

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

September 17, 2018

Present: Debra Robinson, Chairman
Lindsey Parrish, Chairman
Jeff Lane, Commissioner
Audie Rowe, Commissioner
Dwight E. Purvis, Commissioner

Staff Present: Faye Hughes, County Administrator
Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk

Chair Debra Robinson called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Lane gave the invocation.

Commission Board led the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES: Commissioner Lane made the motion to approve the minutes as presented for the September 4th, 2018 meetings, second Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Rowe made the motion to adopt a consent agenda for the following agenda items, second Commissioner, Parrish. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

Cook County Library - Accept the bid from Jimmie Lamb Construction in the amount of \$6500 for the Library Building exterior paint project.

ACCG Insurance Contact and Safety Coordinator – Appoint, Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk, as the 2019 Insurance Contact and Safety Coordinator.

2018-19 County Entity Budgets and Enterprise Funds – Adopt the 2018-19 County Entity Budgets and Enterprise Funds as presented.

#201	Jail Surcharge Acct	\$350,000.00
#210	Sheriff's Drug Fund	\$85,000.00
#211	Drug Abuse Training Education Fund	\$68,425.00
#215	E 9-1-1	\$757,000.00
#235	TSPLOST (10 YRS=\$4,000,000)	\$400,000.00
#275	Hotel Motel	\$175,000.00
#324	SPLOST	\$1,640,000.00
#431	GEFA SOLID WASTE (TOTAL PROJECT)	\$4,155,000.00
#540	Landfill	\$850,000.00
#550	Airport Authority	\$180,600.00
#555	Recreation	\$461,350.00

Tift, Turner, Worth, and Cook Joint Development Authority – Authorize Cook County's continued participation in the Tift, Turner, Worth and Cook Joint Development Authority. The Commission Board was made aware that appointments will need to be made to the Authority.

Judicial In Rem Resolution: Adopt the Judicial In Rem Tax Resolution, as requested by Tonya McConnell, Tax Commissioner

**JUDICIAL IN REM TAX FORECLOSURES RESOLUTION BY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Georgia has by enactment made the following legislative findings:

- (1) The nonpayment of ad valorem taxes by property owners effectively shifts a greater tax burden to property owners willing and able to pay their share of stock taxes;
- (2) The failure to pay ad valorem taxes creates a significant barrier to neighborhood and urban revitalization;
- (3) Significant tax delinquency creates barriers to marketability of the property;
- (4) Nonjudicial tax foreclosure procedures are inefficient, lengthy, and commonly result in title to real property which is neither marketable nor insurable; and
- (5) Putting certain tax delinquent properties back on the tax rolls and into productive use helps to eliminate health and safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, COOK County Board of Commissioners desires to improve the payment of ad valorem taxes, improve the marketability and insurability of property, decrease safety hazards associated with delinquent properties, and return certain tax delinquent properties to the tax rolls and into productive use; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this State has amended Chapter 4 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated by adding Article 5 relating to tax sales, specifically providing for a method of judicial in rem foreclosures of tax executions; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. 48-4-76(a) provides that governing authorities of counties may proceed with judicial in rem tax foreclosures for delinquent taxes upon enacting an Ordinance or Resolution so to do; and

WHEREAS, COOK County desires to enact such Resolution so that it may proceed with judicial in rem tax foreclosures;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the governing authority of COOK County, Georgia does hereby declare that it will follow the requirements of S.B. 383 as set forth in Article 5 of chapter 4 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated relating to tax sales, regarding judicial in rem tax foreclosures;

THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duly elected Tax Commissioner for COOK County shall have the authority to commence tax foreclosure and to file petition with the COOK County Superior Court in accordance with Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated relating to tax sales; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that as so provided by the state law effective April 7, 1995, COOK County may undertake judicial in rem tax foreclosures for delinquent taxes.

IT IS SO RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of COOK County, Georgia on this 17th day of September 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: Debra Robinson
Debra Robinson, Chair

ATTEST: Vicki S. Parrish
Vicki S. Parrish, Clerk



COOK COUNTY, GEORGIA

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Cook County, Georgia; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Georgia General Assembly in the summer of 1918, Cook County was created as the 153rd Georgia County. Created from Berrien County and named for General Phillip Cook, who fought in both the Seminole War and Civil War and was Georgia's Secretary of State for more than 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, the great County of Cook began its operations in 1919 after constitutional officers were elected, and

WHEREAS, the year 2019 marks the 100th year of its existence and, as such, Cook County, honors this illustrious milestone with a centennial celebration; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Cook County Board of Commissioners, composed of Chair Debra Robinson, Vice-Chair Lindsey Parrish, Commissioners Jeff Lane, Audie Rowe, and Dwight Purvis recognize the significance of this celebration.

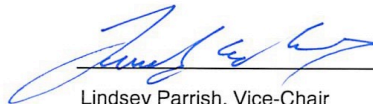
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby create the Cook County, GA Centennial Committee, and appoints residents from each county district to meet, as appropriate, and to organize events for this milestone year of recognition for Cook County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners affix our signatures to this Centennial Resolution, and request that the Resolution be placed as a part of Cook County's official records to mark this year of this historic celebration.

Signed this 17th day of September, 2018.



Debra Robinson, Chair



Lindsey Parrish, Vice-Chair



Jeff Lane, Commissioner



Audie Rowe, Commissioner



Dwight E. Purvis, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk

(County Seal)



CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: Adopt the County's Centennial Resolution.

2019 LMIG – There was no action on the 2019 LMIG project listing.

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

This the 4th day of October, 2018.

/s/ Debra Robinson, Chairman

/s/ Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk