

# EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

(AS REQUIRED UNDER O.C.G.A § 50-14-4(b))

The undersigned Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Miller County, under oath, hereby states and certifies that at the meeting held on August 8<sup>th</sup> 20 22 the following.

1) The board properly entered executive session as permitted by O.C.G.A § 50-14-1 and 50-14-3 were as follows:

- ( ) Consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions.
- ( ) To discuss tax matters which are confidential by state law.
- ( ) To authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose or lease property
- ( ) To authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate.
- ( ) To enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate, subject to approval in a subsequent public vote.
- ( ) To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, but not when receiving evidence or hearing argument on charges filed to determine disciplinary action.
- (X) To discuss information exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

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2) To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, no other matter than those of a purely personal and/or nongovernmental nature were discussed during said executive session.

3) By executing this affidavit, the undersigned does hereby state that he/she in no way waives any rights granted under the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution.

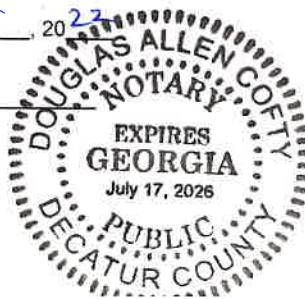
4) This Affidavit is executed solely for the purpose of compliance with the mandate of O.C.G.A §50-14-4(b) and shall serve no other purpose.

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 20 22

[Signature]  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO  
Before me this 8 day of August, 20 22

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires





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Board of Commissioners



REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
08/11/2022, 6:00 P.M., County Government Complex  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Kreg Freeman, Vice Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Commissioner Worsley, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Nixon. Others Present: Douglas Cofty, Faye Whittaker, Austin Lambert, Brad Bell, Andy Moore, and Paul Fryer.

Chairman Freeman calls the meeting to order. Regular session 08/08/2022 and called for a moment of silent prayer then the pledge of allegiance.

### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Chairman Freeman stated first thing we need to do is approve the agenda. Chairman Freeman asked if anyone had any additions. Commissioner Worsley stated he would like to add personnel to the agenda. Chairman Freeman asked if Commissioner Worsley wanted to state the department. Commissioner Worsley stated he would rather not say. Chairman Freeman stated okay and with that addition is there anything else, if not we need a motion to approve. Commissioner Worsley made the motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded it. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Freeman stated approval of the minutes from the regular session meeting on 7/11/2022 and special called meeting 07/18/2022. Commissioner Worsley stated he would make the motion for both meetings, seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIALS:**

Chairman Freeman stated next is the financials and accounts payable. Accounts payable, Any questions on that? If not need a motion to approve. Commissioner Edwards made motion to approve with Vice Chairman Calhoun seconding. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated Financial report. Any questions on that? If not need a motion to approve Commissioner Edwards made motion to approve, Commissioner Worsley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Freeman stated on the appearances with have Keith Bowen and asked was he coming. Mr. Cofty advised that Mr. Bowen had to reschedule for the September meeting. Chairman Freeman stated that Mr. Bowen had an update on the information that he has been giving the board.

## **APPEARANCES:**

**NONE**

Chairman Freeman states next thing is the old business.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Fueling Station Report:**

Chairman Freeman stated it's a fueling station report. The fueling station is doing what they planned on it doing. It is kind of taking care of itself right now. Are there any questions on that? If there are no questions, we will move on to new business.

### **Recreation Board:**

Chairman Freeman stated the recreation board. That's pages 16 to 31. Did you all review it? If any of this stuff that's got questions on it, what we are proposing to do is restructure the board with fewer members. Sometimes they meet and they do not have quorum and with 5 members, you're more likely to have a quorum so they can conduct business. It would be an advisory board. Mr. Cofty stated I gave you all the letter from the county attorney. I got it Friday and he said everything was in order and in line with the statutes and would stay the same. Only thing would be changing from an Authority to an advisory. You can read the email, he said it all looked good. Chairman Freeman stated that it won't affect anything as far as the way it'll run the same, basically, the same way with fuel numbers. Commissioner Nixon stated and the City. Chairman Freeman stated the City is going to appoint 2 and the county's going to point 3. Mr. Cofty stated the City has already appointed their 2. Chairman Freeman stated one of the members on there, he was just appointed. He has attended one meeting. It's Bo Godfrey. I would like to leave him on there. Since he was freshly appointed. Commissioner Worsley asked Felix Tabb Jr, does he want to come off? Chairman Freeman stated he does. Another one who showed interest in it used to be a former board member that was Jeff Nunnery. Felix Jr. he's served but if some of these younger folks willing to do it and does anybody have any more names they want to add. I got some here I can call out unless you all got something. We got Jeff Nunnery on there. Bo Godfrey, Steven Middleton, he's active in that thing. He would be a good one. Brad Bell stated there's another young lady on there named Brittany Chapman. She's been really good. She helps me umpire. She's running the concession stand. She's coached a team. Really active. I mean.

