

**MINUTES**  
**MERIWETHER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
August 14, 2019

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: County Administrator Theron Gay, Deputy Clerk Allyson Stephens, and County Attorney Nathan Lee

Staff Absent: Finance Director Bill Gregory and County Clerk Beverly Thomas

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Shirley Hines, 9:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION** Chairman Shirley Hines

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Commissioner McCoy and seconded by Vice Chairman Neely-Hadley to adopt the Agenda and include under New Business: 8. Public Hearing for Oakland Road from Beaver Lake Road through White Oak Creek. Voting in favor were Chairman Hines, Vice-Chairman Neely-Hadley, Commissioner McCoy and Commissioner Threadgill. Commissioner Bray opposed. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Neely-Hadley to add under New Business 9. Annexation Request for two parcels of property in unincorporated Meriwether County into the City of Luthersville. All were in favor. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Neely Hadley to adopt the amended agenda. Commissioner McCoy seconded. All were in favor.

**III. MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner Bray to accept the minutes of the July 23, 2019 Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner Bray to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2019 Special Called Meeting at 5:00 p.m. All were in favor.

**IV. MUNICIPAL COMMENTS**

Mayor Charlene Glover with the City of *Greenville* (*voted to correct city name during 8-27-19 mtg. from Luthersville to Greenville*) had nothing to report.

Mayor Ginger Hancock wanted to thank the Cities and County for working together.

City Manager Doug Westberry stated that the City would have qualifying on Monday and there were two open Council seats and the Mayor's Office that would be voted on November 5, 2019.

**V. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

None

**VI. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Animal Control Director Shawn Downs stated in the month of July, the shelter took in 98 animals and rehomed 52 animals. He stated on August 24<sup>th</sup> at Quercus Farms there will be a Pet Festival with games and fun for families and their animals. He stated the event will start at 11:00 a.m. and will run until 6:00 p.m. Director Downs stated there will be a dunking tank and there will be the opportunity to dunk Commissioners, Department Heads, and the County Manager. All proceeds will go to the Animal Shelter.

Bill Cawthorne with Public Works advised the Board that Cove Road opened the previous week. The traffic was open on Mt. Carmel road with the replacement of two pipes. Mr. Cawthorne stated Public Works is currently working on the Keith road washout and hopefully work would be completed in 2-3 weeks depending on the weather. Mr. Cawthorne stated pipes were being delivered to Weaver Road and a pipe had been ordered for Terrell Road. Mr. Cawthorne stated that they almost have 10 of the washed-out roads repaired and still have the three larger projects. He stated resurfacing on East Oak Street in Luthersville will start in about 2 weeks as there was an engine failure with the company's mixing unit and the engine was made in Germany so there was a delay with the parts. Mr. Cawthorne advised the site work on the Cove Road Fire station had started with site clearing. He stated the Public Works department continues to blade, scrape and pull ditches on dirt roads and as of the end of July, they have completed 38 more roads than they did the entire year of 2018. Mr. Cawthorne stated the department is on their second round of mowing. He advised the skid steer had been down for two weeks. Commissioner Threadgill stated he drove out Cove road to see the repair and was disappointed with the final product. He stated there was a large dip in the road. Commissioner Threadgill also stated he had received complaints regarding the right of ways on County roads. He stated there was trees growing in the right of ways and brush obscuring vision for drivers. Mr. Cawthorne stated the County has two boom axes and only one is operational. Commissioner McCoy asked about a timeline for repairs on Strickland Town Road. Mr. Cawthorne advised Strickland Town road had extensive damage along with Owens Road and Hill Haven Road. Chairman Hines stated she received information regarding the Georgia Map 21 program. She stated this is a program that helps keep your road accuracy and accounting up to date. County Administrator Theron Gay advised the Board emergency funds were requested from Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$400,000 and the County was notified they would only receive \$165,000. Administrator Gay also stated that he has been looking at projects for TSPLOST and when speaking with Mr. Cawthorne he mentioned the possibility of full-depth reclamation process on dirt roads. He advised this would take the cost from paving a dirt road from \$600,000-\$700,000 per mile to \$300,000 per mile. Mr. Cawthorne advised you would have to have enough square yardage to make the process justifiable. He stated it is a much quicker process and can be done in about 2 days. Mayor Charlene Glover from the City of Greenville asked Mr. Gay if he had a timeline for repairs to Hill Haven Road. He stated Hill Haven was a very extensive job and large project and hopefully the County would be able to request bids by October of 2019.

