



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor; Councilmembers: Sarah Davis; George Holt; David Eady; Melvin Baker; Mike Ready; Jim Windham.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Schwartz, City Manager; David Strickland, City Attorney; Lieutenant Jeff Novak, Lauran Willis, City Clerk; Jody Reid, Utility Superintendent; Hoyt & LaTrelle Oliver, Cheryl Ready, Mary Carter, Peggy Madden, Jeff Wearing, Loren Roberts, Mike & Sheena Thomas, J.P. Godfrey, Sarah & Danny Standard, Don Henderson, Georgette Izen, Nita Carson, Jason & Kristi Thomas, Darryl Welch with Covington News, Terri & Scott Fullerton and daughter Audrey, Lisa Dorward.

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor and the invocation given by Hoyt Oliver.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Honorary Councilmember of the Month – Mayor Roseberry announced Lisa Dorward as Honorary Councilmember for February as appointed by Councilmember George Holt. Mayor Roseberry presented her with a proclamation as appreciation for her participation.

Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2017.
- b. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Work Session January 23, 2017.
- c. Motion to accept the Minutes of the Planning Commission for December 14, 2016.

Majority vote adopted 2/6/17 Attachment A

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS/PETITIONS

None.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/CONCERNS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Roseberry said he met with other Mayors last week regarding the 2017 SPLOST. He said Oxford has appointed a committee to work on the 2017 SPLOST project. Roseberry announced that the city will not advocate voting for or against the SPLOST proposals. He asked Chairman Hoyt Oliver to give an update on the

committee reports. Oliver explained that the committee is drafting a notice that will be mailed to citizens of Oxford. They are putting together bumpers stickers, yard signs and other promotional ideas to encourage citizens to get out and vote. Oliver clarified that the 1% sale's tax will be an extension of the 2011 SPLOST and not in addition to our current taxes. Oliver invited anyone interested in participating and or making donations for funding of the project to contact him.

Other announcements:

The annual Arbor Day celebration sponsored by the City of Oxford Tree Board and the Oxford College Tree Board will be Saturday, February 11th from 10 until noon beginning in the new Dining Hall and concluding in the new Science Building on campus. Attachment B

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Oxford Historical Cemetery Foundation meeting on Sunday, February 12th beginning at 2 PM in City Hall.

2017 is an election year. The election is in November for the Councilmembers for Posts 4, 5, and 6. Qualifying is Monday, August 21st through Friday, August 25th.

Minor Subdivision

City Manager Bob Schwartz said the Planning Commission recommends the approval of a minor subdivision for Sarah and Danny Standard at the corner of Fletcher and Wesley Street. He presented a revised plat based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission. Schwartz presented a request to subdivide their lot into two lots recommending approval of their request.

A motion was made by Baker, seconded by Windham to approve the request to subdivide their property into two lots. The motion was approved 7/0. Attachment C

2017 SPLOST

City Manager Bob Schwartz said we have received a minor revision to the intergovernmental agreement for the 2017 SPLOST that the County attorney would like for Council to approve. He presented the memo from the County attorney handling the issue, a revised 2017 SPLOST agreement and the call for the special election.

A motion was made by Baker, seconded by Windham to approve the revised intergovernmental agreement as requested. The motion was approved 7/0. Attachment D

Downtown Development Authority

City Manager Bob Schwartz presented a Resolution to create the Downtown Development Authority for the City of Oxford (DDA). Schwartz explained the purpose of the DDA and said that two major requirements are to have a geographical area for development and a Board of Directors, appointed by Council which must be made up of seven members.

A motion was made by Ready, seconded by Windham to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was approved 7/0. Attachment E

Farmers Market

Mayor Roseberry asked Councilmember David Eady to give a report on the status of the Farmers Market Committee. Eady said they have looked at several Farmers Markets from other cities to get a feel of their rules and regulations and how to market and promote utilization of the cities Farmers Market. Eady said the city could implement further restrictions or continue to focus exclusively on local made and grown items. Roseberry referring to the city ordinance section 32-106 item 4-E1 states that farm and garden produce offered for sale must have been grown by residents of Newton County and/or of those Counties contiguous with Newton County. Due to inconclusive findings Roseberry said this item will be moved to the next work session for further

discussion. Attachment F

Unfit Buildings

Mayor Roseberry asked City Attorney David Strickland to give a report on his research regarding control of unfit buildings. Strickland said he has researched the state law for county and other cities and reviewed codes of what is allowed. He said there is enough in the city ordinance that would cover the cities concerns with some minor amendments. Due to his findings and other concerns Mayor Roseberry asked Strickland to continue his research and this item will be moved to the next work session for further discussion.

Invoice Approval

INVOICES OVER \$1,000.00

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
MONTHLY		
City of Covington	Quarterly Sewer 9/30/16 – 12/31/16	10,206.00
City of Covington	Annual E911 7/2016 – 7/2017	18,888.38
City Oxford Utilities	City Hall/Maintenance Facility/Old Church/Pump Station on Richardson Utilities for (Jan)	1,483.04
Georgia Municipal Association	Employee Retirement Contributions (February)	6,527.91
Humana	Health Insurance (February)	7,004.70
Latham Home Sanitation Co. Inc.	Monthly curbside service for December	5,636.10
Latham Home Sanitation Co. Inc.	Monthly curbside service for January	5,636.10
Newton County BOC	Water Purchase Cornish Creek Water Fund for Dec	19,725.00
Newton County Water & Sewer	Monthly Sewer charges 12/29/16 – 1/30/17	4,871.29
Sophicity	IT in a Box (February)	1,752.60
Southeastern Power Administration	SEPA energy cost (December)	3,578.81
PURCHASES/CONTRACT LABOR		
Air Conditioning Specialist	Service on 2 hanging heaters at Maintenance Facility	1,330.00
Cintas	Uniforms for 2 new employees	1,311.53
David Strickland, P.C.	Professional Legal Services February	1,961.02
Master Card Services	Jody-substation training, hotel fees/LED lights for police vehicle/Employee annual December meeting and luncheon/bumper lights for police vehicle, etc.	1,905.06
Treadwell, Tamplin & Co.	Interim billing for audit services year end June 30, 201	5,000.00
Woco Pep Oil, Inc.	Fuel from January 9, 2017	3,354.28
APPROVED CONTRACTS		
Designed Installations Jim Williams	Raised crosswalks, Moore St. at trail, Moore St. at soccer field, Soule St., Old Church, & Clark St.	33,950.00
Junior Ellis	Replace 5-250watt wall packs, fixtures + 1-75watt wall pack & fixture + 6 LED fixtures at Maintenance Facility	2,285.00
Stewart's Electrical Services	Change order for underground project at College	5,200.00
Jordan Engineering	Update on E. Clark St. /Sanitary sewer design/Final plat version, review, printing, comments/Asbury Park tree survey correlations with Beryl Budd.	9,342.50
Pittman Construction	George Street Paving Project	6,670.68

A motion was made by Holt, seconded by Ready to approve payment of the invoices. The motion was approved 7/0.

Mayor Roseberry announced there will be an executive session to discuss real estate and personnel matters following the regular session after a short recess.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Ready to go into the executive session at 8:00 pm. The motion was approved 7/0.

A motion was made by Holt, seconded by Eady to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular session at 8:36 pm. The motion was approved 7/0.

A motion was made by Eady, seconded by Davis to authorize the city attorney to proceed with the contract on the property at 106 W. Watson Street at the approved amount of \$65,000. The motion was approved 7/0.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Eady to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. The motion was approved 7/0.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauran Willis
City Clerk





**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL
DRAFT MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor; Councilmembers: Sarah Davis; George Holt; David Eady; Melvin Baker; Mike Ready; Jim Windham.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Schwartz, City Manager; David Strickland, City Attorney; Dave Harvey, Chief; Luran Willis, City Clerk; Jody Reid, Utility Superintendent; Hoyt Oliver, Kendra Mayfield, Cheryl Ready, Mary Carter, Anderson Wright, Sylvia Godfrey, J.P. Godfrey, Mary Godfrey, Peggy Madden, Judy Greer, Cary Holt, Todd Cain.

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor and the invocation given by Hoyt Oliver.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Organizational Meeting – The Honorable Steven A. Hathorn, Judge for the City of Oxford Municipal Court administrated the Oath of office for Mayor and Councilmembers: Mayor Jerry Roseberry, Councilmembers Sarah Davis – Post 1, George Holt – Post 2, Mike Ready - Post 3, David Eady – Post 4, Jim Windham – Post 5, Melvin Baker – Post 6.

City Attorney David Strickland administrated the Oath of office to Judge Steven A. Hathorn who in turn administrated the oath to Attorney David Strickland, City Clerk/Treasurer Luran Willis and Police Chief David Harvey. Attachment A

A motion was made by Ready, seconded by Eady to accept the Agenda for January 9, 2017. The motion was approved 7/0. Attachment B

Mayor Roseberry announced Councilmember Holt has appointed Lisa Dorward as the honorary councilmember for the month of February.

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Baker to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting for December 5, 2016. The motion was approved 7/0. Attachment C

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Baker to approve the minutes of the Work Session for December 19, 2016. The motion was approved 7/0. Attachment D

A motion was made by Eady, seconded by Ready to accept the minutes of the Planning Commission for October 11, 2016. The motion was approved 7/0. Attachment E

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS/PETITIONS

A motion was made by Ready, seconded by Eady to appoint Aaron Robinson to the Planning Commission for a three year term. The motion was approved 7/0.

A motion was made by Eady, seconded by Holt to reappoint Penny England to the Planning Commission for a three year term. The motion was approved 7/0.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Mr. Hoyt Oliver of West Clark Street alerted Council of the planned town center development at City Pond road and Alcovy Road stating this development will have an impact on Oxford.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Roseberry said this is the time of year we elect a new Mayor Pro-Tem. Going in order of past appointments this year falls to Councilmember Mike Ready.

A motion was made by Baker, seconded by Davis to elect Mike Ready as Mayor Pro-Tem for calendar year 2017. The motion was approved 6/0. Mr. Ready abstained.

Mayor Roseberry announced that the city charter requires the City Manager and the Mayor to prepare an annual Operating Budget and Capital Budget each year with the final draft of both budgets are subject to the approval of the City Council. Mayor Roseberry appointed the following *ad hoc* committees to assist in the preparation of these budgets. Both committees will work with the City Manager and Department Heads to determine a meeting schedule so that the first draft will be available at the March 20 work session. Employees will provide assistance to both committees as needed.

Operating Budget Committee

Chairman George Holt
 Member David Eady
 Member Jim Windham

Capital Budget Committee

Chairman Mike Ready
 Member Sarah Davis
 Member Melvin Baker

The Committee duties will cease with adoption of the budgets planned for the June 5 City Council meeting. Attachment F

Mayor Roseberry announced the work session will be Monday, January 23rd at 6 PM. Attachment F

101 Longstreet Circle

No report at this time.

Electric System Upgrade

City Manager Bob Schwartz said as part of ongoing upgrades to our electric system we will replace the 50+ years old poles on Wesley from George Street to West Richardson and along West Richardson to Emory. Schwartz presented a map of the project and asked Superintendent Jody Read to explain the project and give details.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Holt to table this time for further discussion at the work session on January 23rd. The motion was approved 7/0. Attachment G

Finance Request - City Clerk Lauran Willis presented the following transactions for authorization from Mayor and Council:

1. **General Operating Account/Georgia Fund 1** – A request to authorize City Clerk Lauran Willis to transfer \$600,000 from the General Fund Operating Account and deposit it into the Georgia Fund 1 Account. The internal control will be to move \$300,000 from the Electric cash fund and \$300,000 from the Water/Sewer cash fund. **A motion was made by Holt, seconded by Windham to authorize this request. The motion was approved 7/0.**

2. **2011 SPLOST** – A request to authorize City Clerk Lauran Willis to transfer \$150,000 from the 2011 SPLOST checking and move it to the Capital Project Fund cash as reimbursement from the loan to 2011 SPLOST for the Emory Street Water Project. This will leave a balance of \$20,000 owed to the Capital Project Fund from the 2011 SPLOST. **A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Eady to authorize this request. The motion was approved 7/0.**

3. **Off-System Safety Program** – A resolution requesting an amendment to the FY2017 Capital Budget for the 2016 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant for the Off-System Safety Program in the amount of \$50,662.70. This is to cover the expenditures for the thermoplastic stop bars and raised brick paver crosswalks. **A motion was made by Holt, seconded by Windham to approve this resolution. The motion was approved 7/0.**

Attachment H1 – H3

Invoice Approval

INVOICES OVER \$1,000.00

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
MONTHLY		
AT & T	Phone services from 9/29 – 10/28	1,314.53
City Oxford Utilities	City Hall/Maintenance Facility/Old Church/Pump Station on Richardson Utilities for (Nov)	1,325.14
City Oxford Utilities	City Hall/Maintenance Facility/Old Church/Pump Station on Richardson Utilities for (Dec)	1,015.73
GMEBS Retirement	Employee Retirement Fund DB Plan (January)	6,527.91
Humana	Health Insurance (January)	7,004.70
Latham Home Sanitation Co. Inc.	Monthly curbside service for November	5,636.10
Newton County BOC	Water Purchase Cornish Creek Water Fund for Nov	16,535.00
Newton County W & S Authority	Land application + Plant Operation & MAINT (Sewer) 10/28/2016 – 11/29/2016	5,770.83
Newton County W & S Authority	Land application + Plant Operation & MAINT (Sewer) 11/29/2016 – 12/29/2016	5,770.83
Sophicity	IT in a Box (January)	1,752.60
Southeastern Power Administration	SEPA energy cost (November)	3,257.92
PURCHASES/CONTRACT LABOR		
Anixter	S & M- Reel of Triplex and 2 spot lights Electric Dept	1,542.00
Apollo Staffing	Temp Services for 3 men - week ending 10/23	1,515.08
Apollo Staffing	Temp Services for 2 men – week ending 11/13	1,045.00
Consolidated Copier Services	Annual Contract plus overage on color impression	1,252.15

McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks	Annual-Pre-Audit Recording Financial - (November)	2,289.50
M. Qader A. Baig & Associates	Legal/Professional Services/Court Solicitor Oct-Dec	1,200.00
Oxford Historical Cemetery	Sale of 4 grave lots	2,000.00
David Strickland	Professional Services for September	4,436.02
David Strickland	Professional Services for December	2,156.02
David Strickland	Professional Services for January	2,972.02
Georgia Municipal Association	Annual 2017 Worker's Compensation Insurance Fund	15,369.00
Georgia Municipal Association	Annual 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017 Cable and Telecommunication Management Services	1,175.40
Jordan Engineering	Asbury Park project October monthly report/Sewer design plans/erosion control plans/easement exhibits.	3,642.50
Mobile Communications	PD Equipment Installation for New Vehicle (approved with FY2017 Capital Budget)	9,868.74
Mobile Communications	Light Bar Installation & Repairs on Police Vehicles	5,700.00
Social Circle Ace Hardware	Aluminized Driveway pipes 4 (Culvert Pipes 18x20)	1,163.81
Steven A. Hathorn	Legal/Professional Services/Judge Oct-Dec	1,250.00
Taser International	Police Department Supplies & Materials	1,354.69
Utility Service Co. Inc.	Quarterly Tank Maintenance Jan – March 2017	2,715.32
Woco Pep Oil, Inc.	Fuel from October	2599.49
	APPROVED CONTRACTS	
ACE Kimble Services, Inc.	Demolition & Asbestos Abatement of 1002 Emory St.	13,750.00
Cappstone Energy Group, LLC	GPS Inventory Project/Joint Use Pole Attachment Audit	7,500.00
Church Street Services, LLC	Kay Lee, Oxford Special Projects (November)	1,213.20
Harris Local Government	Online Utility Portal/Acct +Hosting Fees	1,350.00
Jordan Engineering	Sewer Extension Plans/Sewer route to new outfall (Sept)	2,845.00
Mary Ellen Williams	Sidewalk Easement Project	1,045.00
Scott Harpe & James Smith	Sidewalk Easement Project	1,185.00
Sumner/Meeker, LLC	East Clark Property November	1,455.00
Sumner/Meeker, LLC	East Clark Property December	1,305.00

A motion was made by Holt, seconded by Eady to approve payment of the invoices. The motion was approved 7/0.

Mayor Roseberry announced there will be an executive session to discuss real estate and personnel matters following the regular session after a short recess.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Holt to go into the executive session at 7:55 pm. The motion was approved 7/0.

A motion was made by Eady, seconded by Ready to adjourn the executive session 8:20 pm. The motion was approved 7/0.

A motion was made by Eady, seconded by Holt to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. The motion was approved 7/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauran Willis
City Clerk



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL
DRAFT MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor; Councilmembers: Sarah Davis; George Holt; David Eady; Melvin Baker; Mike Ready; Jim Windham.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Schwartz, City Manager; Dave Harvey, Chief; Stacey Mullen, Deputy City Clerk; Jody Reid, Utility Superintendent; Randy and Sarah Vinson, Erik Oliver and sons Simon, Lucus, and Arthur, Grady Spradley, Juanita Carson, Theresa Eady, Mary Carter, Don Henderson, Kendra Mayfield, Louise Eady, Anderson Wright, Todd Cain, Danny and Sarah Standard, Jeff Wearing, J.P. Godfrey, Hoyt Oliver, Terri Fullerton and daughter Audrey, Laura McCanless, Michael and Sheena Thomas, Georgette Izen.

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor.
Agenda – Attachment A

Mayors Announcements:

Mayor Roseberry announced the honorary councilmember for February is Lisa Dorward as nominated by Councilmember George Holt. Mr. Holt introduced Lisa and gave a brief biography of Lisa's life in Oxford.

2011 SPLOST - Mayor Roseberry said, the county has confirmed that the 2011 SPLOST base amount has been collected as of December 2016. The current 2011 SPLOST expires June 30, 2017. Roseberry said that the Mayors and Newton County Tomorrow are discussing ways to promote the upcoming 2017 SPLOST. Voting will be March 17, 2017.

2017 SPLOST - Mayor Roseberry said he is appointing Hoyt Oliver to chair a citizen's committee to lead the 2017 SPLOST efforts in Oxford. The city cannot contribute funds or employees but can offer meeting space and access to records that are normally available to any citizens.

Inspections of Rental Properties

Mayor Roseberry said that Council has discussed the need for inspections of rental properties and said he will ask the city attorney to draft ordinances that will be presented to Council next month for a first reading. The idea of this ordinance is before the city will turn on utilities the home must be inspected to assure the safety of the occupants and citizens.

Mayors Notes – Attachment B

Minor Subdivision

City Manager Bob Schwartz said the Planning Commission received a request from Danny and Sarah Standard for a minor subdivision at the corner of Fletcher and Wesley Street. The request is to divide the lot in half to construct a new house for their brother and sister in law. Schwartz presented a plat of the property based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission. Due to the questionable position of a shed at the corner of the property a new plat will be drafted. The Planning Commission is recommending approval. This item will be on the agenda for February 6th for a vote.

Development:

City Manager Bob Schwartz introduced Randy Vinson, Landscape Architect, Land Planner and Urban Designer who will present ideas and concepts for development in Oxford. Vinson presented the ideas and explained these ideas are based on studies from the University of Georgia Metropolitan Design Studio from the past years. Vinson said that the revisions from the plans a decade ago shrinks the total scope of the project to incorporate only the properties the city owns such as the farmers market lot and the East Clark Street expansion. After giving citizens a chance to ask questions and express their concerns, Mayor Roseberry reminded everyone that this is just a proposal that no decisions have been made at this time.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Roseberry said he would like to implement the adoption of a consent agenda starting with the February meeting. This is to consolidate motions and reduce time spent during the meetings.

Police Department Software

Chief Harvey presented discussion regarding an upgrade to new software for ticket writing and request to increase the court fines to fund the new upgrade. This upgrade will require a printer for each patrol car. The cost of the printers is \$2608.00. Schwartz suggested to amend the capital budget contingency fund. After discussion the decision was to wait until the FY2018 budget for the printers. Chief Harvey said he would like to proceed with the software upgrade, maintenance cost for the upgrade will come from the Courtware budget per ticket issued. Chief Harvey said that history shows our fine amounts have not been increased in 10 years. Mayor Roseberry suggested he research to see what it will take to change the fine amounts.

Longstreet Circle

City Manager Bob Schwartz said we have received one bid of \$1,000 for the property located at 101 Longstreet Circle. Council expressed no interest in selling the property based on this bid. The request was declined.

Surplus Property Bids

The city has received bids on 2 city vehicles; 1 on the 1994 GMC Truck, bid given by Archie Ballard in the amount of \$501.50; 2 bids for the 2008 Chevrolet Impala, bid received from Jeffrey Brooks in the amount of \$1001.00 and 2nd bid received from Khamis Mohamed in the amount of \$755.00.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Eady to approve bids of Ballard and Brooks. The motion was approved 7/0.

DDA (Downtown Development Authority)

City Manager Bob Schwartz explained a DDA and its functions. Schwartz explained how a DDA can effectively manage, while the city still has control. The DDA consist of seven members of who must have ties to Oxford. In addition a council member can participate as a member of the DDA if appointed by Council. Mayor Roseberry said the process of having a DDA is to provide future access for revenue. The *ad hoc* DDA committee will decided

the proposed area to be covered by the DDA and present the decisions to Council. This will be a part of the Resolution at the February meeting that will activate the DDA.

Electrical System

Utility Superintendent Jody Reid requested guidance on the electrical system upgrade for the FY2017 budget. After reducing locations we have reduce the cost to approximately \$102,000 (\$117,000 including equipment). After discussion City Manager Bob Schwartz said they will review the project and cost again and try to reduce the cost not to exceed \$117,000.00.

Oxford Walks through History

Councilmember Windham presented pamphlets designed to give detailed history of Oxford along trail paths. The pamphlets will be available to people when visiting Oxford.

Farmers Market

Councilmember Eady said he is currently waiting on information from Daniel Parson, head of Emory Organic Farm to write a draft of rules for City Council to review.

Future Development Plan

City Manager Bob Schwartz said the Planning Commission is recommending an amendment to the zoning ordinance section 40-349 future development plan requirements at the request of Oxford College. The amendment would require a public hearing.

Fiber

Councilmembers Windham and Eady presented a status report from their meeting with Corning RG Fiber. Eady said the numbers on the marketing analysis would make investment viable. He said RG Fiber specializes in small communities.

Projects Status and Engineer's Progress Reports

This item was tabled due to time restraints. City Manager Bob Schwartz announced that the Arbor Day celebration will be held at the new dining hall of Oxford College on February 11th at 10:00 am.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Ready to adjourn at 7:54 pm. The motion was approved 7/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauran Willis, CMC/FOA
City Clerk

OXFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes – December 14, 2016

MEMBERS: Jonathan Eady, Chair; Jeff Wearing, Vice-Chair; Penny England, and Ron Manson. Vivian Harris and Shawn Gaither were absent.

STAFF: Bob Schwartz, city manager and zoning administrator.

GUESTS: Shawn and Angela Giddens and Kendra Mayfield from Oxford College.

OPENING: Mr. Eady called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Wearing, seconded by Mr. Manson, the minutes for the meeting of October 11, 2016 were approved. The vote was 4-0. The Planning Commission did not meet in November.

SHAWN AND ANGELA GIDDENS DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – Mr. Shawn and Ms. Angela Giddens submitted a Development Application for a manufactured storage shed and a carport at 106 Oxford North Road. The request for the storage shed is after the fact – it is already installed. The members of the Planning Commission reviewed the dimensions of the lot and the proposed addition and looked at the side and rear setback requirements.

Upon motion of Mr. Wearing seconded by Ms. England, the development application was approved as submitted with the requirement that the city inspect the electrical outlets in the storage shed before approving the application. The vote was 4-0.

OXFORD COLLEGE – PIERCE HALL RENOVATION – Oxford College submitted a Development Application for the renovation of Pierce Hall. The members of the Planning Commission discussed the nature of the exterior work with Kendra Mayfield. The dock will become a patio. The chiller will be moved from the north courtyard and will be located with the Tarbutton chiller. The improvements to the building will be energy and utilities efficient and on-site storm water detention will be installed. Several trees on the Oxford college property will be removed and replaced. The existing sidewalks will be torn up and then replaced.

Upon motion of Mr. Wearing seconded by Mr. Manson, the development application was approved based on the plans presented. The vote was 3-0 with Mr. Eady abstaining.

OXFORD COLLEGE – TWO MOBILE OFFICE UNITS – Oxford College submitted a Development Application to permit the installation of two mobile office units north of Williams Hall to accommodate faculty to be relocated during the renovation of Pierce Hall. The Planning Commission asked Ms. Mayfield just how temporary these two units would be. Ms. Mayfield said they would be removed at the end of December 2017 at the conclusion of the Pierce Hall project.

Upon motion of Mr. Manson seconded by Ms. England, the development application for the two temporary mobile office units was approved with the understanding they be removed at the end of December 2017. The vote was 3-0 with Mr. Eady abstaining.

OXFORD COLLEGE – FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – The Planning Commission along with Ms. Mayfield and Mr. Schwartz reviewed several recommended changes to the zoning ordinance concerning the future development plan for the College. After considerable discussion it was determined that this was the first draft and a revised second draft would be submitted to the Planning Commission at its next meeting.

CITY REPORT – Mr. Schwartz reported on:

- a. The status of the proposed Downtown Development Authority - Work is proceeding to prepare the Resolution to create a Downtown Development Authority. The Planning Commission has serious reservations about this.
- b. The planning for the Asbury Street Park - Planning is proceeding with construction likely in the summer of 2017.
- c. The process to update our comprehensive plan and our short term work program - The Planning Commission will be part of the stakeholders' workgroup that will work with the planner from the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission who will be preparing the 10 year update to the city's comprehensive plan. Work will begin late in 2017 and will be completed in 2018.
- d. The upcoming vacancies on the Planning Commission - After some discussion Ms. England agreed to serve for another three-year term if selected by City Council.

NEXT MEETING – Because of the travel schedules of two of the members the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Tuesday, January 17.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Eady adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.

Submitted by:

Bob Schwartz, zoning administrator



Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, the first Arbor Day in Oxford was celebrated by the students of Emory College by planting a tree on February 27, 1891, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

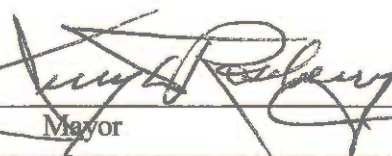
Now, Therefore, I, Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor of the City of Oxford, Georgia, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 11, 2017 as

Arbor Day

in the City of Oxford, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2017.

BY: 
Mayor



**Danny H. Standard
211 Fletcher Street
Oxford, Georgia 30054**



**Mr. Bob Schwartz
City Manager
City of Oxford
110 West Clark Street
Oxford, Georgia 30054**

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Sarah and I would like to request your review and approval of the enclosed preliminary plat of our property at 211 Fletcher Street prepared by Mr. John Knight. We would like to move ahead as soon as possible with construction of the new house for our brother and sister in law. If you need further information you can reach me at (770) 363-7991. If there is any problem with the survey you can contact Mr. Knight direct at (770) 464-4549. We would appreciate any help we can get to expedite this project.

Sincerely,

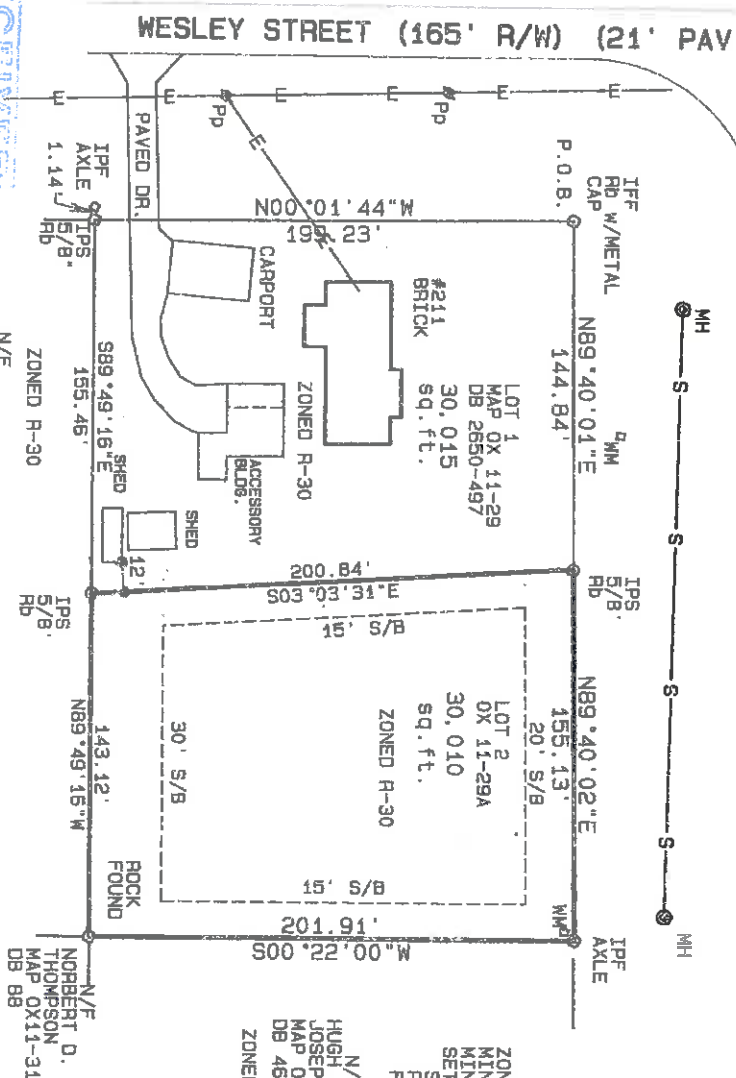

Danny H. Standard

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Surveyed By:
John Elwin Knight
Ga. R. L. S. 1845
P.O. Box 525
Social Circle, Ga. 30025
Ph. 770-464-4549

FLETCHER STREET (165' R/W) (15' PAV.)

