

**MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION MEETING
AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
5:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Chairman Benjamin Hayward

II. INVOCATION

A. Mr. Jerry Permenter

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting, August 13, 2024

B. Work Session, August 26, 2024

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 2024 Tax Millage Rate

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution #2024-011 Tax Millage Rate

B. Resolution #2024-012 Rural Public Transit Section 5311

VII. COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. County Administrator

B. Finance Officer

C. County Attorney

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURN



Agenda Item Coversheet

Item Name

Chairman Benjamin Hayward

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

None



Agenda Item Coversheet

Item Name

Mr. Jerry Permenter

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

None



Agenda Item Coversheet

Item Name

Regular Meeting, August 13, 2024

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Regular Meeting, August 13, 2024

**MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024, @ 5:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Chairman Benjamin Hayward

II. COMMISSIONERS & STAFF PRESENT

A. Chairman Benjamin Hayward, Vice Chairman Reggie Bostick, Commissioner Keith Jones, Commissioner Julius Hatcher

Staff: Jerry Permenter, CFO, Samantha Carr, Asst. CFO, Rebecca Reese, County Clerk, Samantha White, Insurance Coordinator, Russell Britt, County Attorney;

County Administrator, Gary Rice was not present at the meeting.

III. INVOCATION

A. Mr. Jerry Permenter

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting, July 9, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Hatcher to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bostick seconded the motion with all in favor.

B. Work Session, July 29, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Hatcher to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bostick seconded the motion with all in favor.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Bowen Trailer Park Road Closure

Mr. Permenter opened the floor to hear the following public hearing.

Mr. Permenter said there were 2 individuals that signed the sign-in sheet to speak on the Bowen Trailer Park Road issue.

- Request regarding the potential closure of a road known as Bowen Trailer Park Road. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 32-7 et seq., whenever deemed in the public interest, a county may abandon any public road that is under its respective jurisdiction. To close an open public road, the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners must make a determination that the section of a county road system has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by the road, or that the removal of the road from the county road system is otherwise in the best interest. Mr. Jimmy Kolbie addressed the Board stating that his family owned Bowen Trailer Park for years and deeded the road to the County in 1991. He said the County has maintained the road for years. Mr. Kolbie stated he does not understand why the road is under attack now. He said 44 residents live on this road and they pay taxes. He stated he does not know why the County wants to stop maintaining it. Mr. Kolbie asked the Board to reconsider their stance on closing this road. Mr. William "Bill" Gonzales addressed the Board stating that he is the resident manager of Bowen Trailer Park Road. He said what started this was that there was a washout on the road, and he asked that it be fixed. Mr. Gonzales said these are privately owned homes on this road. The school bus travels this road as well as a school bus for the disabled. Mr. Gonzales submitted a petition from the residents living on Bowen Trailer Park Road. He said it baffles him why they do not want to maintain the road when they just maintained it two weeks ago. There being no other speakers the hearing was declared closed.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Animal Ordinance

Mr. Permenter reported to the Board that the staff is comfortable with the existing Animal Ordinance and does not wish to make any changes.

B. Zoning Changes

Mr. Britt, County Attorney, stated the Board has had previous discussions on updating the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Britt asked that the Board withhold enforcing the changes to the ordinance because there will be subsequent changes that need to be made as well as holding a public hearing.

C. Building Permit Fee Process

Mr. Britt reported that, after reviewing the new legislation regarding the Building Permit Fees, he would advise the Board to leave the current fee schedule in place. He stated

that House Bill 461 amended the Regulatory Fee calculation and Building Permit fee.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2024-010 Bowen Trailer Park Road Closure

FAILED Resolution #2024-010 A motion to approve this resolution was made by Commissioner Hatcher. The motion failed for the lack of a second. Bowen Trailer Park Road will continue to be maintained by the County's Public Works Department.

B. Sheriff's Request to Transfer Vehicle to District Attorney's Office

Mr. Permenter reported that Sheriff Bozeman had requested to transfer a vehicle to the District Attorney's Office in exchange for a \$5,000 credit for any forthcoming seizure fees owed to the District Attorney's Office. Commissioner Jones made a motion to authorize the transfer of the vehicle to the District Attorney's Office. Commissioner Bostick seconded the motion with all in favor.