Commissioner Worsley asked does all of them have children involved in the program. Chairman Freeman stated it says all of them has kids that play. Chairman Freeman asked does Jeff have one that plays. Mr. Bell stated no, he doesn't have one that plays but Jeff's been on board before. And I called him and asked him, would he be interested? He said, sure yes. Chairman Freeman asked do you all want to go with, Bo Godfrey, Jeff Nunnery, and Brittany Chapman. That's the name. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'm okay with that. Commissioner Edwards asked Is there anyone else that has kids, I mean we really want to get somebody that have children. Chairman Freeman asked what's the city? They got two appointments they got to make. Mr. Cofty stated they already have. It's Cody Hamilton and Bo Huntley. Commissioner Edwards stated ok. Mr. Bell stated everyone on there has children except Jeff Nunnery. Commissioner Worsley stated I think it's important that you have people who are activated down there with children where possible. Chairman Freeman stated Jeff got some experience. Do you want to keep him, or you want to replace him with one that's got a child? Commissioner Worsley stated well, beings as he has got experience. That's not a bad thing at all Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I know he would come. Mr. Bell

stated he told me because I told him we'd probably meet at lunch time. And he said that would be better for me. Commissioner Worsley stated I am fine with it. Chairman Freeman stated alright. Bo Godfrey, Jeff Nunnery, and Brittany Chapman. I need a motion to approve those three names and to and to adopt this resolution to restructure the board to change it from the 9 members to the 5 members. The City's already approved their part of it. We need a motion to go ahead with our part. Vice Chairman Calhoun made a motion with Commissioner Worsley seconding. All in favor, Motion carried. Chairman Freeman asked is there anything else we need to go over with this with you? Mr. Bell asked can I ask one question about that? I know in the past, we had members that would stop coming to the meetings. So, can we strictly enforce that they miss say three meetings or 3 meets consecutive that we. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked is that in the bylaws. Chairman Freeman stated it's in here somewhere. I I can't tell you what page. Mr. Bell stated I think it is. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I thought it was 2 meetings is what I was thinking but yeah. Mr. Cofty stated it is 3 meetings. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated If you want to enforce it, you just bring it and have proof that they missed 3 meetings, you know. Look like you got a list right here to put somebody else on there. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated alright. Is there anything else? You all got any more questions about anything for Brad?

### **USDA Grant #2:**

Chairman Freeman stated we're going to go on to next item is a USDA grant. The mower. Commissioner Worsley stated I had that added just to let you all know that they told me down there last week that they would have a more in at the end of this week if you want to see it. Mr. Cofty stated that was actually the tractor and the mower that you actually if you're ready to decide, I just need to you to sign like the other one. Chairman Freeman stated this is the second one, it is a new grant. Just like the other one. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked this is just for a mower. Mr. Cofty stated this one is tractor and mower. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated the other one is for a tractor and mower too, right? Commissioner Worsley stated but if you can get it, like that it's like a buy one, get one free. Chairman Freeman stated alright, you all want to give me permission to sign a papers to submit this grant. All stated Yes. Chairman Freeman stated I need a motion to do that. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion with Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. motion. Second. Motion queued.

