

The Commission

of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia

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MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING

March 25, 2024

215 McNaughton St.

PRESENT:

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

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 9:00 a.m., with all other Commissioners present, and live streaming on our Facebook page.

Conditional Use Permit Timothy Biddle

Chairman Coffey stated this conditional use permit was for 107 Red Oak Lane, there were no stipulations for this conditional use permit, no objections at the public hearing, Commissioner Biddle wishes to sit out on the vote for this hearing. Commissioner Frost made a motion to approve, Commissioner Douglas made a second, then there was some discussion, Commissioner Hoyte had some concerns with the conditional use permit, he had a couple of issues, his first was that Mr. Biddle was not the landowner, next is that he will not be living at the residence, his third issue is that it is a subdivision with stick built homes on the street of Red Oak Lane, and those are his issues with it. Chairman Coffey stated that the public hearing was held and that nobody came to object, we are still trying to perfect this process, all the items mentioned were under condition, and that some people have gone out of order on how they have done things before., we are trying to perfect the process or get it the best way so that the people know how to do it, but conditions are set before the permit will be issued. Commissioner Biddle told Chairman Coffey that he would like to recluse his permit and go on to the next one. Chairman Coffey stated he thinks they did a pretty decent job at the public hearings, identifying what may be fair on each of those requests, then stated that Commissioner Hoyte was absent for that meeting, in which most of his concerns were brought up. Chairman Coffey asked if they would like to withdraw their motions, Commissioner Douglas withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Frost made the motion to table the conditional use permit, Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas.** The vote was unanimous.

Conditional Use Permit Debbie Hart - 162 GA Hwy 162

Commissioner Hoyte stated he would like to be replotted with the separation of one acre for the manufactured home. **Chairman Coffey** stated we did make conditions in the Public Hearing that it would need to be one acre surveyed off for the manufactured home, it also has to be accessible and not landlocked, and if there were no access an easement would have to be deeded.

Commissioner Biddle made the motion to approve the conditional use permit if conditions are met. Seconded by **Commissioner Hoyte**. The vote was unanimous.

<u> Conditional Use Permit Roland/Holland – 133 GA Hwy 26</u>

Chairman Coffey stated this one also has conditions before the permit can be granted, the lots must be surveyed into one acre lots, and if it doesn't have access and it is landlocked it must be deeded easement or access.

Commissioner Biddle made the motion to approve the conditional use permit if conditions are met. Seconded by **Commissioner Hoyte**. The vote was unanimous.

County Manager Offer

Chairman Coffey stated that they needed to go into executive session for about three minutes for discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made to go into executive session at 9:11 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 9:21 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.

County Manager Offer

Chairman Coffey we made an offer to Thomas Weaver to be our new County Manager, he did accept, so let the record reflect his start date is March 25, 2024.

Motion for the offer and hire for Thomas Weaver as County Manager made by **Commissioner Frost**, Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote was unanimous.



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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WORK SESSION

March 25, 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 9:25 a.m., with all other Commissioners present, and live streaming on our Facebook page.

<u>SPEAKERS:</u> Noelle Delalla with Governmental affairs Ripple Fiber, they would like to potentially look at Chattahoochee County as a site for bringing Fiber Internet.

COUNTY MANAGER OFFICE UPDATES:

County Clerk Lisa Bickel gave Advance Voting dates and meet & greet dates for the candidates. Reaching back out to ABM, to see where they are at.

Department Head Updates:

Mordie Askew conducted interviews for new staff. Easter egg hunt is coming up, splashpad install coming up soon. Paving walking trail at City Park, getting quotes in.

Samantha Hedgecoke Chickfila food truck will be back in April, newsletter going out every month in water bill. Trash pick up will be a day early this week.

Chris Tymes hopper at well 3 went down, but well 1 is working, we have turned in our water budget already. **Lou Beck** we were able to get LMIG after resubmitting it. Would like to go back to the window decals for the recycle.

The following items were discussed as to their relevance for appearance on the March 5, 2024, regular meeting agenda:

Budget Review – Ms. Robin gave us a new sheet for updates. Mr. Weaver said he used to print something out before in Caselle for the Commission.

Budget Amendments 2022/2023 Chairman Coffey stated they have not had a cleanup for 2022 or 2023, so this is what we have before us. If there is no objection we need to have this at our next meeting for an agenda item.

2022/2023 Audits was given to new auditor, but other auditor did get her firm license, so we resubmitted to the state, it is under desk review, therefore we are able to apply for grants and are in compliance. However, we are not stopping the other auditor until we know these are accepted by the state. Can keep on Updates as we get information.

Cemetery Committee Proposal to stay on work session, they would like to have a flagpole and a trashcan at the cemetery. They have new rules or regulations, review and go back to their board for approval, then we can approve. They asked where we were on the dirt work, if we could clean the road, possibly pave the road. They asked if we could conduct a survey or had any intent on doing so. **County Manager Weaver** asked what budget this would be coming out of.

County Property Chairman Coffey stated we need to know where keys and property are and where it stays, if we can just research this, and account for property. Also maybe look into seeing a list of equipment that could be up for auction.

Call for Budget Amendments Chairman Coffey stated that Probate is asking for funds for a Computer, Election, and Salary adjustment. **Chairman Coffey** started reading water dept breakdown worksheet, he mentioned they did have a lot of leaks. **County Manager** to review before added to agenda.

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, March 25, 2024.

CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN

TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER

DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER

ASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

April 2, 2024 DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the March 25, 2024, Work Session, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its April 2, 2024, regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY:

LISA BICKEL, COUNTY CLERK UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF

CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY

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