C. Planning & Zoning Board Discussion

Mr. Britt asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Britt advised that the Board of Commissioners could take the affirmative with the Planning and Zoning Board by allowing them to make changes within their bylaws. He informed the Board that they could amend the Planning and Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Jones asked wasn't the criteria authorized already. Mr. Britt replied, yes. Mr. Britt said he understands the Board of Commissioners wants to see input from the Planning and Zoning Board members for each request. Commissioner Jones said he wants accountability. Since the Planning and Zoning input has been inconsistent with the request that is being voted upon. After some discussion, Mr. Britt recommended that the Planning and Zoning Board follow their policy and procedures and those identified by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Russell Moody was authorized to move forward with following the Building and Zoning policy and procedures.

D. 2024 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate

Commissioner Jones made a motion to appoint Chairman Hayward as the voting delegate for the 2024 Legislative Leadership Conference. Commissioner Bostick seconded the motion with all in favor.

E. Intergovernmental Agreement Building Inspection Services - Cities of Baconton & Sale City

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County and the Cities of Baconton and Sale City for Building Inspection Services with a renewal date of January 1, 2024, and with two automatic annual renewals, and authorize the chairman to execute the agreements.

F. Mayor Annette Morman, Baconton Polling Precinct Location

Mayor Annette Morman addressed the Board and thanked the Board for the work the County's inmates have done in Baconton and to discuss the decision to relocate the voting precinct in Baconton. Mayor Morman said she was not made aware of the precinct being moved. She said she saw the sign and became upset. Mayor Morman said she called Mr. Rice but was informed he was on vacation, so she called Chairman Hayward. Mayor Morman said Chairman Hayward told her the Election Superintendent could not get in Baconton City Hall when they needed to place the machines. Mayor Morman said Ms. Deloris Daniels has the key the day before to the Elections Office. She said they only had one key and the person managing the machines had the key, and they were not contacted. Mayor Morman stated that city hall is equipped and handicap accessible. She said she wanted to know why the voting precinct is being relocated to the fire department. Mayor Morman also asked who put the sign in the yard without permission from the City of Baconton. She said she knows who put it there because they have cameras. Mr. Johnny Jackson, Baconton City Councilman, addressed the Board and said he respects the Board of Commissioners, and we are asking that the voting precinct stay at the city hall building.

Chairman Hayward informed Mayor Morman that the Election Superintendent can move a precinct and does not have to ask to move it. Chairman Hayward told Mayor Morman that whoever needed to be notified was notified. They called the clerk and gave notification, but maybe she, Mayor Morman was not informed. Mayor Morman said the fire department is not equipped to hold the elections there.

Mr. Britt informed the Board that they cannot make this decision, but the Board of Elections can make that decision. Mayor Morman said it belittles the County when you have a facility that is handicap accessible. She asked the Board to go and look at the fire department .

IX. COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. County Administrator

Nothing to report.

B. Finance Officer

Mr. Permenter reported:

- Staff began working on the budget today and are sending out notifications to each department.
- The tax digest was delivered to the Tax Commissioner. The staff will begin reviewing it.
- The county administrator met with representatives from Decatur and Baker to discuss funding of the District Attorney's office. The county administrator said they have questions and need clarity, and they will meet with the D.A. office for

answers and will informed the Board after they meet.

Commissioner Jones said he received a call from one of his constituents concerning the closing of Back Nine Road by Hog Haw Road. He directed Mr. McCook, Public Works Superintendent, to find out and follow-up and send him a report.

Mr. McCook addressed the Board to inform them that the soil sample was complete on Lake Pleasant Church Road, but some areas did not take. He reported they have the LMIG sign ready to put up, but the equipment is still on Lake Pleasant Church Road. Commissioner Jones asked if the road had been regraded. Mr. McCook replied, yes.

