

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session 6:00 p.m.
August 5, 2019

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

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

Chairman Lindsey Parrish called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Lane gave the invocation and the Commission led the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES: Commissioner Lane moved to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 15th meetings, second Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING 2019-2020 General Fund Budget - Commissioner Lane moved to enter into a public hearing with the right to return to regular session, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried.

Budget was presented.

There was no one present that spoke in favor or opposition of the budget.

Commissioner Purvis moved to close public hearing and return to regular session, second Commissioner Lane. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – MEMORIALIZING OLD QUITMAN ROAD AS DAVE AND COMER KING JACKSON MEMORIAL ROAD: Commissioner Lane moved to adopt the Resolution memorializing Old Quitman Road as the Dave and Comer King Jackson Memorial Road and authorize Chair endorsing the same, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING OLD QUITMAN ROAD AS
DAVE AND COMER KING JACKSON MEMORIAL ROAD

Honoring the life and contributions of David "Dave" Edward Jackson and his wife, Comer King Jackson, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Dave was born to Stephen and Elizabeth Moore Jackson, who were married 21 Nov 1890, and Dave married Comer King, daughter of Jefferson King and his wife, Lydia Pennington; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson and Lydia King were probably born as slaves in the 1840s, married in 1870, five years after slavery ended, and reared 12 children, including Comer; and

WHEREAS, Comer and her parents lived on the Adel & Quitman Road, as noted in the 1910 Berrien County Census; and

WHEREAS, David Edward Jackson was born in 1891, and Comer King was born in 1895, and they were united in marriage by JJ Parrish in Berrien County, GA on 25 Feb 1912; and

WHEREAS, Dave and Comer reared several children in Cook County, stressing the value of education and hard work, with Old Quitman RD forming a boundary for part of their extensive property; and

WHEREAS, Comer was listed as a teacher, according to Cook County's first Federal Census, enumerated in 1920; and

WHEREAS, Comer walked over three miles to reach the rural school where she taught; and

WHEREAS, Dave and Comer were involved in farming, raising livestock, and interacting with both Black and White people in various agricultural enterprises; and

WHEREAS, Dave taught his children and grandchildren to have strong work ethics in a segregated South, and the Jacksons welcomed friends and those in need to partake of food at their kitchen table, regardless of race; and

WHEREAS, Dave built a prominent home on South Highway 41, and became a funeral director late in life; and

WHEREAS, Cook County, GA seeks to recognize noteworthy people during this Centennial year, and finds the Jackson and King families to be such; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the approximate 6.02 miles of Old Quitman Road will hereafter be known as "Dave & Comer King Jackson Memorial Road," and that proper GA Department of Transportation signage will proclaim this designation.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of August, 2019

Lindsey Parrish, Chairman

ATTEST: Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk

LEE FULP MEMORIAL ROAD: Commissioner Purvis moved to memorialize Guy Copping Road from Old Coffee Road to Val Del as the Lee Fulp Memorial Road, second Commissioner Robinson. Motion carried 5 yes votes.

RESOLUTION 2020 CENSUS COUNT COMMITTEE: Commissioner Purvis moved to adopt the 2020 Census Count Committee Resolution and authorize the Chair's endorsement, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried.

**CREATION OF THE 2020 COOK COUNTY LOCAL
COMPLETE COUNTY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the United States Constitution to conduct a count of all persons; and

WHEREAS the Census count requires extensive work, and the Census Bureau requires partners at the state and local level to ensure a complete and accurate count;

WHEREAS Cook County's Complete County Committee will work with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of Georgia to strive for an accurate count;

WHEREAS Cook County's Complete County Committee will bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all persons of our community;

WHEREAS a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will enable the 2020 Census message reach more of our citizens; and

WHEREAS the following individuals shall be designated as Cook County's official Complete County Committee members:

Lamar Ray, 911 Director

Jennifer Thornton, Asst. Chief Appraiser

Bill Barton, Elections/Registration Board Chair

Sonya Philpot, City Clerk – Sparks

Rhonda Rowe, City Clerk - Adel

Theresa Barber, City Clerk- Lenox

Heather Green, Chamber Executive

James Spencer – Mayor, City of Cecil

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Cook County is committed to

1. Partner with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of Georgia and will form a local Complete County Committee seeking to support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will Disseminate 2020 Census information.

2. Encourage all county residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation.

3. Achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders.

Adopted by Cook County, Georgia this 5th day of August, 2019.

/s/ Lindsey Parrish, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk
(Seal)

AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN – PASSERO ENGINEERING: Commissioner Lane moved to approve the Airport Layout Plan prepared by Passero Engineering, Work Order #19-03 \$125,000, second Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

COMMUNICATION TOWER – REPEATER EQUIPMENT: Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Motorola Solutions quote, \$11,530, for digital repeater equipment for the Communication Tower located at 329 Ross Road, Lenox, second Commissioner Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATION TOWER – FENCE: Commissioner Lane moved to accept the quote for fencing at the communication tower (329 Ross Road, Lenox) from SIMS, \$1000, second Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried unanimously.

Quotes Received:

Yancey Fence Company, LLC	\$2450.00
Southern Advanced Solutions	3350.00
SIMS	1000.00
G & M Fence Co.	1650.00

ACCG SAFETY COORDINATOR: Commissioner Purvis made the motion to appoint Vicki Parish as the Safety Coordinator and authorize the Chair's endorsement on the verification forms, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried unanimously.

2017 CDBG PROJECT – SCRUGGS CONTRACT – CHASERVILLE: Commissioner Purvis moved to approve the 2017 CDBG Project Contract, Chaserville Road Improvement Contract with Scruggs Company, \$531,873.83, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

REGION 8 EMS COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Purvis moved to appoint Joe Cowart to the Region 8 EMS Council, second Commissioner Lane. Motion carried.

REED BINGHAM ROAD AND EVERGREEN CHURCH ROAD: Commissioner Rowe approved the 10% funding to be paid by the county for the Reed Bingham and Evergreen Church Road resurfacing project – GDOT contribution \$186,000 (or 90% of the project cost), second Commissioner Robinson. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

Executive Session: Personnel – Commissioner Lane moved to enter into an executive session with the right to return to regular session, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to close executive session and return to regular session, second Commissioner Lane. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

With all business concluded, meeting adjourned.

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

This the 5th day of August 2019.

/s/ Lindsey Parrish, Chairman

/s/ Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk