



## *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**

Thomas Weaver, County Manager  
Lisa Bickel, County Clerk  
Bin Minter, County Attorney

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### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**Aug. 6, 2024**

**215 McNaughton St.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

Thomas Weaver, County Manager  
Lisa Bickel, County Clerk  
Bin Minter, County Attorney

**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, and live streaming on our Facebook page.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2024, REGULAR MEETING**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2, 2024, EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 22, 2024, PUBLIC HEARING & BOC WORK SESSION MINUTES**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 22, 2024 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

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

#### **OPEN FORUM**

**COMMISSIONER HOYTE** stated that Mr. Abercrombie came to him with an issue and would like to speak, but did not make the agenda deadline, none of the other Commissioners had an issue with hearing this request.

The **County Manager** also informed the Commission that Mr. Abercrombie was going to be allowed to speak regardless during either old business or new business, however if they would like for him to speak during speakers, he is not opposed to that either, that it is up to the Commission. **Chairman Coffey** stated to Mr. Josh Abercrombie this is your opportunity to speak, and that he just to state his name and address. **Josh Abercrombie**, 132 Patterson Rd., he stated over the past month he has had issues with washouts and exposed water lines, this has been made aware to the county, not only by means of phone calls to the front office, speaking to the public works director, the county manager, and putting in work orders for these issues. He said that yesterday afternoon the ditches and washouts had been resolved by the county employees from public works. However, he does not believe it should have taken this long for this issue to be resolved, the day before the meeting. He did thank those that did come and fix the road. **Chairman Coffey** did ask how long the water line has been an issue, **David Smith** replied, a couple of weeks. **County Manager Weaver** stated they have been out on Patterson Rd multiple times and did what he calls patchwork, but due to other roads needing repaired they couldn't necessarily get the equipment and manpower out there immediately, but they did make two trips out there where they did handwork and tried to appease the customer, however there was no way to get it perfect, but it was not like the county just did not show up at all. **Chairman Coffey** asked if it has been resolved now, **County Manager Weaver** stated yes.

## SPEAKER

**Steve Wagner**, 119 Paul Revere Dr., stated it has come to his attention that one of the Commissioners has filed several court cases against the county, and that there is a pending lawsuit as well as an EEOC complaint, and he would like to come straight to the head and get some corrective information, instead of a rumor, or what he has heard, or what he has researched or found out. He knows all the Commissioners are all elected at large to represent all the people, not just part of it, so his question is pertaining to a superior court case 23CD072, which was filed by **Commissioner Hoyte** and the EEOC filed against the County. He would like to go on record to say he voted for Mr. Hoyte. He is trying to keep every question a simple yes or no answer where he can, He asked **Commissioner Hoyte** "Beginning with on Dec. 8, 2022, did you not plead guilty to a county ordinance within the magistrate court?" **Commissioner Hoyte** Replied to **Mr. Wagner** that there will be some things he can not talk about. Mr. Wagner then stated he has over 35 years background in law enforcement and criminal justice program. **The Attorney** stated that he just wanted to remind them also of the standard policy and that the County Commissioners are not required to answer any questions. Mr. Wagner continued speaking saying, after this particular plea of guilty, did he file a plea rebuttal within thirty days? **Commissioner Hoyte** asked Mr. Wagner if he didn't mind if he could speak to him after the meeting offline, to which Mr. Wagner declined and said he wanted this on the record. **Commissioner Hoyte** declined to answer, **Mr. Wagner** said that he will answer it for him, the answer is no. Mr. Wagner then asked how many motions have been filed within the magistrate court or the superior court on **Commissioner Hoytes** behalf, **Mr. Wagner** stated there have been three magistrate, and seven superior court as of a week ago, considering your lawyer hasn't filed anymore. **Mr. Wagner** then asked if **Commissioner Hoyte** is aware that this is costing the county a significant amount of money, he stated this also causes problems for people who work for the county, who might not be able to get a pay raise because they are worried about having to fight him in court, or other budget things that might come up. He is saying "I" or "we" as in the taxpayers and we would have to be the ones that have to pay, and that irritates him a little bit. He stated it is also rumored that **Commissioner Hoyte** has filed a one-million-dollar lawsuit against the county, **Mr. Wagner** has not been able to locate this lawsuit, but rest assured he will continue looking. **Mr. Wagner** also has a question about the CUP's, since Dec. 2022, how many has **Commissioner Hoyte** voted for or against? **Commissioner Hoyte** replied he doesn't quite remember the number himself. **Mr. Wagner** stated he has emailed the paperwork requesting the information, when he gets it back he will let him know. **Mr. Wagner** also asked the route of the moving company used for the trailer at the ranch. **Commissioner Hoyte** stated they came up on Trotters Ridge Rd and onto Mustang Dr., drove to Ranch Rd, then onto Corral. **Mr. Wagner** asked if he was aware of any damages of other residents in the neighborhood, and did he make attempts to pay the damages or talk

