

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 6, 2022 • 11:00 a.m.

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a called board meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 and it was held in the auditorium of the County Administrative Building, 67 Athens Street, Jefferson, GA.

Commissioners Present: Tom Crow, Chairman
Ralph Richardson, District 3 Commissioner
Chas Hardy, Commissioner District 2

Staff Present: Kevin Poe, County Manager
Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager
Alisha Gamble, Finance Director
Jamie Dove, Public Development Director
Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Press: Ben Munro, Jackson Herald

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tom Crow called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1a) Introduction of New Finance Director: (Kevin Poe)

Kevin Poe, County Manager, introduced Ms. Alisha Gamble as the new finance director for Jackson County. She was previously employed with the City of Flowery Branch. She was highly recommended and is knowledgeable in governmental accounting and auditing.

**1) Discuss an Annexation Request from Town of Braselton: (Gina Roy)
Consider approval of a letter regarding an objection to the proposed annexation; Braselton Reference: 22-03-RZ**

Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager, reported there were concerns regarding the annexation request on behalf of the County regarding the zoning and the unimproved condition of Kirk Roberts Road for a proposed subdivision of this type. Ms. Roy further stated there was concern with the second annexation of property consisting of 83 acres into 56 lots.

Ms. Roy advised if the property was zoning to residential, it would not meet the County's Character Area/Land Use in this area. The second reason for the objection was the estimated cost to upgrade Kirk Roberts Road. Kirk Roberts Road was a rural road and non-improved for residential standards. Last year, triple-surface paving was

completed; however, there was no acquired right-of-way. The estimated cost to upgrade the road was \$1.7 million dollars. This included right-of-way acquisition, clearing, grading, base, toping and striping.

Ms. Roy explained if there was a rezoning that took place in unincorporated Jackson County, the Unified Development Code specified that the developer would be responsible for acquiring the right-of-way and completing the base and paving to upgrade the road. Kevin Poe, County Manager, commented this was a good example of the Service Delivery Strategy negotiations. And, there were discussions of the need for cities to adopt the County's development standards.

Commissioner Richardson made the motion to authorize the Chairman sign the formal letter of objection dated July 7, 2022 addressed to the Town of Braselton regarding tax parcels 117/029 & 030A by the applicant Abernathy Dev. Co., LLC. and once received by the Town to allow County staff to file the form for notification of objection to annexation, request for arbitration panel, and provision of contact information to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, the vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 3 – 0)

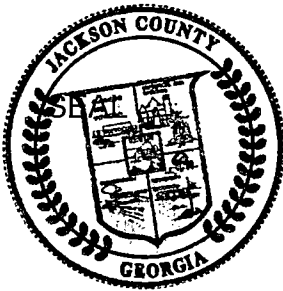
C. **ADJOURNMENT:**


Chairman Crow declared the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

All printed material/documentation presented is filed in Board Minute Addendum Book No. 13-R and hereby becomes a part of the official minutes.

Minutes Approved: Monday, August 1, 2022

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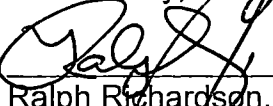
Tom Crow, Chairman



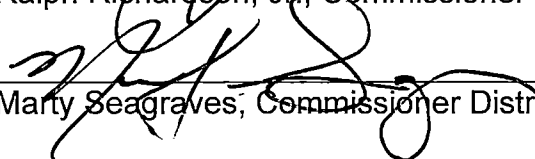
Jim Hix, Commissioner District 1




Chas Hardy, Commissioner District 2



Ralph Richardson, Jr., Commissioner District 3



Marty Seagraves, Commissioner District 4

Attest: 

Ericka Johnson Deputy Clerk