

WORK SESSION AGENDA

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

12630 BROAD STREET

SPARTA, GEORGIA 31087

APRIL 10, 2024, 12:00 P.M.

3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Call to Order

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes RE: March 27th Meeting Minutes

Administration:

- Discussion

Public Comments (3 Minutes Per Person)

Executive Session

Adjournment

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MINUTES

Call to Order- Chairman Helen G. Hudson

Prayer- County Clerk Jamarus Walls

Pledge of Allegiance- All in Attendance

Roll Call – Chairman Hudson, Commissioners Randolph Clayton

Adoption of Agenda:

- A motion was made by Comm. Reid to adopt the Agenda and the motion was seconded by Comm. Cooper. The motion was carried with all the commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

Adoption of Minutes RE: March 27th Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Comm. Clayton to adopt the March 27th Meeting Minutes and the motion was seconded by Comm. Hill. The motion was carried with all the commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments were entertained at 12:05 P.M.:

- Mrs. Janet Smtih spoke about presented the board with two documents.
(SEE ATTACHED)
- Ms. Rhoda Allen gave a public comment on the status of the legislation of Soil Amendments.
- Mr. Patrick Dragos gave a public comment also on the status of Legislation of Soil Amendments.

Executive Session

- A motion was made by Comm. Cooper to Enter Executive Session at 12:13 P.M. and the motion was seconded by Comm. Reid. The motion was carried with all the commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
- A motion was made by Comm. Reid to Exit Executive Session at 12:44 P.M. and the motion was seconded by Comm. Cooper. The motion was carried with all the commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.
- County Attorney Adam Nelson gave a report that three (3) Real Estate and four (4) Litigation matters was discussed, and No Final Decision was made. A motion was made by Comm. Reid to allow Chairman Hudson to sign an Executive Session Affidavit to that affect, and the motion was seconded by Comm. Reid. The motion was carried with all the commissioners present voting in favor of the motion. (SEE ATTACHED)

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Comm. Clayton to adjourn at 12:46 P.M. and was seconded by Comm. Reid. The motion was carried with all the commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

Helen G. Hudson, Chairman

Terrell Reid, Vice – Chair

Randolph Clayton, Commissioner

Gloria Cooper, Commissioner

Steve Hill, Commissioner

Jamarus Walls, County Clerk

Hancock County Georgia Commissioners Monthly Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2022

To: Chairperson Hudson, Commissioners, and County Attorney,

1. Why is the Office of Planning and Zoning frequently closed from 9:00 to 5:00? Is this position full-time, part-time, or work-from-home? This is one of the most important offices in the county, and not only I but also other residents have complained that no one is ever there or that you have to leave voice messages or emails.
2. How can Mr. Tarbutton plan/send letters to property owners stating that our properties will be used for a project and start the eminent domain process for his railroad to haul rocks from Hanson Quarry, now foreign-owned Heidelberg Quarry, without a Special Use Permit approved by Planning and Zoning and the Board of Commissioners for the Heidelberg Quarry Expansion?
3. Who is Pittman Asphalt's Building Inspector or who is the Building Inspector for the county? Has it been communicated to him /her that Pittman Asphalt is in violation of its Special Use Permit? Did you know that Pittman Asphalt is the sole contractor for the bypass being built here in Hancock County? Is it my responsibility to let the State of Georgia Department of Transportation know they are in violation?

No Railroad In Our Community Coalition

D. Mark and Janet P. Smith

County Clerk

From: Janet Smith <jansmith3690@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:17 AM
To: Sistie Hudson; County Clerk; Teresa Andrews
Cc: Jamie Rush
Subject: No Railroad In Our Community PSC Initial Hearing
Attachments: PSC Hearing Officer Initial Decision.jpeg

For your Information,

The Hearing Officer concluded his **Initial Decision Docket 45045** of the **No Railroad In Our Community** Public Service hearing yesterday, April 1, 2024.

This is **Not a Final Decision. Mr. Tarbutton should Not be applying for land clearing permits or permits of any kind for a railroad in Hancock County, Georgia. Mr. Tarbutton has No legal rights or authorization from the PSC to build railroad tracks on our properties.**

The **Southern Poverty Law Center and Institute For Justice** will file an application to the **Public Service Commission** and, if necessary, **appeal** to the **Georgia Supreme Court** and then to the **United States Supreme Court**.

The last two pages, 18 & 19, of **Initial Decision Docket 45045**, are attached below; the entire docket can be found on the **Public Service Commission** website **Docket 45045**.

If you have any questions, please address them to me.

A letter from our attorneys to **Mrs. Hudson** will follow explaining the **PSC eminent domain process**.

Mr. Mark and Janet P. Smith
No Railroad In Our Community Coalition

4. Conclusion

I therefore find and conclude that the proposed condemnation by Sandersville Railroad serves a legitimate public purpose and is necessary for the proper accommodation of the business of the company. The Petition of Sandersville Railroad, as amended, is granted.

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WHEREFORE, The Hearing Officer hereby adopts the findings and conclusions set forth within this Order.

ORDERED FURTHER, that this Order is issued as an Initial Decision under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-17(a). In the absence of an application to the Commission within 30 days from the date of notice of this Initial Decision for review, or an order from the Commission within such time for review on its motion, this Initial Decision shall, without further proceedings, become the decision of the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over these matters is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as the Hearing Officer or the Commission may deem just and proper.

SO ORDERED, this 1st day of April, 2024.


Thomas K. Bond, Hearing Officer
Georgia Public Service Commission