



Miller County Government
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Present: Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Vice Chairman Jeff Cox, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Edwards. Commissioner Bowen Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Douglas Cofty, Andy Moore, Sheriff Garrison Clenney, Whitney Butler, Sage Laing, Courtney Alday

6:00 P.M. – Welcome & Call to Order. Prayer and pledge of allegiance

Chairman Calhoun stated we need to start the meeting.

Housekeeping

Election of Officers

Chairman Calhoun stated we need an election of the officers and the committees. I need a motion for the selection of the chairman and vice chairman. Commissioner Nixon stated I'll make a motion for it to stay like it is. If you all are good with that. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Calhoun stated I appreciate you all's approval of me and the vice chairman, he does a good job. appointments and committees and board and county attorney. Any thoughts on that? Wes Baldwin is the current attorney, you all want to continue on with him, we can or we can discuss changing whatever you all would like to do. Commissioner Edwards stated maybe he'll show up every now and then. Chairman Calhoun stated definitely discuss. We can still discuss this. Yeah. All right. Is that okay with you, Doug? Mr. Cofty stated what's that? Chairman Calhoun stated she wanted us to reach out to Wes. Ms. Christine seemed to think he doesn't come to anything. Mr. Cofty stated he's got his letter in the packet. He would like to be reappointed. He will come when you all request. That's if you all want him. I mean, if you all want him at every meeting, Commissioner Bowen stated its \$150 an hour. Chairman Calhoun stated all right. So, I need a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Calhoun stated All right. The committees, you all want to keep them the same, change them? What you all want to do? What's you all's pleasure. I'm okay. We're leaving them like they are. We all, as we said last year, we it don't really we all own them. Mr. Cofty stated Mr. Chairman, we need to change the Golden Triangle It was Mr. Billy Roland and Andy Moore. So, we need to keep Andy Moore and then add Sage Laing in that position. Chairman Calhoun stated all right. So, you need a motion for that? Yes. I need a motion to change Mr. Roland to Ms. Sage Laing. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor? Motion carried. Chairman Calhoun stated what about on chamber? You need a motion on that, too? Mr. Cofty stated no, she will be okay. Chairman Calhoun stated all right. So, is that

agreeable with everyone? Need a motion to adopt though. Commissioner Bowen made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Need to approve the agenda. I need two add-ons. I need to add the recreation board resolution and the recreation board appointments. Need to add that. Need a motion to approve the agenda with the new additions. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Calhoun stated I need approval of the minutes, they look in order. Commissioner Edwards made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports

Chairman Calhoun stated Financial reports. Everything looks to be in order. I need a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appearances

None

Old Business

Mayhaw Shooting Range

Chairman Calhoun stated Mayhaw shooting range. Mr. Cofty stated so I reached out to DNR and inquired about the possibility of reducing one of the Trap fields to Skeet field and I'm just waiting to hear back. Chairman Calhoun stated have they started doing anything out there? Mr. Cofty stated no, I haven't seen anything..

New Business

2026 TANS note

Chairman Calhoun stated next is Tan's note. Ms. Whittaker stated we normally pay that off in January with the tax money till March. So, what we're going to do with people's is get enough to pay this off and

then we'll when the money comes in in March, we'll be able to get back on schedule. Yes. So, we'll need to pay off the 2025. We'll need to do the note to pay off the 2025 plan and then y'all need to make a motion to go ahead and do a 2026. Chairman Calhoun stated so, you need a motion for both or just for the just for a new 2026. Right. Well, you're going to have to still have to sign the paperwork and all when you get the loan up to pay the old one off, but one motion to renew. Motion one motion. I need a motion to approve the 2026 TANS note at Peoples South Bank. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Delphi to CMS360 - Clerk of Court

Chairman Calhoun stated clerk court stuff. Mr. Cofty stated she is postponing that now. She said she's just going to wait till later time, but I'll give a little explanation. So the deli software that she's got is actually going to sunset. So they're not going to support it any longer. So she'll need to move over to the CMS 360 and each one of you all got it in your package and you can just kind of be kind of review it. So when it does come up, you'll be able to see what it is. She's going to work on that. Chairman Calhoun stated All right. So, no action needs to take be taken. All right.

Resolution to adopt 2024 ICC Building codes

Chairman Calhoun stated next is a resolution to adopt the 2024 building code. Mr. Cofty stated Yes. so, the building changing in we discussed it function under 2018 building international building code. So as of January 1st, 2026, we now have to function under the 2024. So you have you need to pass that resolution that will do away with the 2018 go through. Chairman Calhoun stated you want me to read that? Mr. Cofty stated you can if you want, but it's kind of long that one. Chairman Calhoun stated I'll go ahead and read the whole thing. All right. Resolution 26-0112.0 zero adopting the 2024 International building code and related ICC codes. Whereas the international code council develops and updates model building codes to promote the safety, health and welfare of the public through the regulation of building construction, maintenance and related res related activities. And whereas the 2024 editions of the ICC codes including the international building code, international residential code, international plumbing code, international mechanical code, international fuel gas code, international existing building code and other related codes incorporate and the latest advancements in building science, technology, and safety standards. whereas adopting these updated codes will help ensure that structures within Miller County are construct constructed, altered, and maintained in a manner that minimizes risk to life and property, enhances energy efficiency, and supports sustainable development. And whereas the board of commissioners of Miller County, Georgia, have reviewed the 2024 ICC codes and determined that their adoption with any necessary local amendments is in the best interest of the community. And whereas the adoption of these codes will replace outdated versions previously in effect and align Miller County with national standards while allowing for local modifications to address specific regional needs. Now therefore, be it resolved by the board of Miller

County, Georgia, as follows. Section one, adoption of codes, the following 2024 additions of the ICC council codes are hereby adopted by reference as the official building codes subject to the amendment set forth of section two. Section two, you want me to read all that or you don't have to. I think they section two, local amendments. Section three, administration and enforcement. Section four, repealer. Section five, effective date. Has adopted this 12th day of January 2026 by the board of commissioners of Miller County, Georgia. I need a motion to adopt. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

IT/Network Services

Chairman Calhoun stated IT network services. Mr. Cofty stated Yes. so, you know, Austin left us. He was going to be a full-time fireman. So, we've been reached out to several companies and we do have a workshop planned for January the 15th at 6 p.m. I will kind of keep y'all updated. I'll send you all another message out, but it's going to be at the building over at the 911 office.

Qualifying fees

Chairman Calhoun stated Qualifying fees. Mr. Cofty stated so Mr. Jerry's got new in. You know, we got election coming up. We got uh Commissioner District 2, Commissioner District 4, Board of Education to Board of Education four. And we have to approve the qualify these and the ones that you see on that paper is what they were last year. So if you want to approve them or if you want to raise them that's we just have to put it in put it in the newspaper which I want to leave the same or go up on. I need a motion. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Recreation Board Resolution

Chairman Calhoun stated to the recreation authority add-ons. All right. So, you want to read the resolution first? You blew it up big for me while I can see it. Mr. Cofty stated yes. Chairman Calhoun stated Resolution 26-0112, Recreation Authority Board, a joint resolution of the board of commissioners of Miller County, Georgia, and the mayor and council for the city of Coff providing for an amendment to the Miller County City of Colquitt Recreation System, providing for the rec restructuring of the board and establishing procedures, rules, and regulations governing its operations and for other purposes, and to repeal prior resolutions. and for other purposes. Be it resolved by the board of commissioners Miller County, Georgia, hereafter the county and the mayor and city of council of city of Coch, Georgia hereafter the city in respective meetings of each body have been lawfully assembled as follows. Whereas the city and county did jointly create a recreation system for Miller County, Georgia and the city of Colquitt, Georgia by resolution dated February the 5th, 1985. And whereas originally a joint recreation board was created comp comprised of nine members, five members appointed by the chairman of county commissioners and four appointed by the mayor of the city of Colquitt and revised to consist of five members as follows. County chairman of the board of commissioners appointed by the city and the county manager. Whereas because of the change in financing, funding, and practical operation, the city and county are desirous of revising and amending the parks and recreation ordinance as follows. Now therefore, be have resolved in consideration of these things in pursuant to OCGA 36-64-1 the board of commissioners of Miller County, Georgia, and the mayor and city council of the city of Colquitt, Georgia, do hereby approve and adopt a resolution amending the parks and recreation ordinance adopted on February the 13, 2023 and thereby

