

The Commission

of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia

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Lisa Bickel, County Clerk
Bin Minter, County Attorney

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

December 5, 2023

215 McNaughton St.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Coffey Vice-Chairman Biddle Commissioner Douglas Commissioner Hoyte - Absent Commissioner Frost Kenneth Riner, County Manager Lisa Bickel, County Clerk

Chairman Coffey called the Regular Monthly Meeting 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 Hoyte and live streaming on our Facebook page.

SPEAKER

Johnnie Williams was in attendance to speak on agenda item GFL when the item came up.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Frost made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by **Commissioner Biddle**. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Commissioner Biddle made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2023 WORK SESSION MINUTES

Commissioner Biddle made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas.** The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 2023

Commissioner Frost made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN FORUM

NONE

12.5.23 Work Session

OLD BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN COFFEY told the Commission that the Attorney left a packet with his updates and that he would be available by phone if needed and that we would go over any of the updates if needed as they pertained to agenda items.

County Manager informed the Commission that the County Christmas Tree Lighting would be Friday December 8th and the Parade would be Saturday December the 9th. He also gave the Commission each a packet with updates on ABM and Ms. Robin Dunn and the new cemetery by laws.

NEW BUSINESS

County Manager informed the Commission that he had no new business to discuss.

EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2024: Motion made by Commissioner Biddle to accept the 2024 employee holiday calendar, Seconded by Commissioner Frost. The vote was unanimous.

<u>COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR 2024:</u> Motion was made by Commissioner Frost to accept the work Session calendar with the 6pm meeting date, there was no second after some discussion. Motion to accept the Commission meeting calendar with Work Sessions at 9:00 AM made by Commissioner Douglas, Seconded by Commissioner Biddle. The vote was passed, with Chairman Coffey voting for the motion, and Commissioner Frost voting against the motion.

BOX SPRINGS RD: Motion to accept the proposal from Brewer woods, and give the easement as-is, not the road, just easement access, County would have no expense in it, but would still maintain ownership of the road, made by **Commissioner Biddle**, Seconded by **Commissioner Frost**. The vote was unanimous.

GFL GARBAGE INCREASE: Chairman Coffey spoke with Attorney said contract would have to be rewritten, it is not month to month. Mr. Johnnie Williams was in attendance, he informed the Commission that GFL didn't have a copy of any contract with the county and that if the county did, that it was probably from when it belonged to MDI. Commissioner Biddle stated contract is showing MDI however it should've continued with GFL when they bought them out. Mr. Williams asked for a copy of the contract for his records. He will take it back to his manager and then come back to the Commission. Will put item on next Work Session for update.

<u>LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS OF JASON FROST AND CHRISTINA YOUNG:</u> Motion to approve and accept the appointments of both members made by **Commissioner Biddle**, Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**, the vote was unanimous.

ACCG MENTAL HEALTH RESOLUTION: Motion made to adopt and approve the resolution made by **Commissioner Frost, Seconded by Commissioner Douglas**, the vote was unanimous.

<u>CHANGING OF DECEMBER WORK SESSION:</u> Motion to change the date of the December Work Session to December 27th made by **Commissioner Biddle**, Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote was unanimous.

<u>HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT ALLISON RODRIGUEZ:</u> Motion to approve and appoint Allison Rodriguez, made by **Commissioner Biddle**, Seconded by **Commissioner Frost**. The vote was unanimous.

ENGINEERING PROPOSAL BIDS: Sewage project grant bids from Barge & EMC Engineering Services Inc., Motion made to accept the Bid from Barge made by **Commissioner Biddle**, Seconded by **Commissioner Frost**. The vote was unanimous.

<u>PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:</u> Motion to table until December 27th Work Session made by **Commissioner Frost**, Seconded by **Commissioner Biddle**. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made to go into executive session at 6:26 p.m. **Commissioner Biddle** made the Motion, seconded by **Commissioner Douglas.** The vote to enter executive session was unanimous.

Regular meeting reconvened:

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:17 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.

Chairman Coffey asked Mrs. Bickel when the county Christmas party would be, she replied December 15th from 12:00-2:00 at the rec center. He then asked the County Manager to look into the salary lines to see if we can give raises if it is in the budget, and let the Commission know before the 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted by and with the Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia, Chairman Coffey declared the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:25 pm on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN

TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER

<u>Absent</u>

DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER

JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

January 2, 2024 DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the December 5, 2023, Regular Meeting, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its January 2,2024 regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY:

LISA BICKEL, COUNTY CLERK UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF

CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY

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