### **FFA Blue and Gold:**

Chairman Freeman stated alright, next thing we got in this kind of information only. The FFA blue and gold invitation. It's on page thirty-six. It says that there's several elected officials going to be there. I think Sanford Bishop and Gerald Green, and Winford Dukes, Dean Burke, we got Sanford Bishop's Field Representative here. It also says Senator Freddie Powell Sims. Chairman Freeman asked Mr. Paul is Sanford planning to be at the at the FFA. Paul Fryer stated I am not sure I haven't got a firm response yet. It depends on, you know if there's votes going in Washington. If what day of the week is it? Chairman Freeman stated it is, I don't know what day this is. It's August 29th. You all got a calendar. Mr. Cofty stated it's on a Monday. Mr. Fryer stated he will check and see, I'm not sure because Mondays are usually his travel day going back and forth to DC but. Chairman Freeman stated it says he's been invited. It didn't say he's committed. Mr. Fryer stated he's aware of that and I will so encouraging himself. Chairman Freeman stated it's inviting all of us too. So you all keep that in mind if you want to attend. Is it from 6 to 8t at Cotton Hall.

### **GSI Contract Renewal:**

Chairman Freeman stated the next thing we got is the GSI software contract. That's a thing that we do every year. It's about the timber tax. computer support or whatever. For the tax office. I need permission to sign that contract to renew it. Commissioner Worsley made motion seconded by Commissioner Nixon. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Board of Elections Appointments:**

Chairman Freeman stated Board of elections appointments. We got the names here. Josh had already talked to us about all this. You don't actually have to do it tonight. He would like for you to do it tonight. Have you all reviewed the names. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked the citizens interested in serving, how many do with have choose out of there? Chairman Freeman stated what's this letter say? You know off top of your head, Doug, how many? Mr. Cofty stated he said that each commissioner needs to choose, one from this list and then you all needed to talk to Jerry because unofficially when we were at the courthouse you all kind of talk about putting him as the superintendent. But I guess we officially need to talk to him also. So, basically what he says is each one of you guys need to select one from the list or if you know somebody that's not on the list but he said that he's got to know this is stuff's got to be kind of wrapped up by December so it can be in by January. So, he's just as quick as we can get it done when we need to. That's the people that he's made contact with now and in the past. Commissioner Nixon stated I don't have a problem with any of them. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated, no, I haven't seen any bad ones on that list. Chairman Freeman stated, two of these I know live in my district and I think we are sure about the other ones. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I mean, Jerry is already on. You don't have to pick him, right? Chairman Freeman stated well, we already talked to him down there, you know, he had more or less nodded his head that he would do it and he's going to, Josh is going, well, he was getting, supplementing that part of it for he was going forfeit that to him to do it.

Vice Chairman Calhoun stated so we all need to pick somebody, not Jerry Calhoun. Chairman Freeman stated but I'd like to go ahead and just on our part, and I think he's good with it. I don't think he's changed his mind. Let's go ahead agree if it's agreeable with you all to I guess this is an appointment by us or is it? To appoint Jerry as the Superintendent of Elections So, is there a motion to go in and appoint him, superintendent of election? Commissioner Worsley made motion seconded by Vice Chairman Calhoun. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman stated the board members, and there's way more than enough of names and it's going to be kind of like the wreck board. I think you probably don't need to commit to one out of every district is just go down the list. I mean, you can if there's someone you recognize in your district, there may be a point in time when there's not one in some district that's willing to be on this board and you may have to pull out of another district. Can we still do that? You think? Mr. Cofty stated I'll talk to him but I believe so. I mean, just like you said, you know, if you if you didn't want to put the ones on this list that you could put your own on there. I will say this though on Mr. Jimmy Holt. He still hasn't really confirmed with him. He told him in the past he would, but he hasn't been able to get up with him lately. So, I would kind of be lightly around that name. Chairman Freeman stated alright, one of the ones in my district and if he's still willing to do it, he's got Ricky Bradford down there. submit his name. Got another one y'all want to put on. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'd say Ms. Joe Mock because she's always there whenever you're voting. Andy Moore