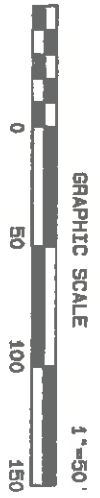


- NOTES:
1. The field data upon which this survey was based has a closure precision of one foot in 55,532 feet and angular error of 15 seconds per angle point and was not adjusted.
 2. The closure precision for these plat are and Lot 1 - one foot in 103,851 feet and Lot 2 - one foot in 169,500 feet
 3. The equipment used to prepare this survey was a Lietz Set 3 total station.
 4. This survey is not in a FIRM designated 100 yr. flood plain according to FIRM map #1321700126D effective date 03/17/2014.
 5. The field work for this plat was done in Dec./2016 The plat was drawn on 1/25/17.

ZONING R-30
MIN. WIDTH - 100'
MIN. HOUSE SIZE - 2000 SQ. FT.
SETBACKS
SIDE - 15'
REAR - 30'
FRONT BUILD TO LINE 20'

N/F
HUGH BURNETT &
JOSEPHINE KELLY BURNETT
MAP OX 11-34
DB 464-29
ZONED R-30

- LEGEND
- IPF IRON PIN FOUND
 - IPS IRON PIN SET
 - FH FIRE HYDRANT
 - Pp POWER POLE
 - Rb REBAR
 - POB POINT OF BEGINNING
 - WM WATER METER
 - MH MANHOLE
 - S SEWER



SHEET 1 OF 2

N/F
SCOTT A. & TERRI K. FULLERTON
MAP X11-30
DB 3132-564
ZONED R-30

N/F
NORBERT D. THOMPSON
MAP OX11-31
DB 88

DRAINAGE, EROSION CONTROL, SEWER AND WATER CONNECTIONS PER CITY OF OXFORD SPECIFICATIONS.

SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR: SARAH HAYNES STANDARD AND DANNY H. STANDARD	
Scale: 1"=50'	LAND DISTRICT 9 LAND LOT 288
Date: 1/25/2017	CITY OF OXFORD, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
Revised:	Drawn By: B.R.W.
Job:	Surveyor: JOHN ELWIN KNIGHT GA. R.L.S. 1945

Owner Certification

State of Georgia, County of Oxford
The Owner of the land shown on this plat and whose name is subscribed hereto, in person or through a duly authorized agent, certifies that all state, city and county taxes and other assessments now due on this land have been paid in full.

Owner: [Signature] Date: 12-28-2016

Dedication Certification City of Oxford
It is hereby certified that the land and improvements shown on this plat and designated as being Dedicated to Public Use, are hereby dedicated to the City of Oxford, State of Georgia for public use.

Owner: Danny H. Standard Date: 12-28-2016

THE SEWER SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED PER CITY OF OXFORD SPECIFICATIONS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CITY OF OXFORD.

DATE _____

THE DRAINAGE PROVISIONS TO BE INSTALLED PER CITY OF OXFORD SPECIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CITY OF OXFORD.

DATE _____

Surveyor Certification.

State of Georgia, County of Newton
It is hereby certified that this plat is true and correct and was prepared from an actual survey by me or under my supervision, that all the monuments shown hereon actually exist or are marked, future, and their size, location, and type material are correctly shown, and that the engineering requirements of the City of Oxford have been fully complied with.

Surveyor: [Signature] No. 115 1945 Date: 12-28-2016

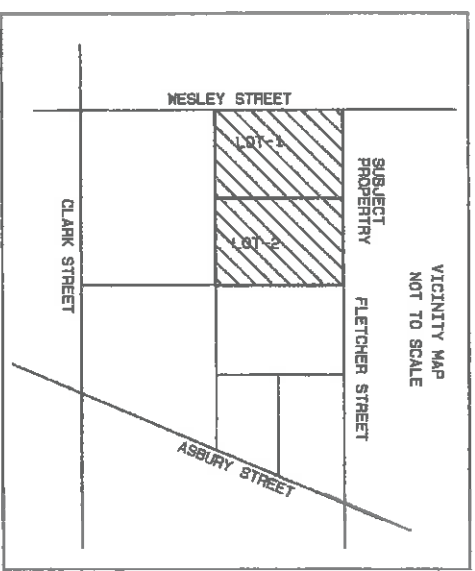
Tax Assessor's Certification
The ping and addresses have been added and approved by the Newton County Tax Assessor's Office.

GIS Technician _____ Date _____

This final plat has been reviewed by the City of Oxford for compliance with the requirements of zoning regulations and is hereby approved for recording.

DATE _____

Owner & Developer:
SARAH HAYNES STANDARD AND DANNY H. STANDARD
#21 FLETCHER STREET
CITY OF OXFORD, GEORGIA
Total Area: 60,026 sq. ft.
Zoning: R-30
2 tracts
City Water available
City Sewer available
Min. lot size 30,000 sq. ft.



MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR: SARAH HAYNES STANDARD AND DANNY H. STANDARD	
Scale: 1"=100'	LAND DISTRICT 9 LAND LOT 288
Date: 12/28/2016	City of Oxford, Newton County, Georgia
Revised:	Drawn By: B.R.W.
Job:	Surveyor: John Elwin Knight GA R.L.S. #1945

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES OF NEWTON COUNTY CONCERNING A ONE PERCENT (1%) SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX ENACTED PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 *ET SEQ.*; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §48-8-110 *et seq.* authorizes the imposition of a one percent county special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) for the purposes *inter alia* of financing capital outlay projects to be owned or operated by the County and one or more municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Newton County, Georgia, the City of Covington, Georgia, the City of Mansfield, Georgia, the City of Newborn, Georgia, the City of Oxford, Georgia, and the City of Porterdale, Georgia (the "Municipalities") desire to utilize the proceeds of a SPLOST for the one or more of the purposes authorized under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111 (a)(1).

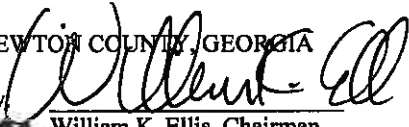
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia as follows:

1. The attached intergovernmental agreement addressing the disbursement of SPLOST proceeds among Newton County and the Municipalities and other related matters is hereby approved.
2. The Chairman of the Newton County Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute the intergovernmental agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia and to affix the seal of the County thereto.
3. All resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith are repealed.

This the 6th day of December, 2016.

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

By


William K. Ellis, Chairman

ATTEST:


Jackie Smith, County Clerk



**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON**

**SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

This Intergovernmental AGREEMENT (the "AGREEMENT") is made this 6th day of December, 2016 by and between Newton County, Georgia (hereinafter the "County"), a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and the City of Covington, Georgia, a municipal corporation, the City of Mansfield, Georgia, a municipal corporation, the Town of Newborn, Georgia, a municipal corporation, the City of Oxford, Georgia, a municipal corporation, and the City of Porterdale, Georgia, a municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Municipalities"), acting pursuant to validly adopted resolutions by their respective governing bodies. The County and the Municipalities do hereby agree as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as amended (the "Act"), authorizes the imposition of a one percent County Special Purpose Local Options Sales Tax (the "SPLOST") for purposes of financing capital outlay projects for the use and benefit of the County and qualified municipalities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Municipalities met together on October 18, 2016 to discuss possible projects for inclusion in the SPLOST referendum in substantial conformity with the requirements of Section 48-8-111(a) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 48-8-111(a)(1) of the Act authorizes capital outlay projects that may be funded by the County or one or more "qualified municipalities" within the "special district" (as such terms are defined in the Act); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Municipalities have negotiated a division of the SPLOST proceeds as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the County may seek to finance a portion of the cost of its qualified projects through the issuance of not to exceed \$15,000,000 in general obligation debt of the County;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and undertakings hereinafter set forth, it is agreed by and between the County and the Municipalities as follows:

Section 1. Representation of the Parties. Each party hereto makes the following representations and warranties which are specifically relied upon by all other parties as a basis for entering this AGREEMENT:

(a) The County agrees that it will take all actions necessary to call an election, to be held in all the voting precincts in the County on the 21st day of March, 2017, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the County for their approval, the question of whether or not a SPLOST of one percent shall be imposed on all sales and uses subject to the sales and use tax in the special district of Newton County, as authorized by the Act for 24 calendar quarters (six years) commencing on July 1, 2017 for the purpose of funding specified projects (hereinafter more fully referred to and hereby defined collectively as the "Projects"). The amount of money to be raised by the SPLOST is estimated to be \$64,800,000.00.

(b) The Municipalities are legally chartered municipal corporations as defined by law and judicial interpretation and are each a "qualifying municipality" as such term is defined in the Act. During a public meeting of its governing board, each conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1, et seq., each of the Municipalities validly adopted a resolution to authorize such Municipality to enter into this AGREEMENT.

(c) The County is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia created and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State. During a public meeting conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1, et seq., the County validly adopted a resolution to authorize it to enter into this AGREEMENT.

(d) It is the intention of the County and the Municipalities to comply in all respects with O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 et seq., and all provisions of this AGREEMENT shall be construed in light of O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110, et seq.

