regarding the 2022 AURS Summer Enrichment Program that is scheduled to start on June 28th and end on August 4, 2022 at Unity Elementary School. They will not have the program on the week of July 4th. Ms. Dowell spoke about the activities including creative writing classes, stem cell activities, reading, field trips, movies, visits from guest speakers etc. Many children need this following COVID. Retired teachers will participate. There were close to 30 children there last year and they hope to exceed that amount this year. Ms. Dowell reviewed the requested budgeted amount of \$12K. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated the Sheriff would be able to provide \$1,250 for the drug and substance abuse prevention awareness training and education but will not be able to use the DATE funds for the remainder of her budget request. Questions were asked as to why the Board of Education charged rental on their building and why they were not providing any of the funding. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated if the Board of Commissioners provides funding for this organization they would have to do the same for others. Commissioner Hines asked why was this different now vs. 4-5 years ago. Bill Gregory, Finance Director stated it was the funding amount requested. Commissioner Hines emphasized the need for some type of programs for young people and stated this needs to be a community thing. Due to the pandemic some students are 2-3 years behind. Vice Chairman Threadgill asked where they got other funds. Last year they asked for \$15K and received \$7K. Mr. Gregory stated these programs are under ARPA guidelines. Commissioner Hines asked about using Recreation Budget Funds and asked Mr. Gregory how much was in the Recreation line item. There was additional discussion regarding how recreation funds were being used. Commissioner Hines stated she should also ask the Board of Education for some of their ARPA funds. There was discussion of payment to junior staffers. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill to table this until the first meeting in June and ask the Board of Education to remove the charge of \$1,943 from the Programs budgeted cost. Alfred McCoy seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

3. Representative Buckner – Legislative Update

Representative Debbie Buckner introduced the new Georgia Department of Transportation Board member, Mr. Dennis McIntyre. Mr. McIntyre lives in Newnan and previously lived in Manchester for 6 years. Mr. McIntyre worked for Newnan Utilities and Georgia Power. Mr. McIntyre stated he was looking forward to working with the County.

Representative Buckner introduced Tyler Peek District 3 Engineer and Kennon Ford, District 3 Construction Engineer from GDOT. Both work out of the Thomaston Office and represent 31 Counties. Mr. Peek updated the Board on the Warm Springs Bridge Project which has been delayed for some time now. The biggest issue has been with the fabrication of steel beams that meet specifications and a shortage of supplies. All specifications have to meet the criteria of the Department of Transportation and CSX. Two beams have been installed a while back and two others have been approved and

manufactured. There are two remaining that will need to be manufactured and approved. The contractor will begin work once all beams have been fabricated and approved. Once GDOT has the remaining two, making it a total of six, the time frame will be 18-months to get it completed. Mr. Peek stated they were regularly engaged with the contractor and manufacturer.

An all-way stop was added at Juke Line Road and Hwy. 41 due to concerns with more traffic turning out of Juke Line Road. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated one of the biggest issues we have is trucks disregarding the sign and using Juke Line Road. Examples were given of this, and she feels the road will probably have to be redone after 18-months. Mr. Peek stated they would be able to have that discussion when we get to that point. Chairman Neely-Hadley asked for any help with enforcement regarding trucks using Juke Line Road. Senator Robertson stated he spoke with the Colonel at the Georgia State Patrol about citations. Chairman Neely-Hadley stated we have the same issue with Forrest Road which has a lot of truck traffic.

Commissioner Hines asked Mr. Peek the status of Coleman Creek. Mr. Peek stated that lets to construction in the next fiscal year which starts in July. Currently there is an August let date of when it will be bid out. That will involve a 6-month closure and commercial traffic and traffic will be detoured on GA 100 and up to Hwy. 54. Mr. Ford stated they are looking at doing that bridge a little bit differently and have materials more readily available. Commissioner Hines was concerned with the 6-month detour due to heavy traffic and there was more discussion. Commissioner Plant pointed out how difficult it would be for tractor trailers to make the hard right on Hwy. 54 when they come into Luthersville to head towards Hwy. 100. Mr. Peek stated they would take a look at that location. Mr. Peek stated meetings would be held prior to this and there were alternatives. There can also be some constraints that could be cost prohibited.