C. County Attorney

Mr. Britt said he would get the correct dates made to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Baconton & Sale City for Inspection Services and send them back for execution by Chairman Hayward.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mrs. Doris Johnson addressed the Board to thank them for the work that has been done on South Turkey Road. She said they wanted the same respect that other citizens have received. Mrs. Johnson said they have an issue and they want a solution. She stated all they are asking is for 1.5 miles of road to be paved and that one senior citizen is holding up the road being paved. She stated they had to pull over to the other side of the road to let others pass by. Mrs. Johnson said they should not have to go to Atlanta but should be able to go to our local governing body about their road issue. Mr. Permenter explained that the County receives LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvement Grant) and the engineer and the Public Works Superintendent prepared a list of the worst roads in the county and her road was not rated as one of the worst roads. The County also funded the worst roads with SPLOST (Special Local Option Sales Tax) funds. He said that is the process. The County has 350 miles of unpaved road and 360 miles of paved road. It costs approximately \$800,000 to pave one mile of a road. Mr. Permenter informed Mrs. Johnson that the engineer said South Turkey Road is one of the best dirt roads in Mitchell County.

Mayor Morman came back before the Board to attest to the road condition of South Turkey Road. She said she knows every dirt road in Mitchell County and South Turkey Road is in the top 5 worst roads in the county.

XI. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bostick seconded the motion with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Benjamin Hayward, Chairman

Rebecca Reese, County Clerk



Agenda Item Coversheet

Item Name

Work Session, August 26, 2024

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Work Session, August 26, 2024

**MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024, @ 5:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Chairman Benjamin Hayward

II. COMMISSIONERS & STAFF PRESENT

Chairman Benjamin Hayward, Commissioner Keith Jones, and Commissioner Julius Hatcher

Commissioner Reggie Bostick was not present at the meeting.

Staff: Gary Rice, County Administrator, Samantha Carr, Asst. CFO, Rebecca Reese, County Clerk, and Samantha White, Insurance Coordinator

Jerry Permenter, CFO, was not present at the meeting.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Zoning Changes

Mr. Rice reported that Mr. Britt wanted to make all the changes to the Zoning Ordinance at one time before we have the required Public Hearing. A public hearing will be held at the regular meeting and then the amended Zoning Ordinance will be considered for adoption. It was the consensus of the Board to remove this item from the Old Business until all changes are submitted.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. County Employee Insurance Discussion

Mr. Rice reported that the staff met with the county's insurance carrier to discuss our health insurance. He informed the Board that the county is experiencing a bad claim year this year. He said there has been no increase in the premium in several years. Mr. Rice said something must be done about the premium. He suggested there may need to be a price increase, but he will discuss this issue more during the Budget Work Session.

Commissioner Hatcher asked if any complaints had been received about prescription mail orders. Mr. Rice said there was one issue, but it has since been resolved. Mr. Rice

said he was unaware of any issues with the mail orders but would check.

B. County Employee Retirement Discussion

Mr. Rice informed the Board that the staff has been in conversations with ACCG regarding the county's retirement. He said they are looking at making changes to the retirement plan, but these changes will not affect the current employees' retirement plan. He stated they are looking at several different options. If a plan with employee contribution and a county match was chosen, it may allow the employee to take their plan with them if they left employment with Mitchell County. One of the caveats of a match plan is, if the employee leaves the County before being vested, the county's match would not go with them. He gave an example of how the plan would be safeguarded, which is, if an employee leaves the County, before becoming vested, the employee would not receive the match from the county, but would be able to take their contribution with them. Mr. Rice said he would discuss this more in the Budget Work Session.

C. 2024 Property Tax Millage Discussion

Mr. Rice requested the Board give authorization to advertise the 2024 millage rate at 18.00 percent in the newspaper. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Mr. Rice to advertise the millage rate. The millage rate must be advertised in the newspaper for (7) seven days and then hold a public hearing before adoption. The millage rate and the 5-year history will appear in this week's newspaper.

D. CareConnect Health - Letter of Support

Mr. Rice reported CareConnect Health is requesting a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners to apply for an HRSA (Health Resources and Service Administration) grant to open a health center in Mitchell County. Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Rice to do a soft inquiry with Georgia Pines and Mitchell County Hospital. Mr. Rice said he would do the inquiry before sending the letter of support.