(e) The County and the Municipalities agree that each approved SPLOST Project associated with this AGREEMENT shall be maintained as a public facility and under public ownership. If ownership of a Project financed pursuant to this AGREEMENT is transferred to private ownership, the proceeds of the sale shall, for the purposes of this AGREEMENT, be deemed excess funds and disposed of as provided under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-121(g)(2).

(f) The County and Municipalities agree to maintain thorough and accurate records concerning receipt of SPLOST proceeds and expenditures for each Project undertaken by the County or respective Municipality as required to fulfill the terms of this AGREEMENT.

Section 2. Conditions Precedent. The obligations of all parties under this AGREEMENT are conditioned upon the following prior events:

(a) The adoption of a resolution by the Board of Commissioners of Newton County authorizing the imposition of the SPLOST and calling the election hereinbefore referred to in accordance with the provisions of Section 48-8-111(a) of the Act.

(b) The approval of the SPLOST by a majority of the voters in the County voting in the election (for those purposes) to be held in accordance with the provisions of Section 48-8-111(b) through (e) of the Act.

(c) This AGREEMENT is further conditioned upon the collection of SPLOST revenues by the State of Georgia Department of Revenue and its transfer of the same to the County.

Section 3. Effective Date and Term of the Tax. The SPLOST, subject to approval in an election to be held on March 21, 2017, shall continue to be collected for a period of six (6) years with collections beginning on July 1, 2017.

Section 4. Effective Date and Term of This AGREEMENT. This AGREEMENT shall commence upon the date of its execution and shall terminate upon the latter of:

(a) The official declaration by the Board of Elections and Registration of Newton County of the failure of the election described in this AGREEMENT; or

(b) The expenditure by the County and the Municipalities of the last dollar of money collected from the SPLOST even if such expenditure is made after the expiration of the SPLOST.

Section 5. Projects, Priority and Order of Funding. All capital outlay projects, to be funded in whole or in part from SPLOST proceeds, are listed in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and made part of this AGREEMENT. Projects shall be fully or partially funded and constructed in accordance with the schedule found in Exhibit A of this AGREEMENT. Except as provided in Paragraph (b) and Paragraph (c) of Section 9 this AGREEMENT, any change to the priority or schedule must be agreed to in writing by all parties to this AGREEMENT.

Section 6. SPLOST Funds; Separate Accounts; No Commingling.

(a) A special fund or account shall be created by the County and designated as the 2017 Newton County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Fund ("SPLOST Fund"). The County shall select a local bank which shall act as a depository and custodian of the SPLOST Fund upon such terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the County.

(b) Each Municipality shall create a special fund to be designated as the 2017 [*Municipality name*] Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Fund. Each Municipality shall select a local bank which shall act as a depository and custodian of the SPLOST proceeds received by each Municipality upon such terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the Municipality.

(c) All SPLOST proceeds shall be maintained by the County and each Municipality in the separate accounts or funds established pursuant to this Section. Except as provided in Section 7, SPLOST proceeds shall not be commingled with other funds of the County or Municipalities and shall be used exclusively for the purposes detailed in this AGREEMENT. No funds other than SPLOST proceeds shall be placed in such accounts.

Section 7. Procedure for Disbursement of SPLOST Proceeds.

(a) Upon receipt by the County of SPLOST proceeds collected by the Georgia Department of Revenue, the County shall promptly deposit said proceeds in the SPLOST Fund. The monies in the SPLOST Fund shall be held and applied to the cost of acquiring, constructing, and installing the County capital outlay projects listed in Exhibit A and as provided in Paragraph (b) of this Section.

(b) All funds received by the County from the Georgia Department of Revenue from the imposition of the SPLOST shall be apportioned by the County according to the figures provided herein. The parties hereto understand and agree that the figures set forth herein are binding and not subject to change or modification except upon written agreement by all parties. The County, following the deposit of the SPLOST proceeds in the SPLOST Fund, shall, within 10 business days, disburse the SPLOST proceeds due to each Municipality according to the schedule in Exhibit A. The proceeds shall be promptly deposited in the separate funds established by each Municipality in accordance with Section 6 of this AGREEMENT. The monies in each Municipality's SPLOST Fund shall be held and applied to the cost of acquiring, constructing, and installing the Municipal capital outlay projects listed for that Municipality in Exhibit A.

(c) The parties understand that the distribution amounts listed in Exhibit A are based on the assumption that the SPLOST raises the estimated amount, i.e. \$64,800,000.00. Monthly distributions to the County and the Municipalities shall be based on actual collections according to the following percentages:

1. Newton County: 78.0000%
2. City of Covington: 14.5460%
3. City of Oxford: 2.3163%
4. City of Porterdales: 3.7603%
5. Town of Newborn: 0.7824%
6. City of Mansfield: 0.5950%

Section 8. Project Monitoring, Record-Keeping and Reporting, Audits.

(a) All parties to this AGREEMENT shall promptly move forward with the acquisition, construction, equipage and installation of the Projects in an efficient and economical manner and at a reasonable cost in conformity with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Projects.

(b) The governing authority of the County and the governing authority of each of the Municipalities shall comply with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-8-121(a)(2), which requires that certain information be included in the annual audit of the County or each of the Municipalities. During the term of this AGREEMENT, the distribution and use of all SPLOST proceeds deposited in the SPLOST Fund and each Municipal SPLOST Fund shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accounting firm. The County and Municipalities agree to cooperate with the independent certified public accounting firm in any audit by providing all necessary information. Each Municipality shall provide the County a copy of their annual audit.

(c) The governing authority of the County and the governing authority of each of the Municipalities shall comply with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-8-122, which requires the publication of annual reports concerning expenditures for the Projects.

Section 9. Completion of Projects.

(a) The County and the Municipalities acknowledge that the costs shown for each Project described in Exhibit A are estimated amounts.

(b) If a County Project has been satisfactorily completed at a cost less than the estimated cost listed for that Project in Exhibit A, the County may apply the remaining unexpended funds to any other County Project in Exhibit A.

(c) If a Municipal Project has been satisfactorily completed at a cost less than the estimated cost listed for that Project in Exhibit A, the Municipality may apply the remaining unexpended funds to any other Project included for that Municipality in Exhibit A.

(d) The County and the Municipalities agree that each approved SPLOST Project associated with this AGREEMENT shall be completed or substantially completed within five years after the termination of the SPLOST. Any SPLOST proceeds held by a County or Municipality at the end of the five year period shall, for the purposes of this AGREEMENT, be deemed excess funds and disposed of according to O.C.G.A. § 48-8-121(g)(2).

(e) Any SPLOST proceeds which have been allocated to the Municipalities and which are not used by any of the Municipalities during the term hereof shall be returned by any of the Municipalities to the County and applied by the County for any other purpose permitted under state law.

Section 10. Certificate of Completion and Termination. Within thirty (30) days after the acquisition, construction or installation of a Municipal Project listed on Exhibit A is completed, the Municipality owning the Project shall file with the County a Certificate of Completion signed by the mayor or other chief elected official of the respective Municipality, setting forth the date on which the Project was completed and the final cost of the Project.

Section 11. The County Debt.

(a) The SPLOST election ballot shall contain the language required by the Sales and Use Tax Act for the authorization of up to \$15,000,000 of debt on behalf of the County. The County shall issue its own debt. The County may use the proceeds of its debt for the purpose of funding a portion of its Projects as specified in Exhibit A, paying capitalized interest (if any), and paying the cost of issuing its debt. The County acknowledges that it is solely responsible for the payment of its debt, including any and all costs, interest, and fees associated therewith.

(b) The County's debt shall be paid first from the proceeds of its portion of the Sales and Use Tax. In the event that there are insufficient Sales and Use Tax collections to pay the debt from its portion of the proceeds, the County shall pay any shortfall attributable to the debt from its general fund (the "Debt Service Payments"). The County covenants that, in order to make the Debt Service Payments when due from its general funds to the extent required, it will exercise its power of taxation to the extent necessary to timely pay any amounts required to be paid hereunder and it will make available and use for such payments all taxes levied and collected for that purpose together with funds from any other source. The County further covenants and agrees that in order to make funds available for such purpose, it will, in its general revenue, appropriation, and budgetary measures whereby its tax funds or revenues and the allocation thereof are controlled or provided for, include sums sufficient to timely satisfy such Debt Service Payments that may be required to be made from the general funds, whether or not any other sums are included in such measure, until all payments so required to be made shall have been made in full. The obligation of the County to make any payments that may be required to be made from its general funds shall constitute a general obligation of the County and a pledge of full faith and credit of the County to provide the funds required to timely fulfill any such obligation.

(c) In the event for any reason such provision or appropriation is not made as provided in the preceding paragraph, then the fiscal officer of the County is hereby authorized and directed to set up as an appropriation on its accounts in the appropriate fiscal year the amounts required to timely pay the obligations which may be due from the general funds. The amount of such appropriation shall be due and payable and shall be expended for the purpose of paying any such obligations, and such appropriation shall have the same legal status as if the County had included the amount of the appropriation in its general revenue, appropriation, and budgetary measures, and the fiscal office of the County shall immediately make such Debt Service Payments to the paying agent for the debt if for any reason the payment of such obligations shall not otherwise have been timely made.

(d) The obligation of the County to make the Debt Service Payments and to perform and observe the other agreements on its part contained in this Section 11 shall be absolute and unconditional. Until such time as the principal of and interest on the debt shall have been paid in full or provision for the payment thereof shall have been made, the County (a) will not suspend or discontinue any payments provided for herein, (b) will perform

and observe all of its other agreements contained in this AGREEMENT, and (c) will not terminate this AGREEMENT for any cause, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, failure to complete any Project undertaken by the County, a defect in any Project, or any failure of any other party to this AGREEMENT to observe, whether express or implied, any duty, liability or obligation arising out of or connected with this AGREEMENT.