Public Safety Director Chief Alfonse Pynenburg stated that billing was up 5.5% from last year for the month of July. Chief Pynenburg stated the Public Safety Department ran 401 calls for the month of July. He stated 35 of those calls were fire, 366 medical, 8 structure fires, and 20 motor vehicle accidents. He stated that with the opening of the new fire stations, response times were much better. Chief advised he had a success story out of Durand. He stated the Department was able to prevent a kitchen fire from causing severe damage by getting to the residence more rapidly and being in closer proximity. Chief Pynenburg stated he has been fielding a lot of calls for insurance rate purposes due to some citizens being over 5 miles from a fire station. Chief Pynenburg stated he is working on other programs to assist citizens and hopes to see more stations soon and possibly sub-stations. He advised there was a three-day upcoming training for Firefighters that will be hosted by the Joseph M. Still Burn Foundation. Vice Chairman Neely-Hadley asked Chief Pynenburg who owned the older fire station in Durand. Chief Pynenburg advised it was not owned by the County however was owned by the community. He suggested that the County may want to look at obtaining the station for storage and other usage. Vice Chairman Neely-Hadley also asked the Chief if there as a dedicated firefighter stationed in Warm Springs 24/7. Chief Pynenburg advised her that there is a Firefighter in the building 50% of the time due to staffing. He stated they are working on having a dedicated firefighter in Woodbury to help before the new Station is ready to provide coverage. Chief Pynenburg stated he had three

employees that resigned due to training. He stated one was due to medical reasons and the other two resigned due to the physical aspects of the training. Commissioner Threadgill gave kudos to the Chief and his staff for a recent medical call that required a helicopter. He stated it was very professional and he wanted to give them thanks.

Director of Planning, Zoning, and Community Development, Cathy Johnson stated their department had a record month. She stated that for the month of July the Housing and Permitting exceeded \$3,000,000 in value. She stated the department is already exceeding July's permit valuation in the first two weeks of August. Director Johnson stated one very large home in the amount of \$800,000 was being built in July. She stated in August there would be a \$4,000,000 structure built. Director Johnson stated she was excited about upcoming events and that in September, the first quarterly builder's meetings would be held in Greenville and future meetings will be scheduled in different districts in the County. She stated this would allow builders to understand the processes and vision for growth in Meriwether County. Director Johnson stated they would have representatives at the meeting from Georgia EPD, Georgia Soil and Water, and Meriwether County Water and Sewer Authority. Director Johnson thanked all other departments for their assistance and is thankful that the departments are willing to work together.

Interim Chief Appraiser, David Noles stated that he has seen growth in the County. Mr. Noles stated they are finalizing the 2019 Tax Digest before the September 3, 2019 deadline. Mr. Noles stated they are working on the 2020 Tax Digest. Mr. Noles stated that the digest is growing, and the growth is positive growth. Commissioner Hines asked if the School Board must complete their digest first. County Administrator Gay stated the School Board sets their millage rate first and then it is approved by the Board of Commissioners.

#### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Wellness Warriors Presentation- County Administrator Theron Gay stated the Wellness Program is one of the benefits offered to employees of the County. Mr. Gay asked I.T. Director Skip Richmond to come forward. He stated Mr. Richmond and Mrs. Amber Ritter were both being recognized as Wellness Warriors. He stated they participate in the Wellness Programs and challenges and do a great job. Mr. Gay stated the wellness programs is a great asset to the county as it helps to manage insurance rates and encourages employees to take care of their health. Mr. Richmond was presented with a certificate and a gift card will be presented to him from Shaw Hankins. Mrs. Ritter was unable to attend the meeting but was also recognized.