Commissioner Hines asked that GDOT stay in communication because no matter how this is done it will have a major impact on the County when we get ready to do Coleman Creek. Mr. Peek mentioned supplies and stated concrete beams would have a shorter delay than steel.

Mr. Peek updated the Board regarding Dan Stribling Road. That bridge replacement is scheduled to go to bid in June 2022.

The last bridge project coming up soon is the Railroad Bridge in the City of Greenville that you can see from the square. That will also be in this coming up in the fiscal year. That will also have a detour and they will stagger the Coleman Creek and Hwy. 109 Bridge, so the detours are not simultaneous.

The other update was on Judson Bulloch Road where it crosses Hwy. 41. That project will be for late fiscal year 2023 or early fiscal year 2024. There will be a round a 'bout for that intersection and we will be looking at a little over a year from now before seeing that go out for bid. The right-of-way has not been authorized for that project and if there are no delays it should be within 15 months.

Commissioner Hines asked how far out GDOT was with their projects. Mr. Peek stated as far as funding it is usually current year plus four. The STIP is updated on regular cycles. Currently they have funding through Fiscal Year 2025. Anything beyond 2025 is undetermined. There are a lot of projects with a bid date, but the funding may be further out. There are maybe three more bridges in the County that are FY 2026/2027 projects. Chairman Neely-Hadley asked about Mitcham Road Bridge. Mr. Peek stated it was not in

their list of projects and he would check on that. The Bridge was recently closed. Chairman Neely-Hadley expressed concerns due to the Railroad blocking the crossing in Durand and Mitcham Road was the only way around the blocked crossing.

Representative Buckner followed up regarding the blocking of the crossings at Railroads. A meeting with Railroad officials was held in Meriwether County to discuss blocked crossings in the City of Gay, City of Woodland, and City of Talbotton. Some crossings have been blocked for 24-72 hours resulting in long delays from trains blocking the crossings in several of the Cities and in multiple Counties. They were asked to provide the Cities with one road that would not be blocked, not shut down all the crossings at the same time and if there was no other option, to split crossings to allow cars to pass. They have tried to do this and have had a shortage of workers. Representative Buckner serves as the Vice Chairman of the Rural Caucus, and they spoke about problems in other areas of Georgia. Many Senators and Representatives wrote letters to the Governor to ask Railroads for the same items Statewide that were requested during the meeting in Warm Springs.

Representative Buckner stated today is Election Day and there are 130 of the 180 seats up for a potential change. During the past Legislative Session, 133 House Bills were passed and House Resolutions that went to final passage. A lot of Charters were rewritten, and redistricting was done. A \$30.2 billion dollar budget was passed for FY-2023. They put \$11.8B in the K-12 Education, \$148.9M in Mental Health and Law Enforcement. At the request of the School Board, the School Board per diem was increased. Pay raises were given to teachers and State employees were given a \$5K cost of living increase. Opportunities for a bump in salaries for people who are highly technical in Law Enforcement, Health and EPD were given. These increases were provided due to some not receiving an increase in several years and to be competitive and retain employees. The Mental Health Bill, HB 1013 had a large number of appropriations attached. This was to make mental health have parity with physical health. There will also be training for law enforcement. Both Representative Buckner and Senator Robertson worked with NAMI in Columbus to do training for law enforcement. The Bill helps with the Workforce, and not only people who are hired by the State, to find out how to get people interested in becoming Mental Health Care providers. Assisted outpatient services will be available both voluntarily and involuntarily. More funds will be available for Mental Health Courts and the Department of Corrections. More information was shared on funding regarding this House Bill.

A law was passed to remove the Motor Fuel Tax until May 31st. There are discussions with the Governor to extend that.

An Income Tax cut for the State of Georgia will allow \$1.6B to go back to Georgia taxpayers over time. This money will eliminate personal income tax brackets and replace it with a flat tax of 5.49%. Over time if the environment, economy, and the revenues to the State allow, they could go down to 4.99%. There will be a review by the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee every year to make sure the State is not put in jeopardy.

They renewed the Rural Hospital Tax Credit.