(e) The County will be responsible for all facets of the debt issuance and repayment process. The County will select the underwriter, bond counsel, local counsel, etc. The County will endeavor in good faith to be fiscally responsible in minimizing to the extent possible the costs and fees with the debt issuance process. The Municipalities are not issuing any bonds or other indebtedness associated with this AGREEMENT.

Section 12. Expenses. The County shall administer the SPLOST Fund to effectuate the terms of this AGREEMENT. Furthermore, the County and the Municipalities shall be jointly responsible on a pro rata basis for the cost of holding the SPLOST election. The County shall be reimbursed for the Municipalities' share of such costs.

Section 13. Default. Each party hereto expressly acknowledges and agrees that the obligation of each party hereto to keep, observe and perform its covenants as herein set forth is specifically conditioned upon each party's keeping, observing and performing its covenants as also herein set forth and failure of either party to do so shall constitute an event of default hereunder.

Section 14. Liability for Noncompliance. The County and the Municipalities shall comply with all applicable local, State, and Federal statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations. In the event that any Municipality fails to comply with the requirements of the Act (O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 et seq.), the County shall not be held liable for such noncompliance. No consent or waiver, express or implied, by any party to this AGREEMENT, to any breach of any covenant, condition or duty of another party shall be construed as a consent to, or waiver of, any future breach of the same.

Section 15. Arbitration. The parties hereto agree to submit any controversy arising under this AGREEMENT to arbitration pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 9-9-1 et seq., the Georgia Arbitration Code. Such arbitration shall in all respects be governed by the provisions of the Arbitration Code, and the parties hereby agree to comply with, and be governed by, the provisions of said Arbitration Code as to any controversy so submitted to arbitration.

Section 16. Counterparts. This AGREEMENT may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 17. Governing Law. This AGREEMENT and all transactions contemplated hereby shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

Section 18. Severability. Should any provision of this AGREEMENT or application thereof to any person or circumstance be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this AGREEMENT or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each provision of this AGREEMENT shall be valid and enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

Section 19. Entire Agreement. This AGREEMENT embodies and sets forth all the provisions and understandings between the parties relative to the Projects. There are no provisions, agreements, understandings, representations, or inducements, either oral or written, between the parties other than those hereinabove set forth. Any and all prior provisions, agreements, contracts or understandings, either oral or written, between the parties relative to the Projects are hereby rescinded and superseded by this AGREEMENT.

Section 20. Amendments. This AGREEMENT shall not be amended or modified except by agreement in writing executed by the governing authorities of the County and the Municipalities.

Section 21. Notices. All notices, demands or requests required or permitted to be given pursuant to this AGREEMENT shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been properly given or served and shall be effective on being deposited or placed in the United States mail, postage prepaid and registered or certified with return receipt requested to the addresses appearing below, or when delivered by hand to the addresses indicated below:

- (a) Newton County Board of Commissioners
1124 Clark Street
Covington, GA 30014
Attention: County Manager
- (b) City of Covington
P. O. Box 1527
Covington, GA 30015
Attention: City Manager
- (c) City of Mansfield
P. O. Box 35
3146 S. Highway 11
Mansfield, GA 30055
Attention: City Mayor
- (d) Town of Newborn
P. O. Box 247
Newborn, GA 30056

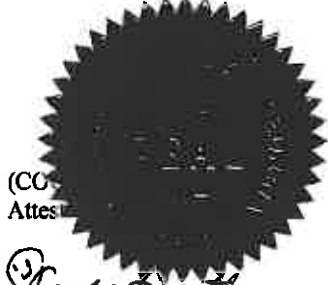
Attention: Town Clerk

- (e) **City of Oxford
110 West Clark Street
Oxford, GA 30054
Attention: Mayor**

- (f) **City of Porterdale
P. O. Box 667
Porterdale, GA 30070
Attention: City Manager**

[Signatures on Next Page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, all parties hereto have agreed as of this 6th day of December 2016.



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Attes

Jackie Smith
Jackie Smith, Clerk

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: William K. Ellis
William K. Ellis, Chairman

CITY OF COVINGTON

By: _____

(SEAL)
Attest:

Clerk

[Signatures Continued on Next Page]

CITY OF MANSFIELD

By: _____

(SEAL)
Attest:

Clerk

TOWN OF NEWBORN

By: _____

(SEAL)
Attest:

Clerk

CITY OF OXFORD

By: _____

(SEAL)
Attest:

Clerk

CITY OF PORTERDALE

By: _____

(SEAL)
Attest:

Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Section A: All Projects shall be funded in accordance with Section B. After all Projects are fully funded, any excess SPLOST proceeds shall be allocated according to the terms of Section C.

Section B: SPLOST proceeds, to the extent available, shall be allocated to the following Projects based on the County's and each Municipality's specified prioritization. If projects are not prioritized, all projects shall be considered of equal priority and shall be funded pro rata based on their relative costs.

(1) To the County for:	Estimated Cost
Transportation	\$18,330,793
Debt Service/Retirement	\$10,403,963
E911 Communications Co-occupied	\$3,666,159
Westside Youth Outreach Facility	\$495,427
Senior Expansion	\$1,783,537
Recreation Department Existing Facilities	\$990,854
District 2 Improvements	\$495,426
Springhill Park Facility	\$495,426
Porterdale Park Upgrades	\$148,628
District 4 Existing Park Upgrades	\$495,427
Chimney Park	\$99,085
Yellow River Trail	\$1,337,652
Library	\$495,427
Animal Control Facility and Equipment	\$1,199,488
Washington Street land acquisition and/or facilities upgrades or equipment	\$495,427

Sheriff Office Upgrade existing facilities	\$2,972,561
Solid Waste	\$1,387,195
Fleet Replacement and Equipment	\$3,467,988
Fire Services	\$792,683
Economic Development (IDA)	\$990,854
Total – Newton County:	\$50,544,000
(2) To the City of Covington account for:	Estimated Cost
Transportation Projects	\$4,029,944
Sanitary Sewer Inspection and Construction	\$1,575,000
Public Safety	\$3,820,817
Total – City of Covington:	\$9,425,761
(3) To the City of Oxford account for:	Estimated Cost
Water and Sewer System	\$500,000
Transportation	\$500,000
Parks and Recreation	\$400,000
Public Safety	\$100,965
Total – City of Oxford:	\$1,500,965
(4) To the City of Porterdales account for:	Estimated Cost
Public Works, Roads, Transportation, Parks Maintenance	\$393,600
Yellow River Park	\$370,314
Municipal Building	\$1,574,000
Gymnasium Improvements	\$98,800

Total – City of Porterdale: \$2,436,714

(5) To the Town of Newborn account for:	Estimated Cost
Roads	\$228,150
Public Safety	\$50,700
Facility	\$126,750
Parks/Rec	\$101,400
Total – Town of Newborn:	\$507,000

(6) To the City of Mansfield account for:

Transportation and/or Infrastructure	\$192,780
Facilities and/or Historical Facilities	\$77,112
Public Safety	\$115,668
Total – City of Mansfield:	\$385,560

Section C: After the projects in Section B are fully funded, any excess SPLOST proceeds collected shall be allocated to the County and the Municipalities pro-rata in accordance with the ratios established for the distribution of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) proceeds for use as follows:

(1) To the County (75%): First Priority, reduction of General Obligation Debt; Second Priority, Transportation.

(2) To the Municipalities: each government will use such excess proceeds for one or more purposes permitted by the Act.

Covington:	18.47%
Mansfield	0.63%
Newborn	0.83%
Oxford	3.02%
Porterdale	2.05%

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, all parties hereto have agreed as of this ___ day of _____
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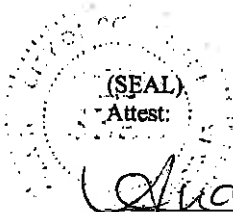
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
William K. Ellis, Chairman

(COUNTY SEAL)
Attest:

Jackie Smith, Clerk

CITY OF COVINGTON
By: _____
Ronnie Johnston, Mayor



Audra M. Gutierrez, Clerk

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CITY OF MANSFIELD

By: Jefferson R. Riley, Mayor
JEFFERSON R. RILEY, MAYOR

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Jean A. Hyde, Clerk
Clerk JEAN A. HYDE, CLERK

TOWN OF NEWBORN

By: _____

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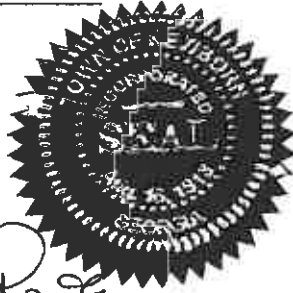
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Alisa C. Rowe
Clerk

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CITY OF OXFORD

By: *Janet Rosberry*

(SEAL)
Attest:

Lauran S. Willis
Clerk

CITY OF PORTERDALE

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CITY OF OXFORD

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CITY OF PORTERDALE

By: Melini Chapman

(SEAL)
Attest:

Melini Chapman
Clerk

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**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL
ELECTION TO IMPOSE A COUNTY ONE PERCENT SPECIAL
PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA CONTINUING A COUNTY ONE PERCENT SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110, *ET SEQ.*, SPECIFYING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX ARE TO BE USED; SPECIFYING THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH SUCH TAX SHALL BE IMPOSED; SPECIFYING THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE FACILITIES TO BE FUNDED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX; SEEKING APPROVAL TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT FOR NEWTON COUNTY; REQUESTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF NEWTON COUNTY TO CALL AN ELECTION OF THE VOTERS OF NEWTON COUNTY TO APPROVE THE IMPOSITION OF SUCH SALES AND USE TAX AND THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH DEBT; APPROVING THE FORM OF BALLOT TO BE USED IN SUCH AN ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110, *et seq.* (the "Act") authorizes the imposition of a county one percent special purpose local option sales and use tax (the "Sales and Use Tax") for the purpose, *inter alia*, of financing certain capital outlay projects which include those set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia (the "Board of Commissioners") has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Newton County, Georgia (the "County") that the Sales and Use Tax be continued in a special district within the County to raise approximately \$64,800,000 for the purpose of funding certain capital outlay projects (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Board of Commissioners and the Mayors or designees of the City of Covington, Georgia, the City of Mansfield, Georgia, the Town of Newborn, Georgia, the City of Oxford, Georgia, and the City of Porterdale, Georgia (collectively, the "Municipalities") met on October 18, 2016 to discuss possible projects for inclusion in the Sales and Use Tax referendum to be held on the 21st day of March, 2017 (the "Election") in conformance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111(a); and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced meetings occurred at least 30 days prior to the issuance of a call for the referendum; and

WHEREAS, the County has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Municipalities with respect to the division of the Sales and Use Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities have a combined population under the 2010 decennial census that exceeds 50% of the aggregate municipal population located within the special district of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires that the Board of Elections of Newton County (the "Election Board") call the Election and further desires that the Election Board be furnished with a certified copy of this Resolution in connection with such request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia as follows:

- A. Assuming the question of imposing the Sales and Use Tax is approved by the voters of the special district in the Election, the Sales and Use Tax shall be imposed for the term, purposes and costs as follows:
1. In order to finance the Projects and to pay interest on the Debt (hereinafter defined), a Sales and Use Tax in the amount of one percent (1%) on all sales and uses in the special district of the County is hereby authorized to be levied and collected within the special district created in the County as provided in the Act.
 2. The proceeds of such tax are to be used to fund the Projects and to pay interest on the Debt. The Projects consist of "County Projects" and "Municipal Projects." The County Projects, the Municipal Projects, and the estimated costs are set forth below:

<u>County Projects</u>	<u>Estimated Costs</u>
Transportation	\$18,330,793
Debt Service/Retirement	\$10,403,963
E911 Communications Co-occupied	\$3,666,159
Westside Youth Outreach Facility	\$495,427
Senior Expansion	\$1,783,537
Recreation Department existing facilities	\$990,854
District 2 Improvements	\$495,426
Springhill Park Facility	\$495,426
Porterdale Park Upgrades	\$148,628
District 4 Existing Park Upgrades	\$495,427
Chimney Park	\$99,085
Yellow River Trail	\$1,337,652
Library	\$495,427
Animal Control Facility and Equipment	\$1,199,488
Washington Street land acquisition and/or facilities upgrades or equipment	\$495,427

Sheriff Office Upgrade existing facilities	\$2,972,561
Solid Waste	\$1,387,195
Fleet Replacement and Equipment	\$3,467,988
Fire Services	\$792,683
Economic Development (IDA)	\$990,854
Total	\$50,544,000

Municipal Projects

Estimated Costs

City of Covington	
Transportation projects	\$4,029,944
Sanitary Sewer Inspection and Construction	\$1,575,000
Public Safety	\$3,820,817
Total	\$9,425,761

City of Oxford	
Water and Sewer System	\$500,000
Transportation	\$500,000
Parks and Recreation	\$400,000
Public Safety	\$100,965
Total	\$1,500,965

City of Porterdale	
Public Works, Roads, Transportation, Parks Maintenance	\$393,600
Yellow River Park	\$370,314
Municipal Building	\$1,574,000
Gymnasium Improvements	\$98,800
Total	\$2,436,714

Town of Newborn	
Roads	\$228,150
Public Safety	\$50,700
Facility	\$126,750
Parks/Rec	\$101,400
Total:	\$507,000

City of Mansfield	
Transportation and/or Infrastructure	\$192,780
Facilities and/or Historical Facilities	\$77,112
Public Safety	\$115,668
Total:	\$385,560

3. The Sales and Use Tax is to be imposed for a period of six years commencing upon the expiration of the sales and use tax currently in effect.

B. General Obligation Debt.

1. Assuming the question of imposing the Sales and Use Tax is approved by the voters of the special district in the Election, the County is hereby authorized to issue general obligation debt (the "Debt") (in whole or in part and in one or more series), secured by the proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax, in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$15,000,000. The proceeds of the Debt, if issued, shall be used to pay all or a portion of the costs of the County Projects, capitalized interest on the Debt and the costs of issuing the Debt. The Debt shall bear interest from the first day of the first month during which the Debt is to be issued or from such other date as may be designated by the County prior to the issuance of the Debt, at a rate(s) to be determined in a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the County prior to the issuance of the Debt, which rate(s) shall not exceed 5% per annum. The amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of the Debt shall be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Maximum Principal Payable in Such Year</u>
2018	\$2,350,000
2019	\$2,420,000
2020	\$2,465,000
2021	\$2,525,000
2022	\$2,585,000
2023	\$2,655,000

2. The proceeds of the Debt shall be deposited by the County in a separate fund or account. Any interest earned on such fund or account shall belong to the County.
3. The Sales and Use Tax proceeds received in any year by the County pursuant to the imposition of such tax shall first be used for paying the debt service requirements on the Debt for any such year before such proceeds are applied to any of the County Projects. Proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax not required to be deposited in the separate fund in any year for the payment of principal and interest on the Debt coming due in the current year shall be deposited in a separate fund to be maintained by the County and applied toward funding the County Projects to the extent such projects have not been funded with Debt proceeds, all as more fully provided for in the Agreement.
4. Any brochures, listings, or other advertisements issued by the Board of Commissioners or by any other person, firm, corporation or association with the knowledge and consent of the Board of Commissioners, shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Board of Commissioners concerning the use of the proceeds of the Debt, and such statement of intention shall be binding upon the Board of Commissioners in the expenditure of such Debt or interest received from such Debt to the extent provided in Section 36-82-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

C. Call for the Election; Ballot Form; Notice.

1. The Board of Elections, as election superintendent (the "Election Superintendent"), is hereby requested to call the Election in all voting precincts in the County on the 21st day of March, 2017 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of Newton County the question set forth in paragraph 2 below. The Election Superintendent shall be furnished with a certified copy of the Resolution in connection with this request.
2. The ballots to be used in the Election shall have written or printed thereon substantially the following:
 - "() Yes. Shall a one percent special purpose local option sales and use tax be continued in the special district of Newton County for a period of time of six years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$64,800,000 for the purpose of (1) funding transportation, debt service/retirement, E911 communications, Westside Youth Outreach Facility, senior expansion, recreation department existing facilities, District 2 improvements, Springhill Park facility, Porterdale Park upgrades, District 4 existing park upgrades, Chimney Park, Yellow River Trail, library, animal control facility and equipment, Washington Street land acquisition and/or facilities upgrades or equipment, sheriff office upgrade to existing facilities, solid waste fleet replacement and equipment, fire services, and economic development (Industrial Development Authority) in Newton County; (2) funding transportation projects, sanitary sewer inspection and construction, and public safety in the City of Covington; (3) funding water and sewer system, transportation, parks and recreation, and public safety in the City of Oxford; (4) funding public works, roads, transportation, parks maintenance, Yellow River Park, municipal building, and gymnasium improvements in the City of Porterdale; (5) roads, public safety, facilities, and parks/recreation in the Town of Newborn; and (6) funding transportation and/or infrastructure, facilities and/or historical facilities, and public safety in the City of Mansfield? If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of the general obligation debt of Newton County in the principal amount of not to exceed \$15,000,000 for the purpose of funding all or a portion of the County projects."
 - () No.
3. It is hereby requested that the Election be held by the Election Superintendent in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia, including, without limitation, the election laws relating to special elections. It is hereby further requested that the Election Superintendent canvass the returns, declare the result of the election and certify the result to the Secretary of State and to the Commissioner of Revenue of the State of Georgia.

4. The Election Superintendent is hereby authorized and requested to publish a notice of the Election as required by law in the newspaper in which Sheriffs advertisements for the County are published once a week for four weeks immediately preceding the date of the Election and to publish a Call of the Election as required by law in said paper ninety (90) days preceding the date of the Election. The notice of the election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- D. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Election Superintendent, with a request that the Election Superintendent issue the call for the Election.
- E. The proper officers and agents of the County are hereby authorized to take any and all further actions as may be required in connection with the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax.
- F. The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

SO RESOLVED, this the 6th day of December, 2016.

COUNTY OF NEWTON, GEORGIA

By 
William K. Ellis, Chairman

Attest:


Jackie Smith, Clerk



EXHIBIT "A"

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF NEWTON COUNTY,
GEORGIA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 21st day of March, 2017, an election will be held at the regular polling places in all the election districts of Newton County, Georgia (the "County"), at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the County for their determination the question of whether a one percent special purpose local option sales and use tax (the "Sales and Use Tax") shall be continued on all sales and uses in the special district created in the County for a period of six years commencing upon the expiration of the Sales and Use Tax currently in effect for the raising of approximately \$64,800,000 for the purpose of funding capital outlay projects specified in the form of the ballot set forth below.

If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute an approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the County secured first by the Sales and Use Tax in the maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 (the "Debt"). The proceeds of the Debt, if issued, shall be used to pay the costs of (i) all or a portion of the County's projects, (ii) capitalized interest on the Debt and (iii) the costs of issuing the Debt.

The Debt, if so authorized, may be issued by the County in whole or in part and in one or more series and shall bear interest at rates not exceeding 5% per annum from the first day of the month during which the Debt is to be issued or from such other date as may be designated by the County prior to the issuance of the Debt. The actual rate or rates shall be determined in a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the County prior to the issuance of the Debt. The amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of such Debt shall be as follows:

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Any brochures, listings, or other advertisements issued by the Board of Commissioners or by any other person, firm, corporation or association with the knowledge and consent of the Board of Commissioners, shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Board of Commissioners concerning the use of the proceeds of the Debt, and such statement of intention shall be binding upon the Board of Commissioners in the expenditure of such Debt or interest received from such Debt to the extent provided in Section 36-82-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

The principal and interest on the Debt are expected to be paid from proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax and shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-82-100, the County notifies all interested parties that no independent performance audit or performance review (the "Audit") will be conducted with respect to the Debt. However the County will continue to ensure that Debt proceeds are expended efficiently and economically, as intended by the Audit.