2. 2020 Census Resolution- County Administrator Gay stated the 2020 Census will be coming up and the Census has asked all communities to participate with getting an accurate count. The Resolution presented would be to establish a Complete Count Committee to assist in and get an accurate accounting of all individuals. For each individual not counted \$2,000 of federal funding is lost. Over a 10-year period, this equates to \$20,000. Mr. Gay explained this would be a community-wide outreach program. He stated the Complete Count Committee should be no more than 10 members. Mr. Gay recommended 5 appointments and staff with no more than 10 members total. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Neely-Hadley and seconded by Commissioner Threadgill to accept the resolution as presented. All were in favor. Commissioner Bray stated she attended the last Greenville City Council meeting and was given permission to use the R.D. Hill Community Building for her TSPLOST town hall meeting. Commissioner Bray stated she would like to have someone from the Census come and speak at that meeting.

3. Meriwether County Water and Sewer Authority Proposed Budget 2019-2020 – Mr. Larry Dunaway with the Meriwether County Water and Sewer Authority gave the board a handout that provided them with the proposed budget and the status of the bond. Mr. Dunaway stated he bumped up the price received from water and sewer customers, the utilities, and the water sampling fees. He explained the water sampling fees were bumped up due to more sampling requirements. Mr. Dunaway stated the bond payments are on tract. He stated the bond payment is around \$57,000 per month and they make the bond payment every month on time. Mr. Dunaway stated this has helped the County keep a triple A rating with the Bond company. Commissioner Threadgill asked Mr. Dunaway when the bond originated. Mr. Dunaway stated the bond originated in 2008 and was renegotiated to get a more affordable payment. Mr. Dunaway stated this helped the Authority tremendously by renegotiating the terms of the bond. He stated at the time of the original bond, the tipping fees were not at the amount of the payment and they were using bond money to pay the bond payment. He stated this is not the case now and the Authority is able to make the payments. Mr. Dunaway stated most of the equipment for the Water and Sewer Authority is on a maintenance program. Mr. Dunaway advised the Authority still has the portable pump and it is available to other Municipalities if needed. Commissioner Threadgill asked Mr. Dunaway where the Authority is with working with the Municipalities in expanding water service. Mr. Dunaway explained they are working on a 12-inch water line from the Industrial park into Luthersville. He stated they are working on a USDA Grant that will help with 45 to 75 percent funding. Mr. Dunaway stated he believed the Authority would be on the upper end of the grant as they are including more communities. Commissioner Threadgill stated he would like to see the citizens have an opportunity to have water. Commissioner Threadgill stated the lines were there. Mr. Dunaway advised that the Authority's concern is to have a water source to provide more water. He stated most Municipalities are on a well system which is fine, however if a subdivision is built, there would be an issue with providing water. Mr. Dunaway stated that Pedro Rossello the Water and Sewer Authority Engineer had spent a lot of time working with Hogansville and hopefully by the end of the month the issues would be handled, and he would continue working on the grant. Mr. Dunaway stated Pedro was very good at working within the Authority's budget. Commissioner Bray stated that there are already lines that run from LaGrange to Greenville. Mr. Dunaway stated that there were lines in place, however that would be left up to the City of Greenville to branch out. Mr. Dunaway advised the Authority has considered utilizing water from the City of Griffin treatment plant. He stated the plan was to install a line under Flat Shoals Bridge. Commissioner McCoy asked if the water supplied from Griffin would be raw water. Mr. Dunaway will check as he felt it would be ready to drink. Administrator Gay stated that Coweta County uses water from Griffin that is already treated. He stated a chlorination system would have to be installed. Administrator Gay stated that it is a long-term process. Chairman Hines stated she would like to see information getting back to USDA for grants. Mr. Dunaway advised Mr. Rossello would be continuing work on the USDA grant. The Board accepted the Proposed Budget and Chairman Hines stated this would be brought back to the Board for approval during the Budget process.