the residents. **Commissioner Hoyte** replied he was only told about one issue of damage, and it was replaced by the moving company. **Mr. Wagner** asked about the permits and inspections why the permits were expired? **Commissioner Hoyte** replied there were two inspections done on the manufactured home itself, and the last one was not expired. The first one was done in 2020, and the last one was done in 2022 around March. **Mr. Wagner** asked when he moved the trailer, **Commissioner Hoyte** replied it was in June. Mr. Wagner stated he has a lot of unanswered questions but there are time constraints, he will continue to dig and investigate, he has gathered many documents and has recordings, he is questioning **Commissioner Hoyte's** ethical conduct, a burden of the builders of with excessive legal expenses disregard to the county ordinances and general conduct which are allegedly representing us on the board significantly brings you ability to conduct our business. "Ours" is being the taxpayer in an impartial and professional manner into an extreme question., **Mr. Wagner** is now specially requesting that **Commissioner Hoyte** continue his resignation report, if he fails to tenure his report he has prepared to within 14 days submit in writing to the **Chairman of Commission** that they hold a Election or a vote dismissing you, he is also in the process of forwarding a complaint to the Georgia Ethics Commission, let them review his conduct as a service member of this board. **Chairman Coffey** asked Mr. Wagner if that is all. **Mr. Wagner** stated yes.

### OLD BUSINESS

**ATTORNEY** draft amendment to the charter for Board of Elections. There will need to be an ordinance to adopt. Typically, this needs to go through the general assembly, but in this case, they already changed the law requiring all counties that still had a probate judge handling Elections, for the counties to create a Board of Elections. The language of this tracks closely to the state law. Most counties this size have a three-member board, and you are not required to have parties, partisans. Add to Work Session.

**County Manager** nothing currently for old business.

### NEW BUSINESS

**ATTORNEY** open record request, information isn't held by the county, has been resolved.

**County Manager** stated setting county millage rate to stay the same, Work Session and Public Hearing, also August 19<sup>th</sup> will need a called meeting for Millage Rate. Thanked the Tax Assessor and Tax Commissioners offices for all the work they did in getting this together. Areas that are questionable if they are private or public roads, Gibson Hill and Steeplechase. Sheriffs' office will start having the building open again from 8-5 again.

### AGENDA ITEMS

**Budget Amendments:** Motion to table made by **Commissioner Frost** to, seconded by **Commissioner Frost**. The vote was unanimous.

**Reappointment to IDA Walter Miller:** Motion made by **Commissioner Frost** to, seconded by **Commissioner Biddle**. The vote was unanimous.

**Reappointment to IDA Lou Beck:** Motion made by **Commissioner Biddle**, seconded by **Commissioner Frost**. The vote was unanimous.

**Four H Renewal & Request for Funding:** Motion made by **Commissioner Frost**, seconded by **Commissioner Biddle**. The vote was unanimous.

**DOT Roundabout Relocation Grant:** Motion made by **Commissioner Hoyte**, seconded by **Commissioner Biddle**. The vote was unanimous.

**Hoyte CUP 110 Stagecoach Rd:** Motion to table Dec. 3, 2024, or judgement reached made by **Commissioner Frost**, seconded by **Commissioner Biddle**. Commissioner Hoyte abstained from Voting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A Motion was made to go into executive session at 6:47 p.m. **Commissioner Frost** made the Motion, seconded by **Commissioner Biddle**. The vote to enter executive session was unanimous.

**Regular meeting reconvened:**

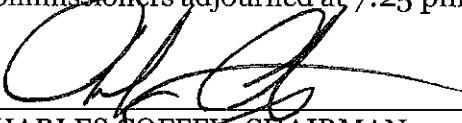
The regular meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m. **Chairman Coffey** made the statement that the subjects discussed during the closed meetings were within the legal exceptions to the open meetings law and that no votes were cast within the session. Subjects discussed were personnel and legal matters.

**Commissioner Hoyte** stated that after the election results, he did decide to write a resignation letter, he was going to resign from the commission, but then he thought you know the people of Chattahoochee County want to go in this direction who is he to try to change it, then the moment came he threw it out, and he is not going to resign, so to the people that want him to resign please continue the process, he is on the stadium bench. That is all he has.

**Commissioner Biddle** asked about the dip around the driveway coming out of the neighborhood service center driveway, there have been issues like the Chick fil a truck getting stuck, and the car show had issues as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

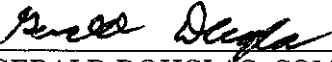
There being no further business to be conducted by and with the Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia, Chairman Coffey declared the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:25 pm on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



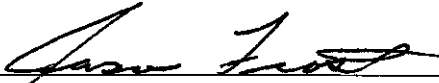
TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN



GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER

*Absent*

DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER



JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

Sept. 3, 2024  
DATE APPROVED

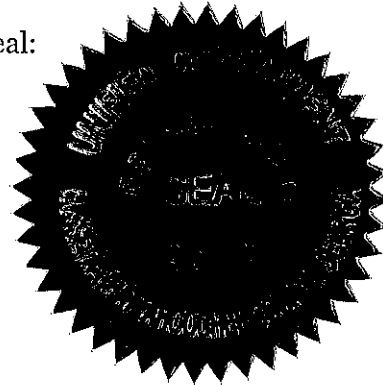
I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the Aug. 6, 2024, Regular Meeting, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its Sept. 3, 2024 regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY:



THOMAS WEAVER, COUNTY MANAGER  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF  
CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY

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**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia (herein after referred to as "Commission") is authorized by State Statute to appoint members to various Boards and organizations; and

**WHEREAS** the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) was created for the public purpose of promoting and expanding business, industry and trade in Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, and

**WHEREAS** there shall be five at large members appointed by the Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Board of Commission, who shall serve five-year terms; and

**WHEREAS** it is the desire of the Board of Commission to reappoint Linda Beck to a certain position on the IDA.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission has approved Linda Beck to fulfill that certain term on the Industrial Development Authority expiring on June 30, 2029

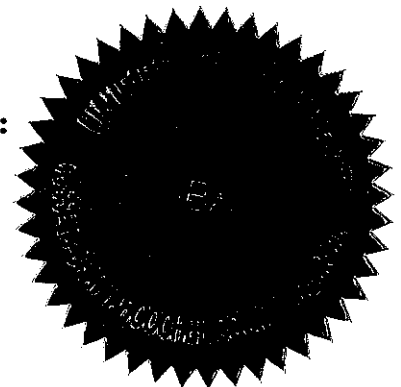
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Commission of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia this 6th day of August 2024.

  
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**CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTESTED**

**BY:**   
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**THOMAS WEAVER, COUNTY MANAGER  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF CUSSETA-  
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**WHEREAS** there shall be five at large members appointed by the Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Board of Commission, who shall serve five-year terms; and

**WHEREAS** it is the desire of the Board of Commission to reappoint Walter Miller to a certain position on the IDA.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission has approved Walter Miller to fulfill that certain term on the Industrial Development Authority expiring on June 30, 2029.

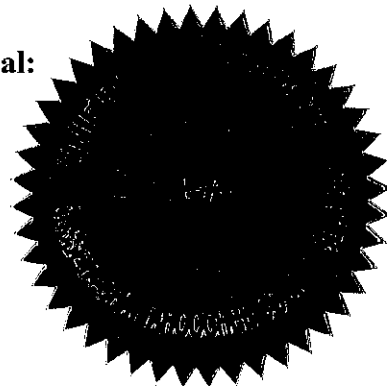
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**CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTESTED**

**BY:**   
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**THOMAS WEAVER, MANAGER  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF CUSSETA-  
CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**Seal:**



STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF Chattahoochee

### AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING MEMBERS

Charles Coffey, Member of the Chattahoochee County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The Chattahoochee County Board of commissioners met in a duty advised meeting on Aug. 6, 2024.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 6:45 a.m. (p.m.)

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

\_\_\_\_\_ Consultation with the county attorney or legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)

\_\_\_\_\_ Discussion of tax matters made confidential by the state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and *(insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential)* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Discussion or voting on

\_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing a settlement as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(A)

\_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(B)

\_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing an appraisal as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(C)

\_\_\_\_\_ Entering a contract for the purchase, disposal of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(D)

\_\_\_\_\_ Entering into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(E)

\_\_\_\_\_ Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)

\_\_\_\_\_ Interviewing candidates for executive positions as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)



2 Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ as provided in (insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic) Personnel is legal

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\_\_\_\_\_ During the course of the closed session devoted to exempt topics, an incidental remark regarding a non-exempt topic or an attempt to discuss a non-exempt topic was made.

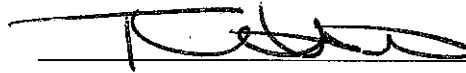
\_\_\_\_\_ The attempt was immediately ruled out of order and attempts to discuss same ceased immediately.

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6.

Minutes were taken of this meeting in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(e)(2)(C) and will be filled and help for in camera inspection only.

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 2024.



County Manager



County Board Commissioners Chairman



Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_

Aug. 2024  
Lisa Bickel

Notary Public

My Commission expires

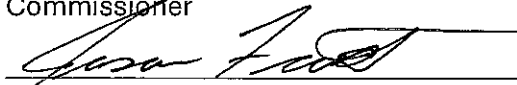
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*The Board of Commission  
of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia*

August 6, 2024

**PLEASE SIGN IN**  
SO THAT WE MAY RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE

1. Steve Wagner

2. Joshua Abernombie

3. Deloris Baker

4. Thomas Bickel

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### **MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING II**

**Aug. 26, 2024**

**215 McNaughton St.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

Thomas Weaver, County Manager  
Lisa Bickel, County Clerk

**Chairman Coffey** called the Public Hearing II of the *Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia* to order at 9:00 a.m., with all other Commissioners present, and live streaming on our Facebook page.

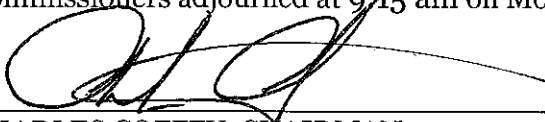
#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**CHAIRMAN COFFEY** opened the Public Hearing and stated this hearing is for setting the millage rate and asked if anyone was there to speak. The millage rate is 8.512. The **County Manager** stated it is basically staying the same as last year, just a hundredth of the rate increase from last year. **Chairman Coffey** stated they will give the public a few minutes in case the public is running a few minutes behind. **County Manager** Weaver also reminded everyone that this is also advertised in the newspaper and on our website, the five-year history. **Chairman Coffey** stated how the gross digest increased just slightly, just short of 64 million, and that all of this is public record for anyone who would like to come up and see. **Chairman Coffey** asked if there were any final comments.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing made By **Commissioner Frost**, Seconded by **Commissioner Hoyte**. The vote was unanimous.

**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 Public Hearing of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 9:15 am on Monday, Aug. 26, 2024.

  
CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN

  
TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN


  
GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER

  
DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER

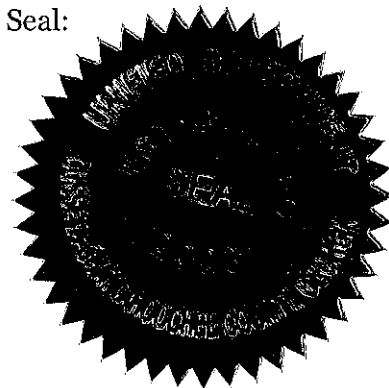
  
JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

Sept. 3, 2024  
DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the Aug 26, 2024, Public Hearing, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its Sept. 3, 2024 regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY:   
THOMAS WEAVER, COUNTY MANAGER  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF  
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### **MINUTES OF THE CALLED PUBLIC HEARING I**

**Aug. 19, 2024**

**215 McNaughton St.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

Thomas Weaver, County Manager  
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**Chairman Coffey** called the Public Hearing I of the *Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia* to order at 9:00 a.m., with all other Commissioners present , and live streaming on our Facebook page.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING I PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE**

**Chairman Coffey** opened the public hearing, the purpose is to set the millage rate, he stated that the millage rate is basically staying the same as last year, it will be 8.512 mills. The school's rate is 17.30, the net digest went down just a tad from last year. Everything in the tax digest is all public record anyone can come request a copy. **Chairman Coffey** stated he would wait a few minutes in case anyone from the public was going to show up to speak. **Chairman Coffey** did want to pass along thanks to the Tax Assessors office for all the work they put into to getting the digest together and ready. Nobody from the public came to speak so **Chairman Coffey** ask the Commission if anyone else had comments or concerns, nobody did. **Chairman Coffey** closed the Public Hearing.

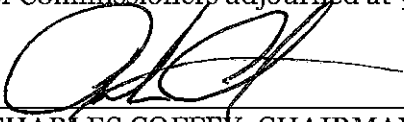
**Chairman Coffey** stated there was a letter to the chairman and to add it to the Work Session.

Next Public Hearing will be at the Work Session on Monday.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing I made By **Commissioner Frost**, Seconded by **Commissioner Biddle**. The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

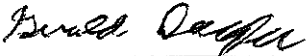
There being no further business to be conducted by and with the Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia, **Chairman Coffey** declared the Called Public Hearing I of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 9:11 am on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



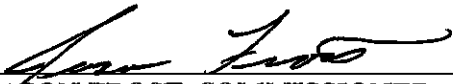
TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN



GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER

*Absent*

DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER



JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

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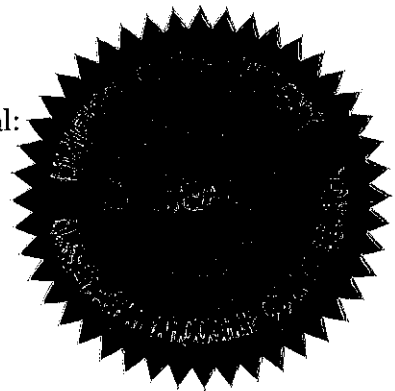
I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the Aug. 19, 2024, Public Hearing I, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its Sept. 3, 2024 regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY:



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*The Board of Commission*  
*of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia*

**August 26, 2024 -Public Hearing II Millage Rate**

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

Thomas Weaver, County Manager  
Lisa Bickel, County Clerk  
Bin Minter, County Attorney

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**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WORK SESSION**

**Aug 26, 2024**

**215 McNaughton St.**

**PRESENT:**

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

Lisa Bickel, County Clerk  
Thomas Weaver, County Manager

**Chairman Coffey** called the Monthly Work Session of the *Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia* to order at 9:00 a.m., with all other Commissioners present, and live streaming on our Facebook page.

**SPEAKER**

**Justin Brown:** Chief Ranger for Ga forestry gave his annual report from July-June. We pay .10 an acre for forestry protection, and it's about 34,000 acres. They held a public outreach program at the high school, which was a success. He stated they had 26 permits, which were 7 landowners, they only had 1 wildfire in Chattahoochee County. After his update Justin announced, he is going to Schley County, we are going to miss him, but the Commission does wish him well.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:**

Mordie Askew: Football registration has concluded, and they are now onto soccer, the splashpad is coming to a close for the season.

Samantha Hedgecock: Has gotten our first permit for Magnolia Grove.

Chris Tymes: Out with COVID, but is getting better and will be back soon, he did manage to get all the CUP taps done, and all the wells are online, they are working on projects repainting hydrants.

Lou Beck: GDOT offers free classes, and we are going to have them here at the EMA room for our public works staff. We are hiring for Mechanic, and 3 crew members.

**COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

**County Manager Weaver** – Thanked everyone who came to get the motor grader from being stuck. He was contacted by the EMS billing company just to say thank you, and he wanted to give a mention to Johnny & Bucher. We had a public Works employee that we moved into the maintenance position Shawn Ellison, and he is rocking and rolling. The sewer grant that was applied for was not awarded, however after Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> we can discuss the who's, whys and what's, and what we can do to improve on. We are in the process of payroll outsourcing, should be live and ready to go soon. The roundabout is still on schedule and should see construction around the beginning of the year. Enterprise lease program, two vehicles that need replaced, we aren't really saving any money. What I would rather see is when the vehicles come off, we don't renew. He



would rather go to Allen Vigil and purchase at the Government rate and own the vehicle. Tax Assessors sales ratio study came back and it is on track, it is 37.3, when we see them please tell them good job and thank you.

The following items were discussed as to their relevance for appearance on the Sept. 3, 2024, regular meeting agenda:

**Old City Hall Building to be used by Board of Education** – They would like to use the school for a central registration site for all students to come to, they would pay for all utilities, and upkeep, lieu of rent and would like to come to the next Work Session to speak to the Commission unless they have an agreement to vote on by the regular meeting.

**Anthony Leach s5 VA – Chairman Coffey** just wants to clarify the law on veterans and the back dating, **County Manager Weaver** stated he will get the actual dates as well. add to agenda as voting item.

**Cardboard Compactor at the Recycle – County Manager** stated he will have a rental or lease agreement that will need voted on to go with this, he will be meeting with Jimmy with GFL Wednesday - add to agenda as voting item.

**Appoint Rob Marion to RVRC** – add to agenda as voting item.

**Allowing Businesses at the Recycle Center – County Manager Weaver** is working on an actual process for businesses, with three part invoices to make it easier & it can be billed to the business, and sent with the water bill add to agenda as voting item.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A Motion was made to go into executive session at 9:35 a.m. **Commissioner Frost** made the Motion, seconded by **Commissioner Biddle**. The vote to enter executive session was unanimous.

#### **Regular meeting reconvened:**

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Vice Chairman Biddle** 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. Subjects discussed were legal matters and personnel.

**Board of Elections** – Attorney should have ready add to agenda as voting item.

**Adoption of Millage Rate** – Millage rate from both Public Hearings, 8.512, this is official vote, add to agenda as voting item.

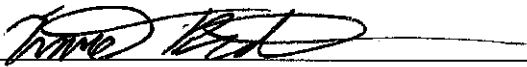
**Letter from Steve Wagner** – Waiting until advise from attorney, table to Work Session.

## ADJOURNMENT

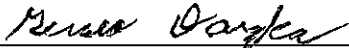
There being no further business to be conducted by and with the Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia, Vice Chairman Biddle declared the Monday Work Session of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 10:25 am on Monday, Aug. 26, 2024.



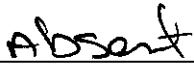
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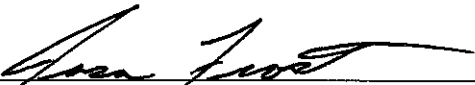
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Sept 3, 2024  
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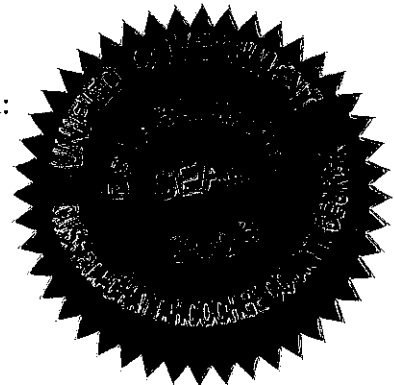
I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the Aug. 26, 2024, Work Session, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its Sept 3, 2024, regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY:



THOMAS WEAVER, COUNTY MANAGER  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF  
CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY

Seal:



STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF Chattahoochee

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING MEMBERS

Chattahoochee, Member of the Chattahoochee County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The Chattahoochee County Board of commissioners met in a duty advised meeting on

Aug. 26, 2024.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. /p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

\_\_\_\_\_ Consultation with the county attorney or legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)

\_\_\_\_\_ Discussion of tax matters made confidential by the state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Discussion or voting on

\_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing a settlement as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(A)

\_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(B)

\_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing an appraisal as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(C)

\_\_\_\_\_ Entering a contract for the purchase, disposal of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(D)

\_\_\_\_\_ Entering into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(E)

\_\_\_\_\_ Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)

\_\_\_\_\_ Interviewing candidates for executive positions as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)

✓ Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law): Personnel & legal  
\_\_\_\_\_ as provided in (insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the  
topic) \_\_\_\_\_

5.

\_\_\_\_ During the course of the closed session devoted to exempt topics, an incidental remark regarding a non-exempt topic or an attempt to discuss a non-exempt topic was made.

- \_\_\_\_ The attempt was immediately ruled out of order and attempts to discuss same ceased immediately.
- \_\_\_\_ the attempt was immediately ruled out of order. However, the comments did not cease, so the closed/executive session was immediately adjourned without discussion or action being taken regarding any non-exempt topic.

6.

Minutes were taken of this meeting in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(e)(2)(C) and will be filled and help for in camera inspection only.

This 26 day of Aug, 2024.

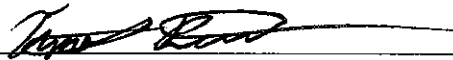


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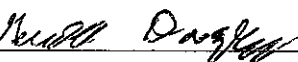


County Board Commissioners Chairman

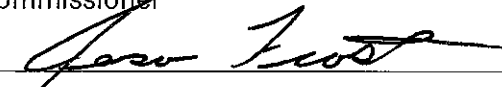
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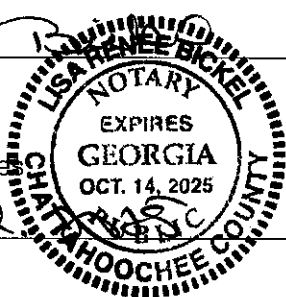
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Lisa Bickel

Notary Public

My Commission expires

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