



The Commission

of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia

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Thomas Weaver, County Manager
Lisa Bickel, County Clerk
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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WORK SESSION

April 22, 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.

SPEAKERS: Carlos Negron came to speak on the conditional use permit process, and how it isn't friendly or convenient for the public. He does admit he made a mistake with his cup and purchased his mobile home before he acquired his permit. He is doing this all for his in-laws, and just wants to be able to have a place for his family to live on his property. **Chairman Coffey** asked if he went to Planning & Zoning for approval or denial, he said no they haven't. **Chairman Coffey** stated that it must go through Planning & Zoning first before it comes to the Board of Commission for final approval. **Commissioner Hoyte** said Planning & Zoning told Mr. Carlos to come back this month, however they aren't going to have a meeting, they are cancelling, which is an inconvenience, so he is suggesting that the Board of Commission allow him a Public Hearing at the next meeting or Work Session. **Chairman Coffey** stated that he is all about helping the citizen, however they must proceed with caution because if they start doing this for one, they must do it for all. **Commissioner Frost** suggests that they reach out to the Chair of Planning & Zoning to see if there is already a letter of recommendation for Mr. Carlos. **Commissioner Biddle** stated that there have been other CUPs in the county that haven't gone through, even his own, and his was going to be all new also, but we are willing to help any way we can. **County Manager Weaver** thanked Mr. Carlos for coming in person and speaking on the matter so we can tweak and adjust the issue and be able to address his concerns, instead of complaining or going on Facebook. He appreciates it from a manager's standpoint. **Chairman Coffey** stated he will go back to the next Planning & Zoning meeting to try to help explain the process once again and **County Manager Weaver** said he will also put together a steps checklist for the process and go to the meeting as well. **Commissioner Hoyte** said Planning & Zoning had a lot of confusion at their last meeting. The entire Commission agreed that it should all be simplified.

COUNTY MANAGER OFFICE UPDATES: County Manager Weaver gave updates for Ms. Hedgecoke; one included the upcoming Spring festival & car show. The upcoming drive thru rabies clinic will be on a Tuesday June 11th. The Planning & Zoning meeting will be rescheduled for May 23rd. He also gave Public Works Director Lou Becks, one was for Patterson Rd, it is currently being worked on and repaired. Hopefully at the

end of next week it will be completed. Cemetery work is still to be done, some trees will be cut down, some erosion control and maybe some equipment work. At the far end of Firetower Rd. we have some back filling, there were some bad spots on the road we needed to get to, we will make our way to HWY 137 next.

Department Head Updates:

Mordie Askew gave updates for the Recreation dept., one was Splashpad repair should be finished before time of opening. It has been installed, just a few technical issues with updated wiring and hard drive.

Teri Hancock gave updates on the water dept., one was that they are still having issues with the hoppers on Well 1 & 3. The bids on the drying beds will begin once they get some dry time. The guys will have to clean out the dry beds before the work can start. The lead surveys are out and, on the newsletters, and on Facebook, you can scan a QR Code, and it will go to your information and come right back to Ms. Teri and it will upload on a spreadsheet.

The following items were discussed as to their relevance for appearance on the May 7, 2024, regular meeting agenda:

Budget Amendments- The County Manager is working with Ms. Dunn on getting the amendments ready, will it is an in depth process and will have something hopefully by the next meeting.

Proclamation – Enrichment Service Center- Proclamation for Community Action Month, to be added to the agenda for voting item.

Board of Health Appointment (Thomas Weaver) – County Manager Weaver will replace Mr. Riner on the Board of Health. To be added as a voting item.

Approval of Budget Calendar – Dates for all the budget public hearings, called meetings and accepting of the budget, to be added as a voting item.

Reschedule of May Work Session for May 28th – We will be closed on May 27th for Memorial Day, so this will be Tuesday the following day, to be added as a voting item.

RFP for Solid Waste Services – Our contract with GFL is up in August, so we need to start getting something out to bid, no need to be on the agenda.

Barge Preliminary Engineering Report – Report that gives up to date options and is the backbone, possibly find a grant that can cover this. This is where we are at right now, it is the for the sewer expansion.

Commissioner Hoyte gave an opioid update we had members already appointed to our region, they will be deciding what to spend the opioid settlement money on. He also wanted to state something from earlier, and put it on the record with **Commissioner Biddle** and his Conditional Use permit, that was a choice that you decided to take back, you didn't want to proceed with that process. His concern was that **Commissioner Biddle** was not the owner of the property, and he wanted an explanation, and how did planning & zoning approve that without any conditions. **Commissioner Biddle** stated the signature of the property owner was on the permit, the property owner gave him permission to apply for the permit, he stated why buy a piece of land, that you cannot use, so he wanted to see if the permit would go through before he purchased the property, but the owner of the property did sign for him to apply for that permit. **Commissioner Hoyte** stated that was his only concern, was the ownership of the property.

Commissioner Frost will not be at the May 7th meeting, he will be out of town.

Chairman Coffey stated we do have a preliminary approval for the wash rack IGSA. There are several others coming up, if we are all on board it will be a great opportunity. They just had questions for us, our level of commitment, service and outreach with FT. Moore, are we still committed to pursuing future IGSA's, **Chairman Coffey** didn't want to speak for the Board, he just wanted to get this out there for the rest of the Commission. **Chairman Coffey** also informed the Commission on ABM and it has been closed out we need to decide on a date for the public Hearing date for Mr. Carlos Negron, The Commission decided on May 14th at 6

pm. **Commissioner Hoyte** asked to put his Conditional Use Permit and the other Conditional Use Permit on the public hearing as well. County Manager Weaver thanked staff & Commissioners for giving him the opportunity, that everyone has helped him since he came aboard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


A Motion was made to go into executive session at 10:14 a.m. **Commissioner Frost** made the Motion, seconded by **Commissioner Hoyte**. The vote to enter executive session was unanimous.

Regular meeting reconvened:

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:17 a.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, Chairman Coffey declared the Monday Work Session of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 10:37 am on Monday, April 22, 2024.



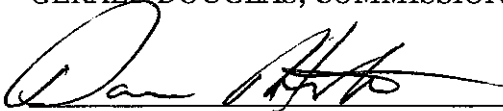
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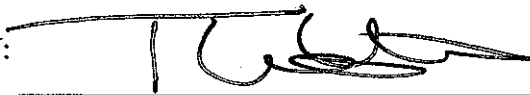


JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

May 7, 2024
DATE APPROVED

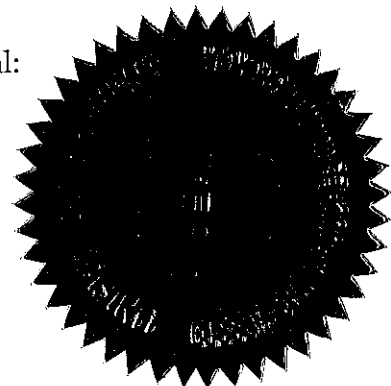
I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the April 22, 2024, Work Session, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its May 7, 2024, regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY:



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

Seal:



STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF Chattahoochee

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING MEMBERS

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 duly advertised meeting on

April 22, 2014.

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 other 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 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 of 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)

X Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law): Legal issues
____ 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. § 50-14-1(e)(2)(C) and will be filed and held for in-camera inspection only.

This 22 day of April, 2024.

Member _____
[Signature]
County Board of Commissioners

[Signature]
Commissioner

[Signature]
Commissioner

[Signature]
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of
April 22, 2024.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires
[Signature]


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

April 22, 2024
Work Session

PLEASE SIGN IN
SO THAT WE MAY RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE

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