4. Sewer Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Administrator Gay advised the Board in their packet was a draft of a new Sewer Ordinance that would need to be reformatted, numbered and fee schedule included that mimics the City of Hogansville's Ordinance. Mr. Gay advised the Water and Sewer Authority is a partner with the City of Hogansville in their new Sewer plant. He stated the purpose for the new ordinance was to meet new criteria from the City of Hogansville. Mr. Gay advised the City had become more stringent on the requirements and now required industrial pretreatment. Chairman Hines stated she would need more clarity on the mitigation portion of the Ordinance. Chairman Hines asked if the City of Hogansville was behind on opening the Sewage Treatment Plant. Larry Dunaway stated they were on track to open. He stated there has been delays in the past with funding from the City of Hogansville. Commissioner McCoy stated he

would like to make sure upon approval of the Ordinance there would be parameters that Meriwether could live with as far as the effluent. Administrator Gay stated that the County bought 20 percent into the plant. Administrator Gay stated he would like to make sure the County is able to accurately measure usage and how much excess capacity the County would have left. He stated that there would need to be clearly defined amounts. Chairman Hines stated no action to take on the Ordinance and this would serve as the first reading.

5. Lake Meriwether Reservation Program Contract- Administrator Gay stated that he and Commissioner McCoy watched a demonstration for an online reservation program for campsites. He stated a company by the name of Aspira gave a demonstration of the program and it was very impressive. Commissioner McCoy stated it is the most popular online reservation system for campsites in Georgia. Administrator Gay stated the site allowed potential campers to request reservations online and pick their campsite based on availability. He stated it also allowed campers to pick a site closer to certain amenities. Mr. Gay stated the cost was \$99.00 per month with a one time set up fee of \$900. Mr. Gay stated there was a \$5.00 fee to book your site online. Administrator Gay stated the Lake Meriwether Advisory Board voted to ask the Board to approve the Reservation Program Contract. A motion was made by Commissioner McCoy and seconded by Commissioner Hadley to approve the Lake Meriwether Reservation Program Contract. All were in favor.

6. Discussion of old Jail at Airport- Administrator Gay stated the old jail or trading post located at the Airport needs to be removed to comply with the Airport plans. He advised there are contractors working on the Runway Project at the airport. Commissioner McCoy stated he ask the contractor on site if he would be willing to remove the old jail while he was doing work at the site. Commissioner McCoy stated he was given a quote from the Contractor in the amount of \$27,480 to take the building down. Commissioner McCoy stated some of the debris could be used and some could not. He stated the debris would be ground up finely and rock would be hauled off by the contractor. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Neely-Hadley and seconded by Commissioner McCoy to approve the removal of the old jail at the Airport. All were in favor.

7. Approve Lease for facility to store Election Equipment- Election Superintendent Patty Threadgill stated they are unable to store the new election equipment in the current Elections building. She stated the state would be sending 72 ballot markers, 17 tabulators, and 28 e-polls. Administrator Gay stated they have located a building two doors down from the Elections building that would be feasible for storage. Administrator Gay stated that the tenant wanted \$1000 per month rent. He stated he would like to have the electrical and heating and air checked before the lease is signed. Ms. Threadgill stated the building would have to be climate-controlled to house the new equipment. Commissioner Threadgill stated the building being close to the Elections office was convenient. Superintendent Threadgill stated the equipment will be checked quarterly. Administrator Gay stated there was a new roof on the building and the heating and air should be fine. Vice Chairman Neely-Hadley stated that she would like the public to know that storing the new election equipment is something the County is required to do. She stated the State is furnishing the equipment however, it is the County's responsibility to store and maintain the equipment. Superintendent Threadgill stated she is sure there will be an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State and the County before the equipment is delivered. A motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner Bray to accept the lease for 133 S. Court Square with the conditions the electrical and heating and air are up to standards. All were in favor.

8. Setting Public Hearing for consideration of closure of Oakland Road between Beaver Lake Road and White Oak Creek- Vice Chairman Neely-Hadley stated this public hearing would be to allow information to be brought back to the Board from Administrator Gay from GDOT. Vice Chairman Neely-Hadley asked if a date would need to be set. She was advised by County Attorney Lee that it would not require a date at this time but would need to be advertised. A motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill for to set the public hearing for consideration of

closure of Oakland Road between Beaver Lake Road and White Oak Creek to allow information to be brought back from GDOT for consideration by the Board. Voting in favor were Vice-Chairman Neely-Hadley, Commissioner McCoy, and Commissioner Threadgill. Chairman Hines and Commissioner Bray opposed.

