



The Commission

of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia

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Chairman Coffey
Vice-Chairman Timothy Biddle,
Commissioner Damon Hoyte
Commissioner Gerald Douglas
Commissioner Jason Frost

Kenneth Riner, County Manager

Binford Minter, County Attorney

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WORK SESSION

July 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

215 McNaughton St

PRESENT:

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

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.

County Manager Updates

County Manager Kenneth Riner advised the **Commission** that the County is awaiting approval of the State for the fuel points. **Chairman Coffey** stated everything has been approved from the fire marshal and the commission previously approved the amount of \$250,000. Since the approval the rate has gone up to \$321,850. **Commissioner Douglas** asked if the new proposal would come with a generator? The **County Manager** advised that this does not include a generator, but Gas and Go has a generator on site and we would have access to the fuel and gas if we needed to. **Commission** would like to see pricing of generators added to next Work Session.

County Attorney Updates

The **County Attorney** was not present and did not provide the **Commission** nor the **County Manager** with any updates.

Department Update

***Robin Dunn- Finance Manager:** The **County Manager** advised that **Robin** couldn't make it but she will be in tomorrow and will be able to provide an update.

***Mordie Askew- Rec. Department Director:** provided an update for the recreation department.

***Samantha Hedgecoke Community Development Director:** Samantha provided a packet with updates for the Community Development Department. Part of Samantha's packet included updating the pricing of the alcohol ordinance. She included surrounding counties pricing with populations. The Commission did agree with Samantha that our current pricing was high and asked if she had a proposal for what it should be at. Samantha had a proposed list from a previous county manager. The Commission agreed with the list for our county, would like to see a new draft written up with the proposed changes by the next Work Session for a 1st read.

***Russell Rhodes- Water Department Director:** provided an update for the Water Department

***Mohammed Khan- Public Works Department:** provided an update for the Public Works Department

***Amanda Beaver- E-911 Director:** provided an update for the E-911 Department.

***Lou Beck- Ft. Moore Stray Facility:** Lou was not available to attend the meeting.

Speakers

Agenda Items

The following items were discussed as to their relevance for appearance on the August 1, 2023 regular meeting agenda:

- **Cemeteries:** Chairman Coffey advised that the group met and the submitted their minutes from their meeting. He says he told the group until they can present the Commission with bylaws, they cannot be considered an actual board. Until they have bylaws if anyone would like to get information about someone being buried in the cemeteries, they would have to contact the County Manager.
- **DFACS Appointing Two Board Members:** The Commissioners agreed to add this to the next meeting for voting.
- **Water Consumer Agreement:** The Commissioners agreed to add this to the next meeting for voting.
- **Alcohol Ordinance:** The Commission would like to have a draft with proposed new changes at next work session for 1st reading.

Executive Session

Commissioner Frost made the Motion to close the meeting to the public and enter Executive Session; Seconded by Vice-Chairman Biddle. The vote was unanimous. The executive session was entered at 6:48 p.m.

Regular Meeting Reconvened

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:22 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 except as those permitted per O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 within the session.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Biddle made a motion to adjourn the Work Session. Seconded by Commissioner Hoyte. The vote was unanimous. There being no further business to be conducted by and with the Commission of the


CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN


TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN


Absent - unable to sign
DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER


GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER

Absent - unable to sign
MASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

August 1, 2023
DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the July 24, 2023, Work Session, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its August 1, 2023, regular meeting.

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

Seal:

