

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Pike County Board of Commissioners held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Courthouse, Main Courtroom, at 16001 Barnesville Street, Zebulon. Chairman Briar Johnson convened the meeting and Commissioners Tim Daniel, Tim Guy, Jason Proctor and James Jenkins attended. County Manager Brandon Rogers, County Attorney Rob Morton and County Clerk Angela Blount were also present. (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2)).

- 1. CALL TO ORDER..... Chairman J. Briar Johnson**
- 2. INVOCATION.....Silent Invocation**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE..... Chairman J. Briar Johnson**
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1))**

County Manager Brandon Rogers addressed the Board requesting to amend the agenda to remove from Public Comment, Item a. Ben Maxedon. Mr. Maxedon was unable to attend the meeting.

Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/Proctor to approve the amended agenda, motion carried 5-0.

- 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))**

- a. Minutes of the September 9, 2021, Regular Monthly Meeting.

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Guy to approve the September 9, 2021, Regular Monthly Meeting minutes, motion carried 5-0.

- 6. INVITED GUEST - NONE**
- 7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS, DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES**

- a. Monthly Reports submitted from County Departments and County Authorities, including a Revenue/Expenditure Statement for all departments and a summary check register. *There are no Department reports as they will be provided during the first Board meeting in October. Revenue/Expenditure Statement and Detail Check Register is included.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/Proctor to accept the Department Reports, motion carried 5-0.

- b. County Manager Report

Update on County finances for the following funds/accounts:

General Fund	\$2,535,067.22
Fire Dept. Donations.....	\$6,420.16
Cash Reserve Account.....	\$307,597.29
Jail Fund	\$35,652.18
E-911 Fund	\$158,858.53
DATE Fund	\$46,856.08
Juvenile Court Fund.....	\$12,298.33
Residential Impact Fee	\$1,078,663.68
Commercial Impact Fees	\$179,958.30
C.A.I.P FUND	\$38,232.63
General Obligation SPLOST Tax Bond Sinking Fund, 2016.....	\$392,872.25
L.M.IG. Grant (DOT).....	\$48,025.93

- c. County Manager Comment

County Manager Brandon Rogers addressed the Board stating the Board of Commissioners office has been receiving letters of support over the past couple of weeks in support of the broadband expansion and water infrastructure in the county. Rogers encouraged everyone to submit the letters of support to the Board of Commissioners office over the next couple of days, so they can be attached to the grant the county is applying for with the State.

Update on the CDBG grant in the Hilltop Community, the patching and leveling project is complete. Public Works has started on improvements on First Street and will start with the asphalt tomorrow. If the weather cooperates, the paving should be completed in approximately seven business days, then the striping will begin.

The Board of Commissioners Office has been contacted in regard to selling a small piece of county property located at the Concord Fire Station. Each Commissioner was provided a drawing of the property, along with pictures. CM Rogers stated the City of Concord gave Pike County this property. There is a section in the State law that states municipalities and counties can exchange properties with no cost involved, however the State law also states the property will have to be sold if the county decides to get rid of it. As of now, the county is not sure what the plans are for the property of interest but do have future ambitions for the property. The Fire Department has had issues with parking when training takes place. The citizen who has inquired about purchasing the property recently purchased the home adjoining the Fire Station property. The existing driveway is currently on county property.

The first driveway to the house is a tight turn into the carport of the house and a second drive was added years ago. Commissioner Guy asked if the Board decided not to sell the property, is it something the homeowner still could use the driveway that is on county property. CM Rogers stated if the Board gave the approval, the driveway could still be utilized by the homeowner. Chairman Johnson asked if someone uses a property for a certain amount of time, could it become their property. Johnson noted years ago if you fenced the property in it became their property and asked if over a period of time if a citizen is allowed to use the property as a driveway and the county did nothing with it, could it become the citizens property. County Attorney Rob Morton stated he does not have enough information to answer that question and he would have to look at that issue.

Motion/second by Commissioners Guy/Daniel to allow citizen Cherry Thomas to speak, motion carried 5-0.

Cherry Thomas addressed the Board stating she had a local Land Surveyor, Steve Reeves, mark the property she is interested in purchasing from the county with red stakes. It is not much property and is pie shape. The driveway has been used for a long time and Mrs. Thomas just wants the driveway to belong to them. Chairman Johnson stated he spoke with some fire personnel and their concern was with parking.

Motion/second by Commissioners Guy/Proctor to deny the sale of the property and put something in writing to allow Mrs. Thomas to use driveway, motion carried 5-0.

County Manager Rogers stated he has received two different requests on two roads for restriping that have safety concerns. The roads are Chapman Road and Hughley Road, the striping is faded or gone. CM Rogers requested the use of SPLOST funds to have both roads restriped. The cost to restripe Chapman Road would be around \$4,000.00. The county has not received the cost to restripe Hughley Road, should be half of what it would cost to restripe Chapman Road since Hughley Road is half the distance of Chapman Road. The total cost to restripe both roads should be no more than \$6,000.00. Commissioner Proctor asked if Hughley Road was in the city. CM Rogers stated Hughley Road is considered a county road. Commissioner Daniel noted he does live on Chapman Road but the citizen who reported Chapman Road called Commissioner Proctor. Commissioner Daniel rode Chapman Road from Meansville to Highway 18 and noted in several places, there are no lines.

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Daniel to approve use of SPLOST funds to restripe Chapman Road and Hughley Road, motion carried 5-0.

County Manager Rogers asked the Board for their consideration of the hiring of the Senior Center Director, Lavetrece Walker. Each Board member has had the opportunity to meet with Ms. Walker last month.

Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/Proctor to approve the County Manager to hire Lavetrece Walker as Senior Center Director, motion carried 5-0.

CM Rogers stated he has been contacted by the City of Concord regarding the paving of Hill Street. The city just received their SPLOST distribution and would like to pave Hill Street on the Concord side, city limits through the Hilltop Community to Main Street and the county portion would be from Highway 18 to near the Hilltop Community. The city portion to pave will be around \$50,000.00 and the county portion to pave would be around \$70,000.00. CM Rogers contacted Georgia Department of Transportation, GDOT, regarding the intersection of Highway 18 and Hill Street due to it being one of the most dangerous intersections in the county; the county is waiting to hear back from GDOT to see if they are wanting to change that intersection. Rogers noted that Public Works will be in Hilltop paving next week and the week after that, they will already be set up and could pave the county portion of Hill Street. Before the paving of Hill Street takes place, Rogers noted he will have an answer from GDOT regarding the intersection. CM Rogers asked the Board for their approval for the use of \$70,000.00 in SPLOST funds for the paving of Hill Street. Chairman Briar Johnson asked if the county could make the change to the intersection at Highway 18 and Hill Street. CM Rogers stated he believed the county could make the change because it would only effect Hill Street. It was discussed widening the intersection so when you enter Highway 18 from Hill Street it would be a 90-degree angle which allows visibility of traffic on Highway 18 both ways, leaving the exit from Highway 18 to Hill Street the same as it is now. Chairman Johnson noted an example of this intersection would be in Lamar County, Morgan Dairy Road at Highway 36. Commissioner Daniel asked if the \$70,000.00 included the intersection if it needs to be updated. County Manager Rogers replied yes.

Motion/second by Commissioners Guy/Daniel to approve the use of SPLOST funds in the amount of \$70,000.00 for county portion of Hill Street, motion carried 5-0.

County Manager Brandon Rogers stated the last road named in the 2016 SPLOST was Rosehill Road. Once the Concord project is completed, Todd Goolsby, Director of Public Works requested to get started on resurfacing Rosehill Road to complete the 2016 SPLOST list. Commissioner Proctor asked if it was just Rosehill Road on the side of Mt. View Convenience Store. CM Rogers replied yes. Commissioner Proctor asked if the money was already in SPLOST for this resurfacing. CM Rogers replied yes.

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Daniel to approve, motion carried 5-0.

d. Commissioner Reports

District 1 – Commissioner Daniel – No report.

District 2 – Commissioner Guy – No report.

District 3 – Commissioner Proctor

Commissioner Proctor thanked Mark Camp for doing a great job with Chestnut Oak and the event that was put on this past weekend.

District 4 – Commissioner Jenkins

Commissioner Jenkins

Commissioner Jenkins stated Mayor Steve Fry sent an email out regarding the October 30, 2021 event and he thinks it should be something the Commissioners should consider participating in.

At-Large Chairman Briar Johnson – No report.

e. County Attorney Report to Commissioners – No report.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider one appointment to the Pike County Animal Shelter Advisory Board. *Applicant has met criteria.*

Applicant is Susan Boggs of Williamson.

