

RESOLUTION
TO SUPPORT AN OCMULGEE RIVER BLUEWAY
PARTNERSHIP AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
OCMULGEE RIVER BLUEWAY
FOR THE COUNTY OF BLECKLEY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the citizens of Bleckley County value its natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities afforded by the Ocmulgee River; and

WHEREAS, the citizens value the Ocmulgee River for water quality and habitat protection; and

WHEREAS, providing access to the river is a desired goal of the County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the County will greatly benefit from the recreational and natural experiences provided by the river and a designated blueway; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Bleckley County and visitors from throughout the State of Georgia and the United States have for more than twenty (20) years regularly and openly enjoyed and exercised a right of passage by boat on the Ocmulgee River as it travels through Bleckley and other counties, thereby establishing a public easement of passage on the river; and

WHEREAS, Bleckley County has participated and partnered with Twiggs, Pulaski and Houston counties to initially establish a blueway, further recreational uses, and coordinate economic development and tourism opportunities; and

WHEREAS, this initial blueway is consistent with the comprehensive land use plan of Bleckley County for recreational facilities for its citizens and appropriate, sound economic development uses of the river; and

WHEREAS, the County has previously funded portions of the Dykes Landing improvements project that were part of the feasibility study for the initial blueway; and

WHEREAS, the County has previously supported activities that promote recreational and other uses on and along the river; and,


WHEREAS, the citizens of Bleckley County have indicated their support for an expanded blueway partnership with other counties along the Ocmulgee River; and


WHEREAS, Bleckley County affirms and supports the initially planned Ocmulgee River Blueway beginning in Twiggs County at Bullard Landing and ending at Sandy Hammock in Pulaski County, to be of value and benefit to the citizens of Bleckley County and its neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, Bleckley County also affirms and supports expansion of the Ocmulgee River Blueway and establishment of an Ocmulgee River Blueway Partnership of all counties along the Ocmulgee River, beginning in Macon and ending at the confluence of the Altamaha River, to be of value and benefit to all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sole Commissioner of Bleckley County, Georgia that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, this 15th day of March, 2012.

By: 
Robert Brockman
Sole Commissioner, Bleckley County, Georgia

Attest: 
Diane Smith
County Clerk