stated I think Mr. Jerry probably been there every time I voted up here in the office up there. Commissioner Nixon stated I think Ms. Dottie's. Mr. Cofty stated she may cant if she is a poll worker. Chairman Freeman stated she probably can't because she if it comes down to some discrepancy down there. She going to have to make a decision on what was what. Mr. Cofty stated Judge Josh just texted me, so you need five and not necessarily tied to a district. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked so what about the ones that work the poles can't do it then? Mr. Cofty stated He's got on the list so I would go with there's a problem and we can always go ahead and submit that name. Chairman Freeman stated we can just put an alternate down there in case sometimes happens. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I'll say Jo Mock and Ben Clenney lives in my district. Commissioner Worsley stated I want to submit Robert Lane. Commissioner Edwards stated and I'm submitting Norma Burr and those two in my district. Norma Burr and Miranda Perkin, both of those in my district. So that'll be I nominate Norma Byrd. My second will be Miranda Perkins. Commissioner Nixon stated I will say Ms. Dottie and Christy Hall is my alternate. Chairman Freeman stated we got it all covered now. Mr. Cofty asked so you want to just submit these and let him pick from these names. Is that what you're doing? The board stated yes. Chairman Freeman stated alright we need a motion to submit these names that's presented. Vice Chairman Calhoun made motion seconded by Commissioner Worsley. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Hwy 91 Construction Plan:**

Chairman Freeman asked is there something you want me to go over with us Andy other than talk about maybe the mower grant or whatever. Mr. Moore stated the only thing I had Kreg was Doug and I talked about project where. I said let's order some barricades and signs that says road closed. That the quote from what we need. We kind of draw it out. I don't know if y'all got one. Mr. Cofty stated Yeah, everyone. Like that. Mr. Moore stated you know, everywhere the little thing is. Vice Chairman Calhoun asked, They ain't going to do this,. this is what you going to do. Mr. Moore stated we going to have to do it. That would give us, that's the only thing that's going to give us some teeth if we want state patrol or somebody to patrol that road because my fear is all these logging boys know these roads. And they going to come up 91 and take Belleview with these log trucks. Because they're going to the paper mill. If we block it, if we don't block off Cooktown and Bellview, if we block off one way, they'll know to go up and then they'll sure enough eat up Cooktown. But it's going to cost, I think, that was \$2, 500 dollars to get the barricades. We'll reuse them. I mean, we use them when we have floods and things but. Chairman Freeman asked are these metal or wood? Vice Chairman Calhoun stated Metal. Mr. Moore stated Sir, what'd you say, Kreg? Chairman Freeman stated metal, metal, or wood. Mr. Moore stated they are plastic. Actually, they're plastic and you put a sandbag like at the foot of it to hold it up. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated and just to reflect. Mr. Moore stated yeah, it's got to reflect. You can take them apart and haul them really easy. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated, and you can use them at the Mayhaw festival. Mr. Moore stated we use them out. We got some out at the dump site now which that's where most of the ones we got are. And we have to block off a road and we're working on it. You know, close it. We have to use them. We'll use the stuff but that will give us some teeth behind the state patrol because it says local traffic only. This road's closed? Unless you got a reason to be down, and they can do something with it but that's not way I know to protect the roads and it's real hard to get signs and this stuff and I mean it's real hard to get it right now. I mean, we're having trouble getting anything and I just kind of wanted to get a jump on if you all wanted to do it. Let's try to get stuff ordered, where it can be coming because this thing is going to let. It is on the list to be let in September. I talked to some folks today and it's definitely, it's

definitely going through. That'll probably put it December or January. They're starting on it and people I'm talking to says that it's going to probably more like 6 months, more than 3 months, if not longer. So kind of the information I'm getting, kind of down the grapevine and I just don't want to leave any roads open too. I mean, they can't, if the roads are not closed, State Patrol can't just stop you and say, hey, you can't be here. You know, I mean if we don't do something, they're going to be open. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated they got to drive around the barricade and then they know that. Mr. Moore stated if they go around that barricade and they can't give that state patrol an address or tell him I'm going right up here. You know, to such and such as house, He has some something that he can work with. I just wanted to run it by you all because I'm it's taking it's taken a long time to get anything from these signed people. They are so far behind I guess. I mean, Doug's been helping us with some, and I mean, it's just it's a nightmare and I didn't want to get caught and not have the stuff in in the ample time to when they start. Chairman Freeman asked you all want to get this out of SPLOST money. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah. Mr. Moore stated we can, we can use SPLOST money to do. Chairman Freeman stated it's a road project. A piece of equipment to be put on the road. You all want to get it out of TSPLOST. Vice Chairman Calhoun and Commissioner Worsley stated yeah. Chairman Freeman I need a motion to buy these signs. These road closed signs for the 91 project. Vice Chairman Calhoun made a motion. Seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Freeman asked anything else we need to go over?