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Daniel to appoint Susan Boggs to the Pike County Animal Shelter Advisory Board, motion carried 5-0.

- b. Consider request from Stephen Brentlinger to use the Courthouse lawn and sidewalks for the Pike County Christmas Festival and Parade on Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

County Manager Brandon Rogers stated the county has already got permission from the City of Zebulon to close Jackson Street for the Christmas Festival and Parade on December 11, 2021.

Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/Guy to approve use of Courthouse lawn and sidewalks on December 11, 2021, motion carried 5-0.

- c. Approve/deny for Chairman Johnson to sign the proclamation honoring Sunday, November 7, 2021 as Retired Educators Day in Georgia.

Chairman Briar Johnson read the Proclamation aloud.

Motion/second by Commissioners Guy/Proctor to approve proclamation, motion carried 5-0.

- d. Appoint County Voting Delegate for the ACCG 2021 Business Session to adopt the Policy Agenda.

County Manager Brandon Rogers stated this item is for the county to designate a voting delegate who will vote on the policy agenda and help to identify legislative priorities for the 2022 legislative session. Each county may designate one person for this role, and if no designee is identified, the chairman becomes the county's voting delegate. Voting delegates will cast the final vote on behalf of the county at the ACCG County Reconnect Conference business session scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chatham Ballroom.

Motion/second by Commissioners Guy/Proctor to appoint Tim Daniel as the Voting Delegate for the ACCG 2021 Business Session, motion carried 4-1-0, with Commissioner Daniel abstaining.

- e. Discussion of changes to the Pike County ACCG Defined Benefits.

County Manager Brandon Rogers provided the Board with the updated Defined Benefit plan highlighting the changes. Ryan Reynolds with ACCG was present at the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the defined benefit plan. The changes include the following:

Section 1.23 Employee

- Working for the Employer at least thirty-six (36) hours of service per week for compensation.
- Other Definitions: (1) Employee includes anyone working for the Sheriff, Clerk of Superior Court, Tax Commissioner, Probate Judge, and Chief Magistrate. (2) The Tax Assessor, and his/her employees shall also be considered eligible, as well as employees of the Recreation Department to include the Director. Additionally, William Pitts whom works for the Natural Resources Conservation Service shall be eligible. (3) Employees working for the Sheriff are considered Public Safety. (4) Patricia Maxedon working for the Tax Commissioner will be considered a full-time employee for the purpose of this benefit.
- To include Magistrate Judge, Daphne Martin.

- To include Clerk of Superior Court, Pam Thompson.
- To include Employees of the Tax Commissioner (hired before 7/1/2012)
- To include Tax Commissioner (hired on or after 7/1/2012) if not participating in the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia.
- To include Employees of Tax Commissioner (hired on or after 7/1/2012) if not participating in the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia.

Section 1.26 Employer

- Other Definition: (1) Employee includes anyone working for the Sheriff, Clerk of Superior Court, Tax Commissioner, Probate Judge, and Chief Magistrate. (2) The employees of the Board of Assessors shall also be considered eligible, as well as employees of the Recreation Department to include the Director. Additionally, William Pitts whom works for the Natural Resources Conservation Service shall be eligible. (3) Employees working for the Sheriff are considered Public Safety. (4) Patricia Maxedon working for the Tax Commissioner will be considered a full-time employee for the purpose of this benefit.

Section 6.02 Eligibility for Early Retirement Pension

For Unreduced Early Retirement Pension for Public Safety Only

The later of the date:

- The Participant attains fifty-five (55) years of age.
- The Participant completes ten (10) years of Vesting Service.