9. Annexation request for the City of Luthersville- Administrator Gay stated there was a petition to the City of Luthersville to annex some property into the city limits. Administrator Gay stated most of the owner's property is already in the City. He stated this would be a 10-acre tract and a 2-acre tract. Mr. Gay stated the property is zoned RD but would need to be zoned industrial in Luthersville to allow the proposed use. Administrator Gay stated the City of Luthersville indicated they are interested in annexation. Administrator Gay stated he saw no issues with the request as the property is away from the highway and use to be a lumber yard. He stated the property is off a state route/highway. Administrator Gay stated that he would suggest the owner honor the buffer requirements under Meriwether County's Ordinance. A motion was made by Commissioner McCoy and seconded by Commissioner Bray to allow the annexation request for the City of Luthersville with the condition of the buffer. All were in favor. Mayor Ginger Hancock from the City of Luthersville wanted to acknowledge what an asset Crawford Grading is to the City and the County.

**X. REPORT FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Chairman Hines asked the Board to keep Finance Director Bill Gregory in their prayers for the passing of his mother.

**XI. REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Administrator Gay stated he is working on the Broadband Ordinance. He stated the County received the landfill monitoring reports for June and July and they were fine. Administrator Gay stated he is working on setting the meetings for the millage rate. Mr. Gay stated the millage rate would not be going up. Administrator Gay stated it is required to have three public hearings if the rollback rate isn't used. He stated they were looking at August 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and then again that evening at 6:00 p.m. for the regular session. He stated they would like to have a meeting on August 30, 2019 and move it earlier in the day. He stated this will be dependent on the School Board. Administrator Gay stated they would look at 10 a.m. on August 30, 2019. Administrator Gay advised the Board the Airport has received a notice to proceed as they received their construction clearance. Administrator Gay reminded the Board that the 2020 LMIG application will need to be completed and is coming up soon. Administrator Gay stated Lake Meriwether has a lot of things going on with a lot of changes, and they are looking to have a ribbon cutting on September 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Gay stated there is a new ADA trail, new bathrooms, and an ADA overlook. Administrator Gay advised there was a new grant available with application dates between September 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019. Administrator Gay stated they would like to expand the facilities and expand the ADA trail, bringing it back to the loop road. He stated they would also like to add dump stations. Administrator Gay stated that GDOT came by the Greenville City Hall and advised they are going to be doing extensive work at the Court Square. He stated they would be resurfacing the entire square and the County would be responsible for restriping. Commissioner Bray wanted to know the time frame to complete the square. Administrator Gay stated he would check into the time frame. Administrator Gay stated he had two mandatory pre-bid meetings scheduled at 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. for the Parking Lot Project and the Sidewalk and Streetscape Project. Administrator Gay stated he is getting a lot of calls from the movie and film industry. Administrator Gay stated the timber ordinance will have to have some changes. Chairman Hines asked Administrator Gay what the status of recodification was with the County Ordinances. Administrator Gay stated he had reviewed the first draft and has received the second draft. He stated he will be making his changes and will get this back to

Municode by September 12<sup>th</sup>. He stated after all changes are made, he will bring the ordinances back to the Board for approval. Administrator Gay stated the Sewer Ordinance will be included.

## **XII. REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Bryan Threadgill: Commissioner Threadgill stated he doesn't look at social media much and most of the time he doesn't agree with what the posts contain as they are wrong information. He stated he noticed one post that caught his attention and it was the allotted time frames citizens are given to speak. Commissioner Threadgill states when the citizens are given an allotted amount of time to speak, the Board should be held to somewhat of the same standard and not take up more time with endless chatter. He feels the Board should stick to the subject matter. Vice-Chairman Neely-Hadley stated she also saw the social media post and explained that the three minutes allowed at the end of the meeting was recently added to the meetings. She stated this is for a question about something that was heard in the meeting. She stated she explained to a citizen if they needed more time to make a presentation, they could always call and be placed on the agenda. Commissioner Threadgill stated this was about the time limit for the Public Hearing portion of the meetings. Commissioner McCoy stated he felt if there was going to be a meeting that lasted 3-4 hours, then maybe some items should be removed from the agenda. Administrator Gay stated that if the amount of Public Hearings increased, the Board may need to look at setting another meeting date for just the Public Hearings.

