

**MINUTES**  
**MERIWETHER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 13, 2023**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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Commissioners Present: Chairman Bryan Threadgill, Vice Chairman Gene King, Commissioner Rosla Plant, Commissioner Emmett Collins, and Commissioner Adam Worsley  
Staff Present: Interim County Administrator Theron Gay, Assistant County Administrator Blue Cole, County Clerk Beverly Thomas, Finance Directors Bill Gregory and John Gorton, and County Attorney Nathan Lee

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bryan Threadgill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**II. INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Bill Gregory, Finance Director.

**III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

All

**IV. ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Rosla Plant and seconded by Adam Worsley to adopt the Agenda with the following changes. Add under New Business: 4. October 11, 2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting. All were in favor.

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**VI. FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Director, Bill Gregory, reported the General Fund was holding steady. Finance will move funds from the Fire District O&M to the General Fund for the reimbursement of the Fire payroll. Next month we will deposit close to \$415K from the 911 Account to the General Fund to get us through October.

**VII. DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Fire Chief Danny Stephens stated they started the EMT class last night and had 14 students.

**VIII. CITIZEN COMMENT**

None

**IX. MINUTES**

1. Motion was made by Adam Worsley and seconded by Rosla Plant to approve the Minutes from the August 22, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting. All were in favor.
2. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Gene King and seconded by Emmett Collins to approve the Minutes from the August 30, 2023, 5:00 p.m. Special Called Meeting. Voting in

favor were Vice Chairman King, Emmett Collins, Chairman Threadgill, and Rosla Plant. Adam Worsley abstained.

#### **X. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

#### **XI. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Motion was made by Adam Worsley and seconded by Emmett Collins to table the appointment to CAFI to fill an unexpired term. All were in favor.
2. Motion was made by Emmett Collins and seconded by Vice Chairman Gene King to table the appointment to the Airport Authority, District 3. All were in favor.
3. Motion was made by Chairman Bryan Threadgill and seconded by Rosla Plant to reappoint Renee Smith to the Board of Health to fill a term that will expire on December 31, 2023. All were in favor. The reappointed term will expire on December 31, 2029.
4. Motion was made by Chairman Bryan Threadgill and seconded by Vice Chairman Gene King to reappoint Alma Cox to the Board of Health to fill a term that will expire on December 31, 2023. All were in favor. The reappointed term will expire on December 31, 2029.
5. Motion was made by Chairman Bryan Threadgill and seconded by Vice Chairman Gene King to reappoint Dr. Victor Lambert to the Board of Health to fill a term that will expire on December 31, 2023. All were in favor. The reappointed term will expire on December 31, 2029.

#### **XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. John Gorton, Meriwether County Finance Director, addressed section 2-354 of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. GASB came out with a new rule regarding GASB 98 which changes the language. The language changes the name of the report from Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Mr. Gorton stated he had spoken to Attorney Nathan Lee about this, and he recommended an update to this Ordinance. This will not require a Public Hearing. Motion was made by Adam Worsley and seconded by Emmett Collins to allow the update in Ordinance Section 2-354 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as requested. All were in favor.
2. Following review from Legal, motion was made by Vice Chairman Gene King and seconded by Adam Worsley to approve the Quitclaim Deed from Meriwether County to Quercus Properties, LLC. All were in favor. Cross Reference: Tax Parcel ID Numbers: 168 044; 168 042 (IN); 168 042 (OUT); and 168 046.
3. Motion was made by Rosla Plant and seconded by Emmett Collins to set a Public Hearing on September 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. for the proposed FY 2023-2024 Meriwether County Budget. All were in favor.
4. Motion was made by Adam Worsley and seconded by Emmett Collins to change the Board of Commissioners meeting date from October 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. to October 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. All were in favor. This was due to the three Commissioners attending training through ACCG.

Chairman Threadgill introduced Andrienne Tickle, Area Manager for Georgia Power.

#### **XIV. REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Blue Cole, Assistant Administrator reported we are on track with the Comprehensive Plan. We will have a Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan on September 26, 2023. Paul Jarrell from Three Rivers RC&D will be here to discuss the Comprehensive Plan and the changes. Mr. Jarrell will explain the process of approving the Comprehensive Plan and sending it to the State. Assistant Administrator Cole continues to look for grants and has identified a few specific grants. He will be reaching out to the intended departments to get their input. Bid documents for Ellis Road and County Line Road has gone out for bid. The Keep Meriwether Beautiful Clean-up day will be September 23, 2023. We have worked to get A/C flow on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Courthouse. They were working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors yesterday. A meeting was held at the Pathways Bldg. to go over the potential move for the Elections and Sheriff's Office. Assistant Administrator Cole is looking forward to working with everyone on the FY 2023-2024 Budget.

A report was provided by Interim Administrator, Theron Gay, following the Report from County Commissioners.

#### **XV. REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Adam Worsley: interacted with some of the EMS personnel over Labor Day due to a young man having an accident. Commissioner Worsley stated it was impressive watching them at work and thanked the EMS employees for what they did to help. The young man is back home now following the accident. Commissioner Worsley thanked everyone for what they do.

Theron Gay, Interim County Administrator, arrived.

Vice Chairman Gene King: has noticed many ditches have been cut out on some of the County dirt roads and they look good. We need to add gravel to a few. Vice Chairman King thanked the staff and stated we are making progress.

Chairman Bryan Threadgill: welcomed Blue Cole, new Assistant County Administrator.

Commissioner Rosla Plant: reminded everyone about Keep Meriwether Beautiful clean-up day on September 23, 2023. Public Works will be the only collection location for tires without rims.

Commissioner Emmett Collins: thanked the County Employees and Staff for their work. The Lake Meriwether Meeting was held last night and there was discussion of promoting the Lake. Ideas shared were signage and allowing Campsite rental booking online. Assistant Administrator Cole stated he would follow up after the meeting to coordinate adding this to the website.

Interim Administrator Gay reported he had met with IDA, Water & Sewer Authority, working on trying to get the Election Building done and there have been several meetings there, reviewed the Short-Term Work Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. There is a lot going on. We received the low bids for a new Public Works truck and appreciation was expressed to Board members who tried to help in getting low bids. Since the Board previously voted to allow the purchase of a truck, at a certain dollar amount, staff will move forward with the purchase of a Dodge Truck which was the least expensive and did not require a trade in. There are two Ford trucks available

for purchase if needed. There was discussion on availability of other vehicles once they are ordered. We are in need of a service maintenance truck for Public Works. We will also purchase a bushhog and that will be under the \$5K approval limit. It is difficult to get that equipment delivered right now too since they are out 45 days. There will be a few items to discuss in Executive Session involving Litigation and Taxes.

**XVI. REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney stated Executive Session would be needed for Litigation, Tax Matters, and Personnel.

**XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Adam Worsley and seconded by Vice Chairman Gene King to go into Executive Session for Litigation, Personnel, and Tax Matters at 7:27 p.m. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Rosla Plant and seconded by Vice Chairman Gene King to go out of Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Adam Worsley and seconded by Emmett Collins to go back into Regular Session at 8:13 p.m. All were in favor.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

**XVIII. FUTURE MEETINGS & NOTICES**

Chairman Bryan Threadgill announced future Meetings and Notices prior to Executive Session.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, motion was made by Emmett Collins and seconded by Adam Worsley to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. All were in favor.

Approved by: Majority vote of the Board of Commissioners

Attest: Beverly Thomas, County Clerk

Date: September 26, 2023