Commissioner Jenkins noted according to this plan, the county is getting in a situation where the county is mandating the hours worked for the people who work for the Constitutional Officers. County Manager Rogers replied no sir, the Board is not mandating what a Constitutional Officer ask their employees to work; the Board is stating in order to qualify for the benefit the employee must work 36 hours per week. The county is paying 100% of the premium for this benefit and the citizens deserve to get some service out of the employee to receive this benefit and you get this back in 36 hours of service. The Constitutional Officer has the authority to let the employee work how many hours they want and call them full time. CM Rogers stated employees who job status changes from full time to part time will be eligible to receive the benefit for the years worked as full time. Commissioner Jenkins asked then why 36 hours is listed in the benefit plan. CM Rogers stated if the Board wants the 36 hours removed from the benefit plan to qualify, then it can be removed. Commissioner Daniel stated the county policy states that full time for county employees is 36 hours and you can not mandate what Constitutional Officers considers as a full-time employee. County Attorney Rob Morton clarified if a Constitutional Officer hires a new employee as full-time employee that does not work 36 hours a week, starting the next January 31st, if the employee works 32 hours a week, as the plan is written now 36 hours, the employee would not be eligible for the benefit. Ryan Reynolds with ACCG stated that is correct unless they are named in the plan. They are not mandated to work the 36 hours, but they would not be eligible for the benefit as the plan is written now. Commissioner Daniel stated he does not believe the 36 hours needs to be in the plan, just the verbiage full time. Full time defined for county employees is 36 hours. County Manager Rogers stated Patricia Maxedon can be removed from the plan because once the 36 hours is removed, she will qualify to receive the benefit as a full-time employee as defined by her employer. Commissioner Jenkins asked about William Pitts being named specifically in the plan and being eligible. CM Rogers stated William Pitts has a unique situation where he works for Natural Resources Conservation Service, NRCS, and the county. Mr. Pitts does not receive any benefits from NRCS or the Federal Government and he is not listed as a county employee, therefore he was named specific on the plan to be eligible to receive the benefit.

Motion/second by Commissioners Jenkins/Daniel to approve all the yellow highlighted changes with the exception of removing the subsection under 1.23 that states that 36 hours per week and remove numerated (4) under the definition of employee 1.23 as well as employer 1.26 and authorize Chairman Johnson to sign document, motion carried 5-0.

- f. Approve/deny private road name for Duffey Family Subdivision.

County Manager Brandon Rogers addressed the Board stating this subdivision was approved back in November 2020, but when the subdivision was approved, a road name was not chosen. The road name, Delauter Road, has been verified by Public Works and Planning and Development and does not conflict with any other names within the county. Jeremy Gilbert, Director of Planning and Development, stated this road was shown as a private road on the plat when the subdivision was approved in 2020. The applicant is trying to get a building permit and needs to have a road name. It is off Roberts Quarters Road and was subdivided into four buildable lots and the remaining land was put into a covenant for the family to be able to hunt and use as their recreational property.

Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/ Guy to approve, motion carried 5-0.

- g. Approve/deny First Reading of Text Amendment to Title III: Administration, Chapter 36 Personnel Policy, Section 36.36 On-Call Status.

County Attorney Rob Morton stated he was asked to add Animal Control to Section 36.36 of the Personnel Policy related to On-Call Status. Animal Control is being treated the same as Building & Grounds, therefore paragraph (C) Animal Control is similar to paragraph (B) Building & Grounds.

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/ Daniel to approve the First Reading, motion carried 5-0.

- h. **PUBLIC HEARING:** To receive public input regarding SE-21-09. Joseph Gosman, owner, and Ashlee Fennell, applicant are requesting permission via special exception to operate a general home occupation located at 19556 Highway 18, Zebulon, GA 30295. It is located in Land Lot 132 in the 8th Land District of Pike County and is further identified as Parcel ID: 091-004F. It consists of 23.55 acres of land and has approximately 686 feet of frontage along GA Hwy 18. The nature of the proposed general home occupation is a pet grooming spa. Commission District: District 1. Commissioner: Tim Daniel.

Planning and Development Director, Jeremy Gilbert, addressed the Board stating the application before them is for a special exception to operate a pet grooming spa as a general home occupation at 19556 Highway 18 Zebulon, GA. The property is 23.55 ± acres zoned A-R, Agricultural Residential. The applicant is proposing to construct a 14’ x 40’ building to house the business. Based on the letter of intent, the applicant plans on running the business Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Board of Appeals recommendation is for approval with two conditions: (1) A business license/annual renewal shall be required before the business can operate. (2) Proper signage as illustrated in the general home occupation permissions and governed by Chapter 156 of the Pike County Code.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposition</u>
No one came forth.	No one came forth.

Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/Guy to approve SE-21-09 with conditions, motion carried 5-0. The conditions are as follows:

- 1. **A business license/annual renewal shall be required before the business can operate.**
- 2. **Proper signage as illustrated in the general home occupation permissions and governed by Chapter 158 of the Pike County Code.**

- i. **PUBLIC HEARING:** To receive public input regarding REZ-21-03- McLeRoy Rentals LLC, owner and applicant are requesting to rezone the property located on the west side of Highway 41 South, Griffin GA 30224. The subject property has 75.02 +/-acres and is located in Landlot 136 in the 2nd Land District of Pike County. It is further defined as parcel ID: 086-052. Applicant and owner are requesting the property be rezoned from A-R, Agricultural-Residential to C-3, Heavy Commercial in preparation to construct a mixture of retail, office warehouse buildings, mini warehouse/self-storage in Phase 1 on approximately 6.5 acres and reserving the rest for future development. Commission District: District 3rd. Commissioner District: Jason Proctor. FEMA Data: Does not lie within the flood zone.

Planning and Development Director, Jeremy Gilbert, addressed the Board stating the rezoning request before them is for a property located on Highway 41 South consisting of approximately 75.021 acres. The applicant is showing on their proposed site plan developing 6.5 acres of the 75.021 acres to construct a 14,700 square foot retail building, 6,300 square foot mini office/incubator/warehouse buildings and a 6,780 square foot warehouse/storage building. The remaining 68.521 acres will be developed in additional phases that will be market driven on size and scope. Currently, the applicant has no additional information on the additional phases. The site is located in the US 41 Overlay District and will be required to go through the Overlay District review process before the development can be constructed. Based on the Overlay, the first 400 feet of the property is located in the Overlay and is bound by the requirements. The applicant is requesting the property to be rezoned to C-3, Heavy Commercial, to allow for the mini warehouses. The Planning Commission recommendation is approval with two conditions: (1) The entire site shall be developed in compliance with the US 41 Overlay Ordinance and will be subject to the application process for each phase of the development. The developer shall submit an application for each phase of the development and approval by the Board of Commissioners will be needed prior to any permits being issued. (2) A fifty-foot (50’) buffer shall be planted or maintained on all property lines that abut a residentially zoned property meeting the standards outlined in Chapter 164 of the Pike County Code. Jeremy Gilbert clarified the first condition, the intent for the first condition from staff standpoint is because no one knows the intent of what the remaining 68.521 acres will be and would like for the Board of Commissioners to look at it from the site plan prospective.

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposition</u>
Dee McLeroy	No one came forth.

Commissioner Proctor asked what the Overlay requirements are. Jeremy Gilbert replied building materials is the main component. Any portion of the building that faces the highway must be of masonry material such as brick or stone and any portion of building that does not face the highway must be a combination of some other material such as same brick or stucco, does not allow it to be split face block or metal. The overlay also has landscaping requirements. The way the code reads currently, 400 feet from the centerline the street each way. Commissioner Proctor asked if what the Planning Commission Board is recommending, if it is going against what the code reads. Gilbert stated they are adding additional stipulations to the property that would allow them to enhance that by allowing it to be further than 400 feet. The code also states that if more than 50% of the property is in the 400 feet, the remainder of the property would have to be, in which this is not, it is outside the 50% requirement. Gilbert noted the Board would not be going against our code, would just be adding additional

stipulations to the remainder of the property. County Attorney Rob Morton clarified that the Overlay does not contemplate developing in phases, you are talking about the property as is and that is part of the criteria to get it back before the body for the consideration as it may be necessary and as indicated by Jeremy Gilbert in the beginning, if this Board decided certain criteria would not apply, you would have that authority. This is a safeguard on behalf of your Planning and Development Director. Commissioner Jenkins asked what the height limit is on the first 400 feet. Gilbert replied there is no difference in the height limit between the Overlay and what the standard code height is. There is a limitation of what C-3 allows, maximum height is six stories. The height of the buildings are usually dictated by your Fire Department. The resources that Pike County has for Fire Department, buildings could not go over six stories. Commissioner Daniel asked if the whole property was rezoned to C-3, does that mean they do not have to come before the Board for anything else. Chairman Johnson asked if there is an interior road once other phases are developed, does the 400 feet apply to the interior road. Gilbert replied, the way the code reads no. It is only 400 feet from the centerline of Hwy 41. Commissioner Daniel noted this is the designated commercial corridor. Commissioner Daniel asked if C-3 was commercial only and not manufacturing or industrial. Gilbert stated that is correct. Commissioner Daniel asked if the whole property was rezoned to C-3, does that mean they do not have to come before the Board for anything else. Gilbert replied if the Board just rezones the 75 acres as it sits, the only thing that would come before the Board is the first 400 feet of the property through the Overlay. County Attorney Rob Morton clarified the Overlay meeting and consideration does not come before the Board of Commissioners; it goes to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Proctor asked if the Board puts stipulations on the rezoning above what the code says, could the applicant come back and appeal the Board's decision. County Attorney Morton stated this is not about the Overlay District consideration, that goes before the Planning Commission. This is a rezoning application being advised to have conditions. Any decision reached by the Board of Commissioners regarding the final zoning decision has the right to be appealed, so the answer is yes, he can appeal. The Board has the right to set conditions in connection to the rezoning. Gilbert noted his desire is to hold the first 400 feet standard to how the code is written, it will go through the review process with Planning Commission. Everything beyond the 400 feet, because no one knows what it will be today, he would like to see a condition that requires the applicant go before the Board of Commissioners and be reviewed. It could be each subsequent phase would come before the Board of Commissioners for a site plan approval by the Board. Commissioner Proctor asked the applicant, Dee McLeroy, would he have a problem with the condition. County Attorney Rob Morton stated to clarify, if the Board wants to simply modify what the recommendation was and condition simply all future phases of development will require coming back before the Board of Commissioners for future consideration. That eliminates the reference to the Overlay. The Board wants to see the subsequent phases and the applicant does not want to be limited to the Overlay of 400 feet.

