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The regular meeting of the Dooly County Commissioners was held this date at 9:00 AM at the Dooly County Commissioners' Office in Vienna. Members present were: Chairman David Barron, Vice Chairman Eugene Cason, Commissioner Tony Lester, Commissioner David Mixon, and Commissioner Timothy Robinson. Also present were: Administrator Stephen Sanders, Clerk Linda Woodson, News Observer reporter Tim Franzen, Attorney Bert Gregory, and Dooly Justice Center Jail Administrator Darrell Bryant.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Barron called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

PRAYER

Vice-Chairman Eugene Cason led the Board in prayer.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Upon motion by Commissioner Mixon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended Agenda.

MINUTES

Upon the motion by Commissioner Mixon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2024.

DOOLY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY

Dr. Monica Kearse met with the Board to provide information about the PEACH Education tax credit program that allows individuals and corporations to donate money to support innovative programs of the Academy. Donors receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on their state income tax.

STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

EMA Director Kenny Calhoun met with the Board. He reported that it is time to renew the Statewide Mutual Agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Upon motion by Commissioner Mixon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the board voted unanimously to authorize Chairman David Barron to execute the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

SUSAN WHITE

Susan White of 161 Five Points Road addressed the Commissioners about the County's requirements when someone wants to have a concrete block skirting for a manufactured home. Building Inspector Glenn Layson was unable to be present at this meeting due to a training conference out of town. However, Administrator Sanders was able to contact Mr. Layson by phone and the Board was able to address Mrs. White's concerns.

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VOTING DELEGATE FOR GEORGIA OPIOID SETTLEMENT

The State of Georgia is scheduled to receive \$479,000,000.00 from the Georgia Opioid Settlement. Forty percent of these funds (\$191,600,000.00) must be spent on a regional basis. The State is creating a Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC) and Regional Advisory Councils (RAC) to help direct regional funding allocations. Each County is encouraged to elect a Voting Delegate to participate in the process of creating the GOSAC and RAC. Upon the motion by Commissioner Lester and seconded by Commissioner Robinson voted unanimously for Commissioner Mixon to serve as the Voting Delegate for the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission.

DOOLY COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

Bill Starr, Quad Hardy, and Katrisha Lester met with the Board. Mr. Starr is the County Extension Coordinator. Mr. Hardy is the 4-H Program Agent. Ms. Lester is the Family and Consumer Science Agent for Dooly and Pulaski Counties. They updated the Board on recent activities of the Extension Service.

ZONING APPEAL

At their 11/13/2023 meeting, the Planning Commission approved the following request. Bobby & Sharon Griffin (via representation by Tillman Infrastructure – Agent Sara Dye) submitted Application for Conditional Use for a 325' cell tower on Parcel 74-1, which is located at 1049 North County Line Road (property is zoned C-2). The Totten Law Firm is appealing the Planning Commission's decision to the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners planned to hear the appeal at today's meeting. At today's meeting, Attorney Cadle was present and representing original applicant. Attorney Totten was present and representing the Totten Law Firm. County Attorney Gregory discussed this matter with Attorney Cadle and Attorney Totten. After the discussion, County Attorney Gregory recommended that the Board suspend this appeal and to start the zoning request process over from the beginning with the original applicant requesting a Conditional Use and a Variance from the Planning Commission. Attorney Cadle and Attorney Totten agreed with County Attorney Gregory's recommendation. Upon motion by Commissioner Mixon and seconded by Commissioner Lester, the board voted unanimously to suspend the appeal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon the motion by Commissioner Lester and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:50 to discuss Potential Litigation and a Personnel Matter. Attorney Bert Gregory was present during the Executive Session.

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REGULAR SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Mixon and second by Commissioner Robinson the Board voted unanimously to call the meeting back into Regular Session at 11:01 A.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES


Upon motion by Commissioner Mixon and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Executive Session as read in Executive Session

NEXT MEETING

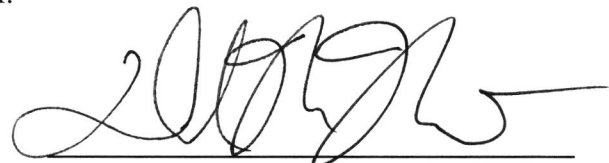
The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday March 21, 2024, at 9:00 AM at the Dooly County Commissioners' Office at 113 N. Third Street in Vienna, Georgia.

ADJOURNMENT


Upon motion by Commissioner Lester and seconded by Commissioner Mixon, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 AM.



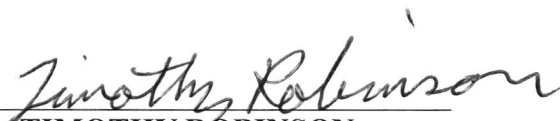
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DISTRICT #1



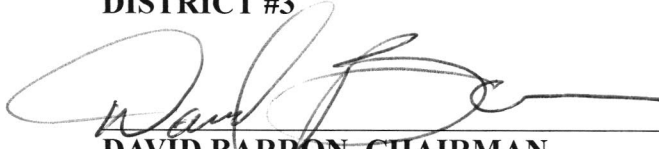
DAVID MIXON, COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT #2



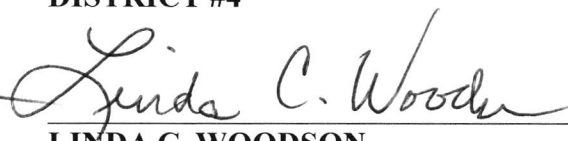
EUGENE CASON, VICE-CHAIRMAN
DISTRICT #3



TIMOTHY ROBINSON
DISTRICT #4



DAVID BARRON, CHAIRMAN
DISTRICT #5



LINDA C. WOODSON
COUNTY CLERK