



## The Commission

of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia

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**Charles Coffey, Chairman**  
**Timothy Biddle, Vice Chairman**  
**Gerald Douglas**  
**Damon Hoyte**  
**Jason Frost**

Kenneth Riner, County Manager  
Lisa Bickel, County Clerk  
Bin Minter, County Attorney

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### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WORK SESSION

**November 27, 2023**

**215 McNaughton St.**

#### **PRESENT:**

Commissioner Coffey  
Vice-Chairman Biddle  
Commissioner Douglas  
Commissioner Hoyte  
Commissioner Frost-Absent

Kenneth Riner, County Manager  
Lisa Bickel, County Clerk

**Chairman Coffey** called the Monthly Work Session of the *Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia* to order at 6:00 p.m., with all other Commissioners present, with the exception of Commissioner Frost and live streaming on our Facebook page.

#### **COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade might be rescheduled due to weather concerns. He still hasn't heard anything back from the new auditor. He will get back on the phone in the morning and try to make contact. ABM has made contact and has said there might be some charges with the Neptune software in our water department. **Commissioner Coffey** stated the bottom line with ABM is that we need an invoice showing what we paid and what we still owe, so we can be free and clear. He also said that we need to add engineer studies to our voting agenda.

#### **SPEAKERS:**

Ben McGarr with UGA Community Engagement Coordinator –River Valley Compatibility Plan presentation

#### **Department Head Updates:**

**Mordie Askew** gave updates for Recreation Department.

**Samantha Hedgecoke** gave updates for Community Development. She did state that Ms. Debbie Hart had to reschedule her CUP Hearing & that her Hearing will need to be changed to Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> at our first meeting of the year.

**Lou Beck** gave updates for FT Moore ACO.

**James Tate** gave updates for Public Works.

**Daniel Keith** – Had to be excused for water leak.

#### **COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATES:**

**NONE**

The following items were discussed as to their relevance for appearance on the Sept. 6, 2023 regular meeting agenda:

**EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY CALENDAR Commissioner Coffey** brought up the idea of taking some of the Holidays and making them floating Holidays to where employees can take the days when they would like to instead and have the county open on that Holiday instead. Item added to December agenda.

**COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR** Commissioner Coffey informed the Commission that there are two versions of the calendar, one with Work Sessions at 9:00 am and one with them at 6 pm. Item to be added to agenda.

**SPLOST Referendum 2025 DISCUSSION CHAIRMAN COFFEY** stated that there were a few departments that had turned in there Splost, but that we still needed Public Works and Water, keep on work session for continued discussion.

**BOX SPRINGS RD** still waiting on some items but can be added to the agenda in case the attorney has an answer by them.

**HEALTH DEPT VACANCY** if we have a name add to the agenda.

**GFL RATE INCREASE** add to agenda, but we need a representative from GFL to come back to answer questions.

**2022/2023 AUDITS** add to the December Work Session.

**CURRENT REVIEW WORKING BUDGET** add to December Work Session.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR APPLICATIONS** add to agenda.

**LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS OF JASON FROST & CHRISTINA YOUNG** add to agenda.

**PROPERTY BOOK OFFICER Commissioner Coffey** stated that the county needs someone to be held accountable for the county's equipment, tools, laptops, etc. Someone needs to start keeping track of what the county owns and who uses it, and when they quit, get fired, that they give it back or turn it in. For now, that person will be the County Manager. An actual book that shows everything the county owns.

**DECEMBER WORK SESSION TO BE CHANGED** the date falls on Christmas so the date will need to be changed, the commission agreed on the 27<sup>th</sup>. add to December agenda.

**ACCG MENTAL HEALTH AGREEMENT** add to December agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A Motion was made to go into executive session at 7:50 p.m. **Commissioner Hoyte** made the Motion, seconded by **Commissioner Biddle**. The vote to enter executive session was unanimous.

**Regular meeting reconvened:**

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:31 p.m. **Chairman Coffey** made the statement that the subjects discussed during the closed meetings were within the legal exceptions to the open meetings law and that no votes were cast within the session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be conducted by and with the Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia, Vice-Chairman Martin declared the Monthly Work Session of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:33 pm on Monday, November 27, 2023.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN



GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER

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DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER



JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

December 5, 2023  
DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the November 27, 2023, Work Session, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its December. 5,2023 regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY:   
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KENNETH RINER, COUNTY MANAGER  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF  
CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY

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