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/ Daniel to approve REZ-21-03 with conditions, motion carried 5-0. The conditions are as follows:

- 1. The developer shall submit an application for each phase of the development and approval by the Board of Commissioners will be needed prior to any permits being issued.**
- 2. A fifty-foot (50') buffer shall be planted or maintained on all property lines that abut a residentially zoned property meeting the standards outlined in Chapter 164 of the Pike County Code.**

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Ben Maxedon to address the Board regarding County Retirement Plan.

Agenda Item removed at the approval of the agenda.

- b. Pam Thompson to address the Board regarding Superior Court Budget.

Pam Thompson, Clerk of Superior Court, addressed the Board regarding her budget for year 2021-2022 being overlooked. Ms. Thompson was appointed Clerk of Superior Court in 2019, that year 26% of the budget was cut for Superior Court with no explanation. This year the budget request was presented to the county, after the budget was approved, Ms. Thompson questioned at the beginning of July and why her budget was not approved, and she received an email stating the Superior Court budget was overlooked and not presented to the Board of Commissioners, it was an oversight. Ms. Thompson stated she thought the budget should be amended and corrected. It is the county's responsibility to fund the Constitutional Officers and their offices. Superior Court is one of the lowest paid offices in the county and something needs to be done. Ms. Thompson noted she did not want to take any legal action that it would be horrible, but this is not right to have to fight for her budget that was any oversight on the county. Chairman Johnson asked Ms. Thompson what she was asking for. Ms. Thompson stated for her budget to be amended. Commissioner Daniel asked what was the dollar amount difference that was overlooked. Ms. Thompson stated she requested almost \$16,000.00. Ms. Thompson noted she has given her two employees that were hired over the last two and two and half years a 5% raise after six months and that is all they have had. Commissioner Daniel asked County Manager with this being an oversight on the county, is there somewhere in the budget to find the \$16,000.00. County Manager Rogers replied at this time it would be hard to say if \$16,000.00 could be found in the budget to move over, he would be cautious with it because the county just hired the Finance Officer and was approved to use money out of the contingency funds for a portion of her salary. County Manager Rogers stated if the Board votes to give Superior Court the funds, he would recommend amending the whole budget

which will affect the bottom-line number. Commissioner Daniel asked if Ms. Thompson could just give the raises and we amend the budget at the end of the year. County Manager Rogers replied she could. Commissioner Jenkins asked Ms. Thompson what kind of raise she was going to give her employees. County Manager Rogers replied before July 1, employee salaries were \$171,780.96 for Superior Court, Ms. Thompson request that was overlooked in the new budget was the employee salary line item to be changed to \$185,716.96, a difference of almost \$14,000.00. Commissioner Jenkins clarified the decrease in the 2019 budget for Superior Court was the difference between Pam Thompsons salary and Carolyn Williams salary.

Motion/second by Commissioners Jenkins/ Daniel to amend the budget by the amount of \$14,000.00 that was an oversight, effective 9/28/2021, motion carried 5-0.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/ Guy to adjourn at 8:21 p.m., motion carried 5-0.

J. Briar Johnson, Chairman

Angela Blount, County Clerk