The ballots to be used at the Election shall have written or printed thereon substantially the following:

- "() Yes. Shall a one percent special purpose local option sales and use tax be continued in the special district of Newton County for a period of time of six years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$64,800,000 for the purpose of (1) funding transportation, debt service/retirement, E911 communications, Westside Youth Outreach Facility, senior expansion, recreation department existing facilities, District 2 improvements, Springhill Park facility, Porterdale Park upgrades, District 4 existing park upgrades, Chimney Park, Yellow River Trail, library, animal control facility and equipment, Washington Street land acquisition and/or facilities upgrades or equipment, sheriff office upgrade to existing facilities, solid waste fleet replacement and equipment, fire services, and economic development (Industrial Development Authority) in Newton County; (2) funding transportation projects, sanitary sewer inspection and construction, and public safety in the City of Covington; (3) funding water and sewer system, transportation, parks and recreation, and public safety in the City of Oxford; (4) funding public works, roads, transportation, parks maintenance, Yellow River Park, municipal building, and gymnasium improvements in the City of Porterdale; (5) roads, public safety, facilities, and parks/recreation in the Town of Newborn; and (6) funding transportation and/or infrastructure, facilities and/or historical facilities, and public safety in the City of Mansfield? If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of the general obligation debt of Newton County in the principal amount of not to exceed \$15,000,000 for the purpose of funding all or a portion of the County projects."
- () No.

The several places for holding said election shall be at the regular and established voting precincts of the election districts of the County, and the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the date fixed for the election.

The last day to register to vote in this election shall be February 21, 2017.

Those residents of the County qualified to vote at said election shall be determined in all respects in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia.

This notice is given pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Elections of Newton County,
adopted on December 6, 2016.

Board of Elections of Newton County


CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF NEWTON

The undersigned Clerk of the Newton County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") DOES HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing pages of typewritten matter constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board on the 6th day of December, 2016, in connection with the request to call an election to be held on the 21st day of March, 2017 the original of which resolution has been duly recorded in the Minute Book of the Board which is in my custody and control.

Witness my hand and the official seal of said Board this 6th day of December, 2016.



Jackie Smith, Clerk



STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON

CITY OF OXFORD

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE NEED FOR A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO FUNCTION IN THE CITY OF OXFORD, GEORGIA PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES LAW O.C.G.A. 36-42-1 et seq. TO APPOINT A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO DESIGNATE A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AREA; TO PROVIDE FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHER PURPOSES:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it would benefit the city to activate the Downtown Development Authority for the City of Oxford, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, after thorough investigation, have determined that it is desirable and necessary that the Downtown Development Authority of the City be activated immediately, pursuant to the Downtown Development Authorities Law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Oxford, and it is hereby resolved by the same, that there is hereby determined and declared to be present and future need for a Downtown Development Authority (as more fully described and defined in the Downtown Development Authorities Law) to function in the City of Oxford;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby activated in the City the public body corporate and politic known as the "Downtown Development Authority of the City of Oxford";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there are hereby appointed as members of the first Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Oxford the following named persons:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Ms. Loren Roberts	Two Years
Mr. Brian Barnard	Two Years
Ms. Martha Molyneux	Four Years
Mr. Mark McGiboney	Four Years
Mr. Jonathan Eady	Six Years
Ms. Kendra Mayfield	Six Years
Dr. Melvin Baker	Six Years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereinbefore appointed shall organize itself, carry out its duties and responsibilities and exercise its powers and prerogatives in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Downtown Development Authorities Law as it now exists and as it might hereafter be amended or modified;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "Downtown Development Area" shall be that geographical area described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, which area, in the judgment of the Mayor and Council of the City of Oxford, constitutes the "Central Business District";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Oxford shall promptly furnish to the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia a certified copy of this resolution in compliance with the provisions of the Downtown Development Authorities Law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all resolutions in conflict with this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Council of the City of Oxford and from and after such adoption the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Oxford shall be deemed to be created and activated.

{SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE}

Adopted, this 6th day of February, 2017.

CITY OF OXFORD


Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor


Sarah T. Davis, Council Member


David Eady, Council Member


George R. Holt, Council Member


Michael Ready, Council Member


Dr. Melvin O. Baker, Council Member


James H. Windham, Council Member

ATTEST:


Lauran Willis, City Clerk

{The Seal of the City of Oxford, Georgia}

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

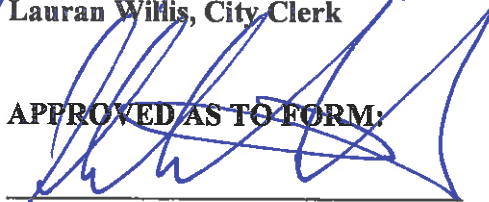
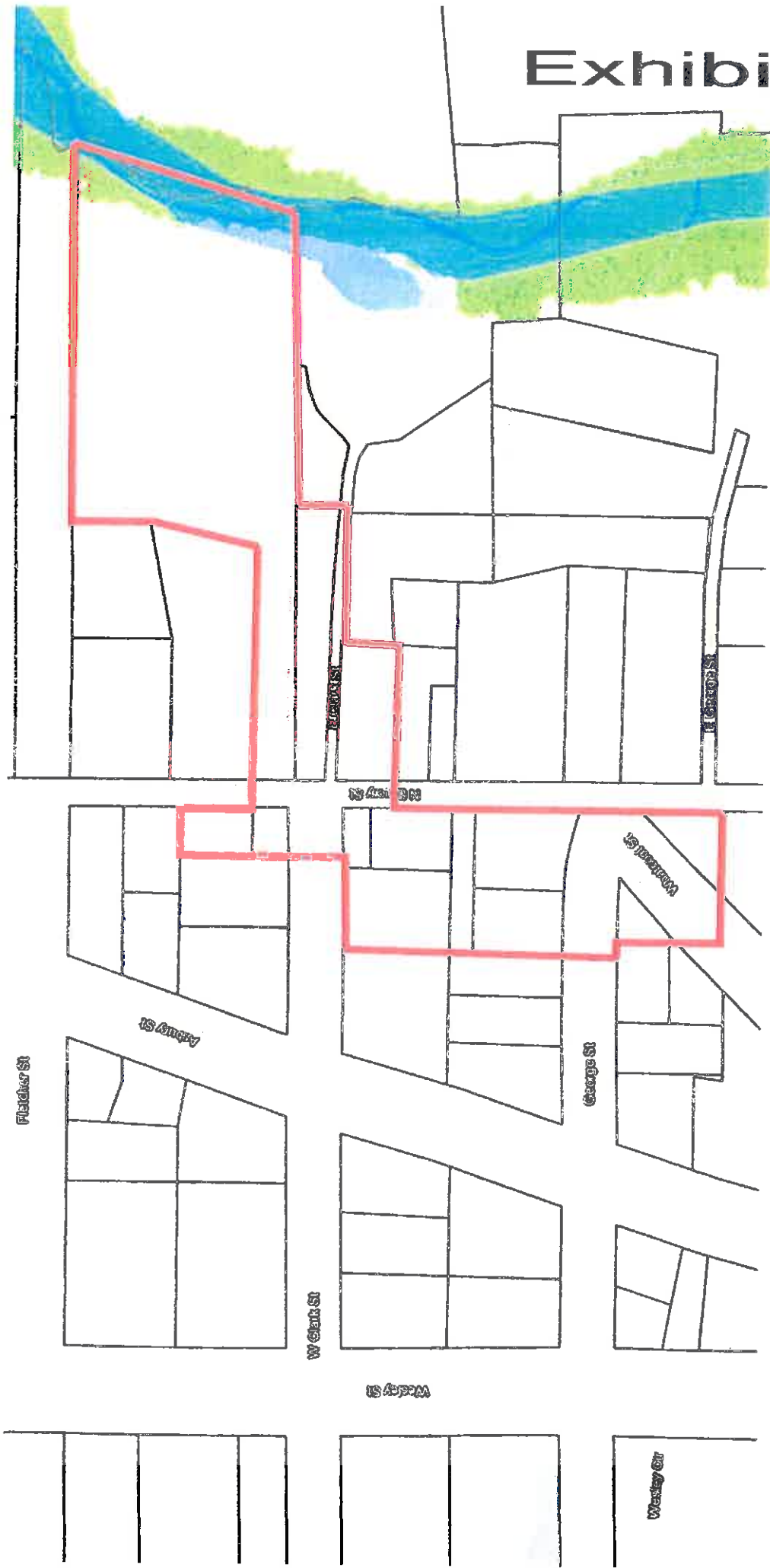

C. David Strickland, City Attorney



Exhibit A



Proposed Downtown Development Area Exhibit A

OXFORD FARMERS' MARKET RULES
For Non-licensed Farmers' Market Sales
Town Center Property of City of Oxford

2/6/2017

QUESTION	ANSWER	Other Considerations and Suggestions			
What May Be Sold	Farm and Garden Produce	Farm and Garden Produce	Art and Craft Objects	Plants	
Origin of Items for Sale	Newton County and Contiguous Counties	At Least 75% of Items Sold Locally Grown	Created from Raw Materials	Indigenous to Georgia	
Restrictions on Who may Sell	None				
Resales Permitted	Not Covered	Not more than 25% of Items Offered for Sale	No	Not more than 25% of Items Offered for Sale	
Permit Required	Yes, City issues permit (free)	Yes, City issues permit (free)	Yes, City issues permit (free)	Yes, City issues permit (free)	
Business License	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	
Size of Space	10' x 10' Unless larger space requested	10' x 10' Unless larger space requested	10' x 10' Unless larger space requested	10' x 10' Unless larger space requested	
Hours of Operation	Monday - Saturday Dawn to Dusk	Monday - Saturday Dawn to Dusk	Monday - Saturday Dawn to Dusk	Monday - Saturday Dawn to Dusk	