

1. Call to Order: Chair Van Ness called this meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of the items on the agenda. The agenda is attached hereto and is hereby made a part of these minutes. The full Board was present.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Billy Moss, Senior Pastor, Rockdale Baptist Church

3. Special Recognitions and Presentations: James A. LaCoursiere, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion, Recognition Day Proclamation

3a. Public Comment: Tony Smith, Corliss Turner, Lee Wright, Betty Maddox-Battle, Tyrone Morrell

4. Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and was passed unanimously to approve the agenda as published.

5. Approval of the Minutes: December 10, 2024: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and was passed unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

6. Unfinished Business:

2024-642: Volunteer Appointment: Conyers-Rockdale Economic Development Council – Term: 2025-2029: A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and was passed unanimously to appoint Chair and CEO Van Ness to the Conyers-Rockdale Economic Development Council. Chair Van Ness abstained from voting.

7. Consent Agenda: None.

8. Regular Agenda:

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2025-09: Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) – Water Resources – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund/Loan (Loan Amount \$155,000 – Loan No. DWLSL2022177) – Change Order No. 1 to C-2024-58 – Extend Term to December 2025 – RATIFICATION – Budgeted Item: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and was passed unanimously to ratify this contract as presented.

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2025-20: Requisition – Technology Services – Carahsoft – Armis Enterprise Technical Support - \$86,250.01 – Budgeted Item: A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and was passed unanimously to approve this requisition as presented.

2025-21: Expenditure Request - Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Clerk of Courts – Odyssey Annual Maintenance and Support - \$62,002.40 (5% increase) - (2024 Cost \$59,049.90) – Budgeted Item: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and was passed unanimously to approve this expenditure request as presented.

2025-22: Expenditure Request - Schneider Geospatial, LLC – Board of Assessors – qPublic.net Website Hosting - \$18,504 (5% increase) – (2024 Cost \$17,628) – Budgeted Item: A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and was passed unanimously to approve this expenditure request as presented.

2025-23: Surplus of Equipment: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and was passed unanimously to declare these items as surplus as presented.

- A. Superior Court (Judge Mumford's office)
- B. General Services
- C. Juvenile Court
- D. Parks and Recreation – Senior Services

9. Board Comment: Commissioner Smith thanked the directors, deputy directors, as well as other staff members for helping to make a smooth transition. She also thanked the previous Chairman for allowing the team to have collaboration meetings as early as they did. She thanked her family, as well as thanking the citizens for entrusting her in this position. She talked about her pledge – Growth, Action, Results. She also thanked Chief Sanders, Executive Director Rutledge and staff members for all the support given to her. She wanted everyone to know that her door is always open, and that she will be a great steward of the citizen's tax dollars. She stressed that she would like to restore integrity to her position. Commissioner Williams welcomed the new Board members. She feels there is a good collaboration among the members, and she is looking forward to working with the new Board. She discussed wanting to collaborate with the American Legion on a suicide awareness event in September. She also discussed a "Walk with Me" program that is a virtual dementia simulation that will be taking place on January 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at the Retreat at Conyers, located at 1504 Renaissance Drive. Chair Van Ness started out by introducing Willie Powell and Sheniqua Moore, graduate students from Harvard who have been helping with the transition team. She asked them to say a few words. She also mentioned the overwhelming support from the citizens, and feels confident about the Board of Commissioners moving forward and

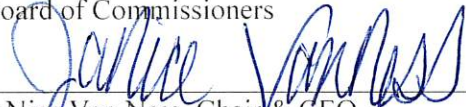
working together. She also said she appreciated previous Chairman Nesbitt for allowing the new members to collaborate early on. She also gave a shout-out to the directors for all their support. Chair Van Ness also reminded everyone that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Monday, January 20th, and the NAACP will be hosting a breakfast at the Career Academy. She also wanted to acknowledge President Jimmy Carter (1924-2024) and spoke briefly about his good works, and how she admired him. In closing, she thanked all the citizens for coming out.

10. Executive Session: A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and was passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of pending and threatened litigation and personnel.

11. Adjournment: There being no further business, Chair Van Ness adjourned this meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Approved this 28th Day of January 2025.

Rockdale County, Georgia
Board of Commissioners


JaNice Van Ness, Chair & CEO

ATTEST:



Jennifer O. Rutledge, County Clerk/
Executive Director of Government Affairs


Tuwanya C. Smith, Commissioner Post I


Dr. Doreen Williams, Commissioner Post II

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