Commissioner Mary Bray: Commissioner Bray stated Southern Rivers had been very good to Meriwether County. She noted they sponsored the Country Christmas in 2018 and will again in 2019, and they also sponsored the Back to School Bash. Commissioner Bray would like to see attendance at the Southern Rivers meeting that will be on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Bray stated Southern Rivers showed interest in Meriwether County and she would like to pay them the same respect. Commissioner Bray advised there would also be a Meriwether County Fun Day at Greenville High School on August 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., as well as the Pet Fest for a chance to dunk a Commissioner.

Chairman Shirley Hines: Chairman Hines handed out information for a new initiative from USDA and FDA called Rural Strong Georgia. She stated they will be in our region on August 21, 2019 2:30 to 4:30 in West Point. She states this is a great opportunity to find out what resources are available. This will be very informational. Commissioner Hines stated she had the opportunity to attend an event put on by the Georgia Chamber in Fayette County. She stated the event was call Diversity and Inclusion. Chairman Hines stated this was a good program and information was provided to show what Georgia will look like in 10-15 years in regards, to demographics and workforce. She stated a lot of data and statistics were given in the workshop. Chairman Hines stated this is very important data to look at when determining where the County will be in the next 15-20 years.

Vice Chairman Beth Neely-Hadley: Vice Chairman Neely-Hadley stated September 28, 2019 will be the next Clean-up Day for Meriwether County. She noted there will need to be a timeframe on scrap tires and how long we will accept them. Vice Chairman Neely-Hadley stated volunteers are needed to man the dump sites and sign up for a two-hour slot. She stated there will be a TSPLOST informational meeting in Warm Springs at the Community Building on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. She advised his meeting came about after she met with the citizens of Peaceful Lane. She stated they would like their dirt road paved and felt it was a good candidate for paving as the right of ways were good and utilities were set back from the edge of the road. She stated citizens wanted to get involved with TSPLOST and would be coming to the meeting. Vice Chairman Neely-Hadley had the opportunity to be in a meeting with GDOT and the Merchants group of Warm Springs. She advised the work has stopped on the railroad bridge as the concrete was not

set at the right temperature and they are not sure when this project will start back up. She also stated the round about project at Judson Bulloch Road is scheduled for 2021 or 2022. She noted the back to school bash was held August 1<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office, School System and Family Connections, and 600 children were served that day with vision and eye screenings, health checkups, bookbags, school supplies, and various items. She thanked the citizens on Dunn Road in District 5 for their diligence in paying close attention to their roads.

Commissioner Alfred "Buster" McCoy: Commissioner McCoy stated he is getting a lot of complaints about potholes on Alvaton Road, Rocky Mount Road, and Luthersville Roads. He asked for assistance on those roads. Commissioner McCoy stated there will be a First Responder Dinner at the Masonic Lodge on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**XIII. REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Lee stated there was a need for Executive Session for Real Estate, Personnel, and Litigation.

**XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Charlene Glover from the City of Greenville would like to see the Tax Commissioner come to some of the meetings and give an update. She stated there was no working relationship with the Tax Commissioner.

Debbie Nelson: Miss Nelson stated she would like to thank the Board for everything they do. She stated they also hosted a back to school bash at Greenville High School and she wanted to thank Commissioner Bray and Chairman Hines. Miss Nelson also wanted to mention Southern Rivers. She stated they have a program that will assist elderly people who are not able to get into their homes on a first come first serve basis. Miss Nelson suggested seeking out other power companies to get involved.

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss litigation, real estate, and personnel matters by Commissioner Threadgill and seconded by Commissioner Bray at 11:35 a.m. All were in favor. A motion was made by Commissioner McCoy and seconded by Commissioner Bray to go out of executive session at 12:35 p.m. All were in favor. No action was taken during executive session.

**XVI. FUTURE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Future Meetings were listed on the Agenda and were announced.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner McCoy and seconded by Commissioner Bray to adjourn at 12:36 p.m. All were in favor.

Approved by: Majority vote of the Board of Commissioners  
Attest: Allyson S. Stephens, Deputy Clerk  
Date: August 27, 2019