reestablish and restructure the Colquitt Miller County parks and recreation board as follows. A the current membership and appointments to the said board are hereby terminated instantly. B that said the county parks and recreation board shall consist of seven members as follows. Three members of the public appointed by the board of commissioners of Miller County. Three members to the public of the public appointed to the by the mayor and council of the city. one member of the public appointed jointly by the board of Miller County and the mayor and city council. The maya the members shall serve for staggered terms of three years. Members may be reappointed or new members appointed for a full three-year term by their respective commission or council. Be it further resolved that the Colquitt Miller County Parks and Recreation Board shall assist the city and county with the employment of the recreation director or other search personnel. The recreation director and staff shall be subject to the oversight of the county and shall be under the county's personal policies and shall provide to the city and county a monthly report to be presented at its regular monthly meeting. Be it further resolved that the county Miller County Parks the Colquitt Miller County Parks and Recreation Board shall submit its minutes from any meeting to the city and or county to be re reviewed at the next regular board meeting. Be it further resolved that the county Miller County Park, the Colquitt Miller County Parks and Recreation Board shall possess all the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities and limitations as provided herein and under OCGA 36-64-5 and offered by adoption as initiated by the board of commissioners of Miller County, Georgia on this day, the 12th day of January, 2026. Board of Commissioners of Miller County, Georgia. Chairman Calhoun stated, so I need a motion to approve that. Is there any questions? Believe that's what we talked about at the joint meeting. I'll make a motion to approve it. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Calhoun stated All right. Now we need to discuss our nominations. Everybody got a list of the names. So I need a motion to accept some names. Mr. Cofty stated the city requested that Heather Smith service in the roll of the at large jointly appointed by the City and County. Chairman Calhoun stated all right. Mr. Cofty stated I know they got their picks. They're going to do tomorrow night, right? Chairman Calhoun stated all right. Is everybody okay with doing her as the at large person with the city? All right. Can I get a motion to approve her? Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Calhoun stated I need three more. Can I nominate? I'd like to nominate Dillon Driver on there. He showed some interest and came to some meetings. Chairman Calhoun made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Anybody know these folks? They look like good folks to me. Commissioner Nixon stated well, I talked to Jonathan Widner personally and I he and I talked about this at a ball game and I think he would be great. He's got kids. I mean, and he's got experience from his parents running it years and years ago. I think he would be an asset. It's a thought for me. That's the only person I've had to come to me personally and talk to me. Vice Chairman Cox stated Ms. Christine, Mr. Keith, Commissioner Edwards stated the city picked who I was going to pick anyway, and I personally don't know anybody else on the list. Chairman Calhoun stated well, everybody on that list said that they would serve, so you can't go wrong. Vice Chairman Cox stated I'm good with Jonathan. Chairman Calhoun stated motion seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Calhoun stated that's two. Commissioner Edwards stated like I say city already picked who I was going to pick. So I don't know anybody else on the list. Commissioner Nixon stated how about Robert Lane? Chairman Calhoun stated well, Robert Lane talked to me and said he would be glad to do it. He's got young kids, so he's pretty on some committees already around town. So, everybody's okay with him. Commissioner Edwards stated and Lane is the one that's got the used to be the dentist. Vice Chairman Cox

stated Lizza Payne, Chairman Calhoun stated I do not know who that is. I have to talk to probably five or six of those. I don't know. Vice Chairman Cox stated Russ Worsley would be a good one. Commissioner Bowen stated the two that's already been picked. I mean that's what me and Ms. Christine was trying to figure out which ones have already been, I got the list, Commissioner Nixon stated Jonathan Widner was and Dillon Driver. Commissioner Bowen stated you 'all talked about Robert Lane, too, didn't you? Chairman Calhoun stated yeah. Commissioner Bowen stated he would be a good one. Chairman Calhoun stated I see a bunch on that is, you know, would be good. Commissioner Bowen stated yeah. well, I don't see nothing wrong with most all of them, you know. Commissioner Nixon stated and also what we want everybody to know is just there's still being selections tomorrow night. Is it tomorrow night? Chairman Calhoun stated the city will make their selection tomorrow night and I didn't. Commissioner Nixon stated and they've already thought about it. Chairman Calhoun stated they've already told us kind of who they thought their selection. Commissioner Bowen stated they're working off the same list we got too. Chairman Calhoun stated Same exact list. Commissioner Nixon stated so just because names are not heard tonight does not mean you're not on the board or whatever. Chairman Calhoun stated if the mayor would have come tonight, he probably could have told me, but anyway, make it official. All right. So, we want to accept Robert Lane. I'm good with that. Yep. All right. All right. You got it, Doug. Dylan Driver, Robert Lane, Jonathan Widner, and Heather Smith. Is that it? Mr. Cofty stated you want to make a motion. Chairman Calhoun stated we need a motion to accept the Dylan Driver, Robert Lane, Jonathan Widner, and Heather Smith as our nominations. Commissioner Nixon made motion, Vice Chairman Cox seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Departments

Chairman Calhoun stated department reports. Mr. Cofty stated that red folder you have in front of you is from Sage. The fueling station it's running as normal. I am still waiting on that extra pump quote. Mr. Moore stated we're putting up our flashing signs. We put up I think we got eight of them up. We got five or six built in the shop. So we'll be we building putting them up. Building them and putting them up. So we get we getting them up. We got there'll be 30 of them when we get through. They look good so far. They've all look good. Mr. Cofty stated the sheriff was here tonight but he got sick so he had to leave. But he did want me to talk about a little bit about some work to do on the jail. I know some of the commissioners went do and looked at it. We are getting industrial quotes. Ms. Laing stated the business owner building has in the least pretty much agreed to renovate the building up. So that's supposed to be starting. I talked to him this morning. He was kind of waiting on me. I had to get to see because they did ask of this time. I kind of also with the report I figured out the business connection there. That's just a new resource in addition to the website page. That form is for new businesses, existing businesses. I've had some people reach out to me through email about workforce challenges, finding employees, things like that that I, as economic development director, could offer them. So, I created that and that has really I've already had businesses that

Executive Session

NONE

. Chairman Calhoun stated Doug, you got anything else? Commissioners, y'all got any more questions? No more questions? None. Vice Chairman Cox made motion to adjourn, Commissioner Edwards seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

SIGNATURES

Cristene Edwards, Commissioner – District 1

Jeff Cox, Vice Chairman – District 2

Keith Bowen, Commissioner – District 3

Niki Nixon, Commissioner – District 4

Ladon Calhoun, Chairman – District 5

Douglas Cofty, County Manager