



CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commission Chambers, Fort Gaines, Georgia
Minutes

January 10, 2023
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

1) Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Chairman James Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Jenkins gave the open prayer. Chairman James Davenport, Vice Chairman Ernest Jenkins and Commissioners Samuel Johnson (arrival 7:21 pm), and Lola Spann were in attendance as well as County Sheriff Locke Shivers, Clerk of Superior Court Patricia Thornton, Administrator Michael Singleton, Water System Superintendent Jamie Wilson, Roads and Refuse Superintendent Christopher Clifton, Code Enforcer Sonnie Wallace and Clerk Temonica Ealey. Commissioner Gail Hubbard was via teleconference. Attorney Williams Mills was unable to attend.

2) Agenda Approval

Motion made by Vice Chairman Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Spann to approve the agenda as written. All votes in favor; motion carried.

3) Annual Appointments

a. Commission Chairman

Motion made by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Hubbard to appoint Commissioner Gail Hubbard as Commission Chairman. Commissioners Jenkins and Hubbard voted yea; Commissioners Davenport, Spann, and Johnson voted nay.

Motion made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Davenport to appoint Commissioner James Davenport as Commission Chairman. Commissioners Spann, Davenport, and Johnson voted yea; Commissioners Jenkins and Hubbard voted nay.

James Davenport was reappointed Commission Chairman for 2023 by majority vote.

b. Commission Vice Chairman

Motion made by Commissioner Hubbard and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to reappoint Commissioner Ernest Jenkins as Vice Chairman. All votes in favor; motion carried.

c. County Clerk

Motion made by Commissioner Hubbard and seconded by Commissioner Spann to reappoint Temonica Ealey as County Clerk. All votes in favor; motion carried.

d. County Attorney

Motion made by Commissioner Hubbard and seconded by Commissioner Spann to retain William Mills as County Attorney. All votes in favor; motion carried.

e. County Legal Organ

The Commission doesn't have to vote on the legal organ so this will be removed from annual appointments.

f. County Depository

Motion made by Commissioner Hubbard and seconded by Commissioner Spann to retain First State Bank as the County Depository. All votes in favor; motion carried.

1. Designation of Signors

Motion made by Vice Chairman Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Spann designate all five Commissioners and the County Administrator as signors. All votes in favor; motion carried.

4) Minutes

a. December 6, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Hubbard to approve the minutes as written. All votes in favor; motion carried.

b. December 12, 2022 Work Session 3

Motion made by Commissioner Hubbard and seconded by Commissioner Spann to approve the minutes as written. All votes in favor; motion carried.



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5) Presentations before the Board

6) Correspondence Requiring Action

7) Unfinished Business

- a. Selection of Two Board Members Representatives to Serve on GTRC&D Council
Motion made by Commissioner Davenport and seconded by Commissioner Spann to approve Vice Chairman Jenkin and Commissioner Hubbard to represent Clay County for Golden Triangle RC&D Sponsorship. All votes in favor; motion carried.

8) New Business

- a. Discussion/Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Engagement Letter
Motion made by Commissioner Davenport and seconded by Commissioner Spann to authorize Administrator Singleton to sign the engagement letter. All votes in favor; motion carried.
- b. Discussion/Approval of Condensation Issues at Mercer Medicine Clay
Motion made by Commissioner Hubbard and seconded by Commissioner Spann to authorize Administrator Singleton to get quotes on condensation issues at Mercer Medicine Clay. All votes in favor; motion carried.
- c. Discussion/Approval of JMCM Consulting AFG 2022 Authorization
Motion made by Commissioner Hubbard and seconded by Commissioner Spann for JMCM to resubmit for fire truck grant. All votes in favor; motion carried.

9) Comments from the Public (*limit to 3 minutes*)

Kris Peavy- Presented newsletter from County Extension office for 2022.

10) Comments from Department Heads & Constitutional Officers

- a. Public Works Status Report, December 2022
Mr. Clifton recapped his monthly report with the Board.
Mr. Clifton spoke to the Board about 3-year contract with Samsara that ACCG would offer an \$3,600 per year qualified grant to offset the cost to \$1,734.00 per year for Public work and Sheriff Dept
Motion made by Commissioner Davenport and seconded by Commissioner Spann for approval of contract
All votes in favor; motion carried.
- b. Water System Status Report, December 2022
Mr. Wilson recapped his monthly report with the Board.
- c. Superior Court Finance Report, December 2022
Ms. Thornton reported that Superior Court collections for the month were \$4,707.35 with \$3,298.04 being disbursed to the County no collection for Juvenile.

11) Administrator Comments, Reports & Recommendations

- Update on LMIG Asbury Speight, Bluebird Lane, Redbird Lane and Mockingbird Lane
Administrator Singleton informed Board that project could be complete any day.
- Update on Days Avenue CBDG Still working with Paul Rakel
- Informed the Board that Windstream Georgia was awarded \$6.6 Million from the Governor's Capitol Projects Fund (CPF) grant program to support broadband expansion across Clay County
- Discussion/Approval of Family Connection Fiscal Agent Designation
Motion made by Vice Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Spann to approve continuation as Family Connection's fiscal agent. All votes in favor; motion carried.
- Discussion/Approval of Tech Fee Resolution
Motion made by Vice Chairman Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Spann to approve the resolution.
All votes in favor; motion carried.

12) Attorney Status Report



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Attorney Mills was unable to attend but did provide the status report. (In binders)

13) Comments from the Board

Chairman Davenport – dead trees on right away; Gardnerville Creek still stopped up on going problem with Beavers; Update on Motor grader that pulls ditches

Vice Chairman Jenkins – no comments

Commissioner Hubbard – no comments

Commissioner Spann – asked for update on Piney Grove and Mount Calvary Road

Commissioner Johnson – no comments

14) Invoices to Be Approved

Motion made by Vice Chairman Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Spann to approve the invoices. All votes in favor; motion carried.

15) Signing of Checks

The Board signed payroll and accounts payable approved invoice checks. All votes in favor; motion carried.

16) Consent Agenda

- a. Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals
 - 1. Mehul Patel d.b.a Laxmi Food Mart
 - 2. Williams Ponce d.b.a Ponce General Store

17) Executive Session (If Needed)

18) Continuing Business as a result of Executive Session (If needed)

19) Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

James Davenport, Chairman

Date

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I AM THE COUNTY CLERK AND THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE JANUARY 10, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Temonica Ealey, County Clerk

Date