E. Back Nine Road Closure Request

Mr. Rice reported he received a letter from Ms. Margaret Nesmith requesting a portion of Back Nine Road from just south of her driveway to the intersection of Hog Haw Road be closed. Mr. McCook addressed the Board. He said the portion that will be opened will continue to be maintained, but the motor grader drivers will need a place to turn around. He stated the only place to turn around is on a property owner's property, which would eventually cause problems with the driveway. Mr. Ike McCook said he talked with the property owners, and they all agreed to close the section of road. Commissioner Jones asked if there were any rebuttals. McCook said there were no rebuttals because they all live on the same side of the road and have access to the road once that portion of the road is closed. Mr. McCook informed the Board that Mr. Rory Nesmith said when you come around the curve where his driveway is located that people are using his driveway to do drugs.

V. COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. County Administrator

Mr. Rice reported:

- The Administrator attended the ACCG Summer Policy meeting in Albany with the chairman.
- The chairman and administrator met with the SWGRC (Southwest Georgia Regional Commission) this morning to do a mandatory plan review. We heard about several different grant funding opportunities we will be exploring.
- We will have surveyors working on Mt. Zion Road and around Royal Heights Subdivision recording and verifying base flood plain elevations as part of a flood remediation project.
- Georgia Transmission Corporation will be hosting an open house at our facility on September 25, 2024. There will be two sessions. One from 2:00–4:00 p.m. and the other from 6:00–8:00 p.m. This will be to discuss a proposed 30-mile long 230 KV transmission line from east Moultrie to Highway 112 substation.
- We received approval from the Georgia EPD (Environmental Protection Division) on our financial assurance, which is an annual requirement.
- Georgia DOT (Department of Transportation) notified us last week of the closure of the wooden bridge on Research Road over the Big Slough. Mr. McCook has the signage up and a detour in place.
- Health Fair is scheduled for September 18, 2024, from 6:30–10:00 a.m.
- Lake Pleasant Church Road paving is going well. Hope it will be finished this week.
- The Assistant to CFO job opening closes this Friday. We hope to have interviews next week and have someone on board by October 1, 2024.

Commissioner Jones questioned why there were only two probationers working instead of more probationers. Mr. Rice said he would look into it. Commissioner Jones also stated that the county is still receiving more non-emergency calls from the cities of Camilla and Pelham. Mr. Rice stated that the 911 Center is used heavily by law enforcement. He said to make any changes, the county would have to open the Service Delivery Agreement.

Chairman Hayward directed Mr. Rice to update the Board on Next Generation Technology. Mr. Rice called upon Mr. Albert Bryant, Operations Manager at E-911, to give the update. Mr. Bryant said Mitchell County could be one of the first counties in Southwest Georgia to join Next Generation Technology due to the work being done now. He informed the Board that Mitchell County has a good mapping system. Mr. Rice said it is being kept updated by the Regional Commission, E-911, and Building & Zoning. Chairman Hayward asked Mr. Rice to explain if the 911 surcharge fee of \$1.50

could be increased. Mr. Rice informed the Board that, according to ACCG, Georgia is the second-highest surcharge fee being paid for E-911 service.

B. Finance Officer

Ms. Samantha Carr, Assistant Chief Finance Officer, reported that an email had been sent to all departments providing department heads with instructions on how to use the Budget Management tools. All department heads were informed that all budgets would be completed utilizing the new budgeting software. Initial budgets are due September 16, 2024.

C. County Attorney

VI. SUBMITTED STAFF REPORTS - INFORMATION ONLY

A. MCCI - Subsidy Report

B. MCCI - SO Tray Count

C. E-911

D. Public Works Daily Work

E. Recreation Report

F. MCF&R Report

G. MCSO Report

H. Building Permit Report

I. Business License Report

J. Code Enforcement Case Report

K. Autry Billing Statement

L. Right of Way Report

M. Mitchell County Probation Report

VII. INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

A. BGC of Mitchell County Corporate Board Meeting 8/19/2024

B. Additional Information

Commissioner Jones congratulated the City of Pelham for being awarded a grant for the Change Project (Creating Healthy Alternatives Neutralizing Gangs). The Change Project was designed to combat youth gang activity.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hatcher seconded the motion with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Benjamin Hayward, Chairman

Rebecca Reese, County Clerk

NOTICE

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing for the 2024 millage rate and does hereby announce that the rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners office; 5201 US Highway 19 S, Camilla, GA on September 10, 2024 at 5:00 pm and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 45-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2024 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