#### **Paul Fryer Update:**

Chairman Freeman asked Paul, you got something you wanted to talk to us about? Mr. Fryer stated I appreciate, sir. The only thing I know is that I spoke to Doug about this, there is a project that Doug submitted to Congressman Bishop for E911 Project and that was selected as one of our 15 projects in the district to pursue and that has passed the House Appropriations Committee and I think it's past the full house. It's got to be a bill in Senate, and it's got that's going to get through and then we hope it will be done sometime soon but if you were one of projects the Congressman chose to put forward for that, you know, an issue about the radios with the sheriff's department. They do need to upgrade, and we work with the Sheriff about that quite a bit but what that ended up being is we submitted a project for the Regional Commission out of Camilla to handle that and allocate it out the counties to the Miller County is not the only county that has its problem. And so that is also 1 of the 15 projects that we pursue. So, those are in the works, and we hope they'll come through for you. Chairman Freeman asked you got some timeline about we might compete. Mr. Fryer stated well, I would say hopeful at the end of the year. It's going to happen. It's going to happen before the end of the year. Chairman Freeman asked is that on the rate that the 911 project? Mr. Fryer yes getting the money, the way it worked on experience I've had with it was the FY 2022 projects. there, they didn't get passed until like March of 22. And fiscal year was already half over with because it ends in our end of September. So, and still a working process and so it it's obviously it's slowed but if it gets if it gets approved through the senate it's passed and signed then then you all you got to do is submit the paperwork to the agency that's involved, it's already been pre-screened for that. So you don't have to stand in line with everybody else who's applying FEMA. Chairman Freeman asked is it going to stay on there or we're going to have to resume it at some point in time? Mr. Fryer stated No, it's in there and it will just get dropped. Provide it gets passed by the House and the Senate signed by the president. It'll be and then you got to submit some paperwork to FEMA but that's already been approved. Chairman Freeman asked but it won't get. If it doesn't get funded this time, is it going to have to be resubmitted in the

next year? Mr. Fryer stated well, right, we're not sure we're going to do community projects every year, but I mean, you can always submit it just a FEMA on your own without the congressman, you know. helping you out but this gives you an additional boost so that this, you know, your project will come ahead of somebody that doesn't have a congressional project, you know, pushing it. So, so this hopefully will come through for you and I'll certainly work with Mr. Cofty and let you know what happens. Chairman Freeman stated alright we appreciate it. Mr. Fryer asked any other questions, I'll be glad to. Chairman Freeman stated you all got anything you want to ask him about? Is there anything else we need to go over in the meeting? Commissioner Worsley stated we need to go into closed session. Chairman Freeman stated oh, that's right. We need to we need to make a motion to go in a close session. Commissioner Worsley stated I would like Doug to stay. Chairman Freeman stated alright we need a motion to go in a close session. Commissioner Worsley made motion with Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Yeah. Oh, we got. Yeah. Come on. Uh we need a motion that that came out of closed session. Wait, Layton, Layton made it a while ago in there. Second. All in favor.

Chairman Freeman stated with no action taken, it was discussion on personnel only. And there's nothing else that we need to go over in the meeting. Then we need a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I will bring this up. I got a quote from Israel Houston. I'm going to bring it up. I forgot to bring it. But I got you know a quote where they fixed the pipe under the road under the dirt road or whatever. Chairman Freeman asked its irrigation pipe. Mr. Cofty stated you got those signs. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated yeah. So that's what that I forgot to bring it but that's what helped me remember right there. So, you all want to decide to pay it or not, you all can. Chairman Freeman stated let's just review that at the next meeting. If they don't got it repaired. Mr. Cofty stated if I can tell you, I'm not going to be at the next meeting. I've got my clerk's training. It's mandatory that I've got to get the training. So, Faye will run it, but I mean, I'll have all the agenda ready, but the classes are the 12th and the 13th. Vice Chairman Calhoun stated I reckon we do it without you. Chairman Freeman stated okay if there's nothing else to go over we need a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Worsley made motion, Vice Chairman Calhoun seconded, All in favor. Motion carried.