As tribute to Meriwether County, it was brought to Representative Buckner's attention there was a flaw in the background check when guns were sold. If someone had been committed to a Mental Health Hospital, Georgia was the only State in the US that

allowed the computer to purge the list 5-years after they left the Mental Health Hospital which would allow someone to get a gun. Now there will be a process, if someone was involuntary committed to a Mental Health Hospital, in order to get a gun after they are out of the Hospital, there is a due process they have to go through to get their guns rights back. Guns Rights were the only rights that were taken away from people and all other rights such as voting, driver's license, etc. were not. A situation came up in Meriwether County and was brought to the attention of Representative Buckner and it took a while to get this fixed, but it has been signed now by the Governor.

Senator Robertson stated to tie into what Representative Buckner said, is the polls are now closed. The positive about it was the way we handled COVID in Georgia. The results show when it got to Atlanta it was almost \$4B there as opposed to the States that completely shut down. We did not close Churches, many small businesses and there were processes set up for those businesses that were negatively impacted. A relationship with the National Guard was executed, and it was a model that was used around the Country. Senator Robertson stated he did not discount the damage COVID did here in our Country.

Currently, we have the lowest unemployment rate of any large State in the United States. We have created more jobs over the last three years than any of the other big States. The Hyundai Plant near Savannah is a positive for us because of the parts suppliers here in this District. We were able to help our retired military. If you retire from the Military you automatically get \$17,500 that is nontaxable income. If you get a job you get an additional \$17,500 that is nontaxable. They used the model in Georgia that has been successful in South Carolina. Now when individuals retire here from the military they are not looking to move to another State, and we are able to keep those skills here.

The primary responsibility of the Senate is to pass a balanced budget. There were 328 Bills introduced by Senators. There were 846 Bills introduced by House members. Seventy Senate Bills and twelve House Bills were passed.

There have been some issues in Meriwether County with Vocational Rehabilitation. Senator Robertson and Representative Buckner have gone head on with that. There is a new Director that is over the area that impacts Roosevelt Institute. Senator Robertson and Representative Buckner explained the value of that facility in Meriwether County. Meetings were held at the Governor's Office on two occasions. They are keeping the attention on the vocational rehab and also to the employees who live and work in Meriwether County.

On the Tax credit side, Less Crime Act passed. You can donate to local law enforcement agencies and get credit. Also signed was the Parents Bill of Rights where parents understand they have a responsibility to be involved in their children's education. Senator Robertson is the Chairman of the Senate Retirement Committee, they look at TRS and know the stock market is up and down. There is a subcommittee that will meet four times over the summer to address benefits for the janitors, bus drivers and cafeteria workers and to help those in our Public Schools get to where they need to be. Senator Robertson announced several other Committees and when they would be starting, including the Georgia Athletics Study Committee.

Everything is going great. As far as the redistricting goes there was controversy in part of District 29 but a lot of it was understanding the maps and making sure everything

complied with the Voters Rights Act and the rest of Troup County was added into District 29 because of this. Senator Robertson now represents all of Meriwether, Troup, Harris, and half of Muscogee County. Senator Robertson stated he appreciated the support.

Commissioner Hines stated in the Mental Health Bill 1013, it was stated you wanted to promote having individuals get into this through schools. Commissioner Hines asked that we look at promoting this in our School Systems. A while back there was discussions of having a Clinic in Meriwether County for Healthy Babies. Representative Buckner stated there was a change in the funding opportunity and the \$500K that was aligned for this got moved over to Community Health and even though the funds were moved there the line item needs to be used for the Healthy Mother Healthy Babies program. It may not be a bricks and mortar clinic. Senator Robertson spoke about a partnership Mercer University had with the School System in Harris County and Harris County was able to help provide a building. Commissioner Hines stated the baby mortality rate in Meriwether County was high. Representative Buckner stated Medicaid had been extended to women up to one year after birth. Legislation has passed to have Maternity Homes for single mothers who have no place to go.

The Board thanked Senator Robertson and Representative Buckner for being at the meeting and providing updates to the Board.