COUNTY WIDE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Real & Personal	794,538,402	784,913,277	822,214,299	847,217,546	932,413,915	934,244,187
Motor Vehicles	15,253,540	15,020,550	11,859,590	11,135,770	11,134,910	11,363,500
Mobile Homes	6,900,293	6,890,432	7,118,829	7,677,931	9,429,272	9,178,301
Timber - 100%	4,039,822	4,721,438	6,495,507	100,017	6,376,749	3,631,618
Heavy Duty Equipment	119,577	101,019		486,688	145,891	153,111
Gross Digest	820,851,634	811,646,716	847,688,225	866,617,952	959,500,737	958,570,717
Less M& O Exemptions	220,332,847	216,129,833	216,428,765	218,991,855	217,616,840	208,095,876
Net M & O Digest	600,518,787	595,516,883	631,259,460	647,626,097	741,883,897	750,474,841
Gross M&O Millage	19.295	18.706	18.706	18.706	18.000	18.000
Less Rollbacks	0.679	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Net M&O Millage	18.616	18.706	18.706	18.706	18.000	18.000
Total County Taxes Levied	\$11,179,258	\$11,139,739	\$11,808,339	\$12,114,494	\$13,353,910	\$13,508,547
Net Taxes \$ Increase	\$135,219	(\$39,519)	\$668,601	\$306,154	\$1,239,416	\$154,637
Net Taxes % Increase	1.22%	-0.35%	6.00%	2.59%	10.23%	1.16%



Agenda Item Coversheet

Item Name

Resolution #2024-011 Tax Millage Rate

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2024-011 (Tax Millage)

RESOLUTION 2024-011

A RESOLUTION ASSESSING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR COUNTY AND SCHOOL BOARD PURPOSES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN MITCHELL COUNTY, GEORGIA, FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Tax Commissioner of Mitchell County has completed and prepared the preliminary digest of all taxable property for the year of 2024 and has submitted the same to the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of arriving at a proper rate of taxation to be levied for County purposes for the year of 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Mitchell County, Georgia has recommended to the Board of Commissioners, by duly adopted Resolution, that the Board of Commissioners levy an ad valorem tax rate of 15.136 mills for the support and maintenance of education in Mitchell County, Georgia for the year of 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that a levy be and is hereby made on behalf of the Board of Education of Mitchell County, Georgia of 15.136 mills on the assessed value of all taxable property in the County, located outside the City limits of Pelham, Georgia, for the support and maintenance of education in Mitchell County, Georgia for the year of 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that a levy be and is hereby made for County General Fund purposes, of 18.000 mills on the assessed value of all taxable property in Mitchell County, Georgia for the year of 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this levy be furnished to the Tax Commissioner of Mitchell County, Georgia with instructions to proceed to collect said taxes and that a copy of this Resolution be posted at the Courthouse door and advertised in the Enterprise-Journal, as required by law.

SO RESOLVED in Regular Session this 10th day of September, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
MITCHELL COUNTY, GEORGIA

ATTEST:

Benjamin Hayward, Chairman

Rebecca Reese, County Clerk



Agenda Item Coversheet

Item Name

Resolution #2024-012 Rural Public Transit Section 5311

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mitchell County_FY26_5311_Authorizing_Resolution

Date: August 27, 2024

To: County/City Clerks

From: Suzanne Angell, Executive Director

Re: Authorizing Resolution for 5311 Program

It is again time for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to apply for rural transit 5311 funds through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The application deadline for FY2026 is September 30, 2024. As we do each year, the Southwest Georgia RC applies on behalf of the participating Counties/Cities in the Southwest GA region to provide regional rural public transportation.

Enclosed, please find an authorizing resolution allowing the Southwest Georgia RC to once again apply for 5311 funds on your County/City's behalf. We are asking for you to please place this item on your NEXT meeting agenda to seek approval of the 5311 authorizing resolution.

Once you have placed this action item on your agenda, please call or email Heather White at (229) 522-3552 (ext. 113) or hwhite@swgrc.org for confirmation and to inform her of the date of the meeting. When the resolution has been approved, signed and notarized, please return it by emailing to Heather. We only need the scanned copy.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Serving Local Communities in...

Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas and Worth Counties

Part C: Authorizing Resolution

The following two pages include an authorizing resolution that must be enacted by the governing body of the Applicant Organization and signed by the Chair of the County Commission, Mayor, or the head of the governing body as appropriate. Please complete the fillable fields on the resolution, then print and sign the designated fields. The authorizing resolution must be properly witnessed and notarized, including the date the notary's commission expires. The resolution should also be stamped with the notary seal as well as the seal of the county commission, city, or appropriate applicant jurisdiction. The certificate of the attesting officer must also be completed. A scanned copy of the completed, signed, and notarized Authorizing Resolution should be submitted as an attachment with the full application package.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR A GRANT UNDER TITLE 49 U.S.C., SECTION 5311.

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation are authorized to make grants to non-urbanized (rural) areas for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon Applicant, including the provision of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Federal Transit Act, the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the United States Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that Minority Business Enterprise (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Women's Business Enterprise) be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts and purchase orders when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Mitchell County Board of Commissioners hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant",

1. That the Designated Official SW GA Regional Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Official", is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Mitchell County Board of Commissioners with the Georgia Department of Transportation, to aid in the purchase of bus transit vehicles and/or the planning, development, and construction of bus transit-related facilities pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act.
2. That the Official is authorized to execute and file such application and assurances, or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. That the Official is authorized to execute and file all other standard assurances, or any other document required by the Georgia Department of Transportation or the U.S. Department of Transportation in connection with the application for public transportation assistance.
4. That the Official is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of the Applicant with the Georgia Department of Transportation.
5. That the Official is authorized to set forth and execute Minority Business Enterprise, DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) and WBE (Women Business Enterprise) policies and procedures in connection with the project's procurement needs as applicable.

6. That the applicant while making application to or receiving grants from the Federal Transit Administration will comply with FTA Circular 9040.1G, FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal Assistance 2024 as listed in this grant application and General Operating Guidelines as illustrated in the Georgia State Management Plan.
7. That the applicant has or will have available in the General Fund the required non-federal funds to meet local share requirements for this grant application.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Signature of Authorized Official

Name and Title of Authorized Official

Signed, sealed, and delivered this _____ day of _____, 2024 in the presence of

Witness

Notary Public/Notary Seal

CERTIFICATE

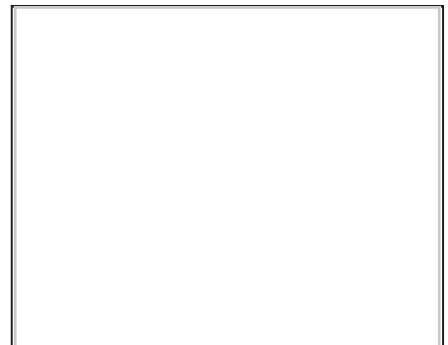
The undersigned duly qualified and acting _____ of

Mitchell County BOC (Title of Certifying/Attesting Official) (Applicant's Legal Name) certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting held on

_____, 2024.

Name of Certifying/Attesting Officer

Title of Certifying/Attesting Officer



Transit Activity Report

Mitchell County

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Report Period

Operation Parameters

Operation Hours 6:00am to 8:00pm M-F
Office Hours 8:00am to 5:00pm M-F

Vehicles in Service – 12

Total Statistics

Trips Performed	26,414
<i>Public Trips*</i>	3,554
Service Hours**	13,650
Service Miles**	461,898

Monthly Averages

Trips Per Vehicle - **2,201**

Percentage of Total Trips That Are Public - **13.45%**

Peak – 6:00am to 10:00am / 2:00pm to 6:00pm

Off Peak – 10:00am to 2:00pm / 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Trip Purpose

DCH Non-Emergency Medical	10,282
DHS - Division of Aging	892
DHS - DBHDD (Disabilities)	11,686
Public - Personal	3,554
Private Pay	0
Not Specified	0



Agenda Item Coversheet

Item Name

County Administrator

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

None



Agenda Item Coversheet

Item Name

Finance Officer

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

None



Agenda Item Coversheet

Item Name

County Attorney

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

None