

Stewart County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024 – 4:30 PM

The Stewart County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on August 13, 2024. The meeting convened at 4:30 PM at the Stewart County Courthouse with Vice Chair Arcola Scott presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance – in unison

Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance:

Vice-Chair Arcola Scott

Commissioner Joe Lee Williams

Commissioner Tyrone Nelson

Commissioner Thomas Mayo

Other Staff in Attendance:

Mac Moye, County Manager

Carole Stewart, County Clerk

Bin Minter, County Attorney

Reading and Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to approve the July 9, 2024 regular session minutes; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Public Appearance:

- A. **Laura Schneider, RVRC** – Commissioner Tyrone Nelson moved to accept the cooperative agreement amendment changing the agreement period completion date to October 31, 20214; seconded by Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- B. **Edwina Turner, Family Connections** – provided an update on the school-based health center to be set up at the Stewart County High School. It will be available only for school students and staff.

Administrative Matters:

- A. **Proposal of the 2024 Millage Rate** – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to propose the 11.5960 rate, same as the rate from 2022; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- B. **Engineer selection for Street Scape Project** – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to select ESG; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- C. **Appointments to the Housing Authority Board** – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to reappoint Nancy Richardson to a 1 year term expiring August 31, 2025, and reappoint Shirley Perrymond to a 5 year term expiring August 31, 2029; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- D. **Appointment to Pataula Transit Board** – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to appoint Vice Chair Arcola Scott to the Pataula Transit Board, completing the term ending October 2026; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- E. **Resignations from Elections Board** – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to accept the resignations of Larry Westbook and Joseph Ammons from the Stewart County Board of Elections; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor and motion carried.

F. Appointments to the Elections Board – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to appoint Linda Ponder and Tyneshia Nelson to the Stewart County Board of Elections; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. Vice Chair Arcola Scott, Commissioner Joe Lee Williams, Commissioner Thomas Mayo voted in favor. Commissioner Tyrone Nelson did not vote. Motion carried.

Reports:

- A. Financial Report** – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to accept the July 2024 financial reports; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- B. Road Superintendent** – Road Superintendent Gene Haynes presented the July 2024 Road Department report.
- C. Public Safety Director** – Assistance EMS Chief Adam Griggs presented the July 2024 EMS report. He thanked Gene Haynes and the Road Department crew for work done at the EMS Center. Commissioner Joe Lee moved to accept the Rural Fire Defense Cooperative Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Stewart County Fire and EMS; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried. Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to advertise for bids for EMS building to include foundation and then bid out concrete work; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- D. County Attorney** – County Attorney Bin Minter provided a report on legal topics pertinent to the county for the commission to review. Provided steps needed to be taken for the proposed millage rate increase. Vice-Chair Arcola Scott mentioned this was the first time in her 20 years of serving on the Board that a millage rate increase was proposed.
- E. County Manager** – County Manager Mac Moye provided his report on topics pertinent to the county for July 9, 2024 – August 13, 2024.

Old Business:

- A. Lane Road 2022 LMIG** – Commissioner Tyrone Nelson moved to accept the change order bid schedule from Oxford Construction for \$367,037.00, a decrease of \$69,130.00; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried.

New Business:

- A. Tony Simmons, Food Truck Owner** – discussion over Mr. Simmons request to rent the lot behind Lumpkin City Hall to place his food truck. County Manager to obtain more details on request.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Thomas Mayo - none

Commissioner Joe Lee Williams –asked Commissioner Thomas Mayo if he had received information on Jones Dumpsters. Discussion ensued.

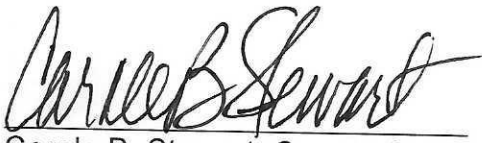
Commissioner Tyrone Nelson – none

County Attorney Bin Minter – mentioned his email regarding the Open Record Requests to the Stewart County Water Authority.

Vice Chair Arcola Scott – need to appoint a Chairman for the Election Board. Commissioner Tyrone Nelson moved to appoint Shaconda Screws as Chairman; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried. Vice-Chair also mentioned her attending the Golden Triangle meeting, the High School Meet and Greet, and the New Horizon meeting.

Commissioner Thomas Mayo moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.



Carole B. Stewart, County Clerk



Aycola Scott, Vice Chair