4. Health Department Roofing Proposals

Finance Director, Bill Gregory, reviewed the four roofing bids received for a shingle or metal roof to be installed at the Greenville Health Department. The four bids were complete and responsive. After reviewing the quotes, Mr. Gregory recommended the Metal Roof from T. Reeves Roofing which was the lowest bid for the Metal Roof. The Metal Roof would match metal roofs on other County Buildings in the same area. Motion was made by Alfred McCoy and seconded by Vice Chairman Bryan Threadgill to select T. Reeves Roofing to install a Metal Roof at the cost of \$36K. All were in favor.

5. Courthouse Roof Drains (Agenda was amended to add)

Administrator Irizarry spoke with Principle Construction regarding the Courthouse Roof Drains. After the conference call with Principle Construction, it is imperative for the County to camera the existing roof drains on the Courthouse roof to determine if the drains can be relined and or sleeved to get the roof to drain properly. Relining the pipes will be much more cost effective than tearing them out and replacing them. This would be done by the water proofers who have performed the repairs to date. The cost is \$12,890. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Alfred McCoy to move forward with the total investigative work in the amount of \$12,890. All were in favor. They will start within two-weeks.

XII. REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Irizarry stated Open Enrollment was held yesterday and will be held again on Wednesday and Thursday. The Representatives will be there all day for those who would like to meet and talk to them about benefits. Informal conversations regarding LOST have started. Meetings have been held with the Gay, Luthersville, and Manchester and we are trying to set up a time to meet with Woodbury later this week.

Interviews were held for the Licenses and Permitting Tech, and she will begin on June 6, 2022. The power and phone is ready and in place for the Warm Springs AWAS project.

XIII. REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hines – Governor Kemp announced last week that 33 non-profits and Cities will receive funding from the American Recovery Plan. Troup County Salvation Army received \$165K and they will offer a wrap around service to include Meriwether County. Commissioner Hines was unsure if there would be a second round or not. There were several Counties that applied for funding and Commissioner Hines will gather more information on the funding. Commissioner Hines spoke with Corrine Thornton from DCA, and she will provide us some more information on DCA funds for housing, paying rent and fixing up homes. The rental assistance program is still up and running. Vice Chairman Threadgill stated there was a lady in Manchester that had a rental assistance program that could help out citizens in the County. Most of the calls Commissioner Hines receives are from Senior Citizens who are asking for help.

Commissioner Plant – attended the Airport groundbreaking for the Hangers that occurred on May 12th and the Chamber of Commerce annual event last week where Jane Fryer, IDA Executive Director and the Industrial Development Authority were recognized. It was very much appreciated.

Chairman Neely-Hadley – attended both events that Commissioner Plant attended, and it was nice to attend the event again since it had been close to three years. It was great to see the Industrial Development Authority recognized. The facts and figures were very impressive.

Vice Chairman Threadgill – Manchester will have a Memorial Tribute on Memorial Day at 11:00 a.m. at the old Mill in Manchester. There will be a Veterans reception following the Tribute at the Senior Center.

Commissioner McCoy – also attended the events that was announced by Commissioner Plant. Peaches in Pines will be held on June 11, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

XIV. REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY

Stated Executive Session was needed for Real Estate and Tax Matters

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Rosla Plant to go into Executive session at 8:03 p.m. to discuss Real Estate and Tax Matters. All were in favor. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Alfred McCoy to go out of Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Alfred McCoy to go back into Regular Session at 8:14 p.m. All were in favor.

Action was taken in Executive Session. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Threadgill and seconded by Alfred McCoy to remove all taxes, penalties, and interest to date on

PB3631 and allow the Administrator to send a letter to the current Tax Commissioner.
All were in favor.

XVI. FUTURE MEETINGS & NOTICES

Chairman Neely Hadley read the future Meetings and Notices prior to Executive Session.

May 30, 2022, Memorial Day Holiday

June 8, 2022, Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.

June 20, 2022, Juneteenth Holiday

June 28, 2022, Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alfred McCoy and seconded by Vice Chairman Threadgill to adjourn at 8:15 a.m. All were in favor.

Approved by: Majority vote of the Board of Commissioners

Attest: Beverly A. Thomas, County Clerk

Date: June 8, 2022