

LAND BANK COMMISSION MEETING

May 27, 2025

Paragould Land Bank Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 4:01 p.m.

Commissioners present were Keith White, Pat Austin, Kimberly Dale and Bobby Kasserman. Commissioner Blake Phillips was absent.

Mayor Agee, Director of Economic Development and CEO at the Paragould Regional Chamber of Commerce Allison Hestand, and Secretary/Treasurer Tara Sexton were present.

Old Business

Motion made by Commissioner Kasserman to approve the April 22, 2025, minutes; seconded by Commissioner Dale. All in favor.

Commissioners discussed updates on the Green Apartments project. The building has been completely demolished. Additional ideas were discussed for the property, with Commissioners leaning toward a pocket park for the Northend District. Amenities were discussed at length, such as a half basketball, half pickleball court, benches, and five to six diagonal parking spaces. Mayor Agee suggested filling in the existing hole left from the foundation with dirt from the Paragould Street Department. Commissioners discussed the legalities of upkeep of such a park and bringing the idea before the Parks Committee. Lastly, Commissioners discussed reaching out to Allen Engineering to see if they would be interested in pouring a concrete pad for the proposed courts when they have their “concrete school” in September.

Commissioners finalized purchase plans for banners for the Northend District. After researching, it was decided that forty (40) banners would be needed (and brackets) which can be obtained from Emerald’s Print Shop for a price of \$4,830.00. Brackets will be purchased from PMU at a price of \$130/each.

Commissioners discussed the upcoming Land Bank Auction, scheduled for May 28th. All Commissioners were invited and encouraged to attend.

New Business

Motion made by Commissioner Kasserman to approve the expenditures and deposits as presented in the May financial statement, as well as physical assets; seconded by Commissioner Austin. All in favor.

Mayor Agee presented an idea to the commission regarding W. Hunt Street, which is the border street for the Northend Overlay District. The mayor proposed putting in new curbs and gutter work on W. Hunt from the top of the hill and down to 3rd Street, as well as planting trees alongside the road. This would create a welcoming aesthetic for anyone entering the district and going east toward downtown. The Mayor and Commissioners discussed the financial obligations of such a project, where Mayor Agee presented quotes from the Street Department on completing the work.

Commissioners further discussed the need to close N. 4th Street when curb work is to be done, estimating two days of closures.

Commissioners also discussed the 8-Mile Creek Trail running down N. 4th Street, east on W. Hunt and to N. 3rd Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.



Keith White, Chairman

ATTEST:


Tara Sexton, Secretary/Treasurer