



The Commission

of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia

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Gerald Douglas, Commissioner
Damon Hoyte, Commissioner
Jason Frost, Commissioner

Kenneth Riner, County Manager
Lisa Bickel, County Clerk

Binford Minter, County Attorney

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

August 1, 2023, 6:06 p.m.
215 McNaughton St

PRESENT:

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

Kenneth Riner, County Manager
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Upon the manager's calling the roll, noting the absence of **Commissioner Hoyte, and Commissioner Frost, Chairman Coffey** called the Regular Meeting of the *Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia* to order at 6:06 p.m. and livestreaming on Facebook with all the other Commissioners present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF July 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING **APPROVAL OF July 24, 2023 WORK SESSION**

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE July 24, 2023 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairman Biddle made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote to approve the Minutes as written was unanimous.

OPEN FORUM

None

OLD BUSINESS

The County Attorney: The **County Attorney** advised the **Commission** that there is no update for the Quiet Title Action for the Historical Society. He says that his partner Frank Virgin has not got a chance to complete it because he is currently out of town on vacation this week. He also says that he would need to meet with the County Manager and the Chairman about the survey for Box Road.

The Manager: The **County Manager** advised the **Commissioners** that the Rodeo will be August 18, 2023, and would like to invite everyone to come out. Also the County will start hauling dirt to the Upper Cemetery starting August 2, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

The County Attorney: None

The Manager: The **County Manager** advised the **Commissioners** that August 3, 2023 the County will attend the IGSA signing on Ft. Moore, and the **Commissioners** are invited to attend. He also advised that Mr. Alan Horniday, the Chief Appraiser for the Tax Assessor is here to discuss the Counties' Millage Rates. **Chairman Coffey** explained that the County will have to have three Public Hearing for the Approved Millage Rates. He says the first hearing will be in the morning of the Work Session The second meeting will be during the Work Session and the last meeting will be at the next Regular Meeting.

SPEAKERS

Alan:

Alan advised that the third meeting date would need to be changed to meet the requirements of the state. The state requires that the five-year tax history is posted in the paper for at least seven days after publication. The **Commission** agreed to add a Public Hearing to the Schedule on August 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Also there will be a second Public Hearing before the Work Session on August 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. They also agreed to change the September Regular Meeting from September 5, to September 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to meet the requirements of the state. **Alan** provided the Commission with a packet and explained to them that they would like to keep the Millage Rate the same, that is why there is a required to have three Public Hearing before accepting the adopt the Millage Rates.

COMMISSIONERS:

Vice- Chairman Biddle made a motion to amend the agenda to make the appropriate changes for the Public Hearings and to change the date of the next Regular Meeting. Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Agenda Schedule Change

August 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

August 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

September 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

DFACS Appointing of two Members: Vice-Chairman Biddle made a motion to appoint Mrs. Deloris Baker to the DFACS Board. Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Douglas made a motion to appoint Mrs. Martha Burgamy to the DFACS Board. Seconded by **Vice-Chairman Biddle**. The vote was unanimous.

Water Consumer Agreement: Vice-Chairman Biddle made a motion to approve the Water Consumer Agreement. Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. **Vice-Chairman Biddle** asked the County Attorney if he and Russell had gone over and handled everything that was in the agreement. "Yes", the **County Attorney** replied. The **County Attorney** says he would like to make sure that the prices are correct, and it wasn't a typo on his. The Commission explained that they had talked to Russell and those prices are correct. The vote was unanimous.

Approval/ Denial of C.U.P: Vice-Chairman Biddle made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for 149 Box Spring Rd. Cusseta, Ga. 31805. Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote was unanimous.

Comments:

Vice-Chairman Biddle advised the community that he has spoken with the County Manager about the roads that needs to be patched with asphalt. The roads that will be patched is Manner Rd. and at the four-way intersection of Wells St. and Broad St. because there were some concerns about the school bus making right hand turns because of the barrels in the road. He also says they have discussed either renting the equipment so the Public Works department can patch the road or contract Phenix Paving. He also says that the road near the post office where the Water Department had a water leak, they had to dig up the asphalt to stop the leak. He asked that the debris that was left behind be cleaned up and for the area to be patched with the asphalt as well. **Vice- Chairman Biddle** also says that it was brought to his attention that there was a bond done with a citizen for a road, and says he is unsure how it was done in the past but in the future if anyone needs a road bond, they should go through the proper bonding company procedure and the county does not get involved. The **County Attorney** advised the **Commission** that they should create a list of the companies that can provide those services. **Chairman Coffey** says that to his understanding the county was trying to help but it potentially could've backfired and hurt the County.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Douglas made the to close meeting to the public and enter Executive Session, seconded by **Vice-Chairman Biddle**. The vote to enter Executive Session was unanimous. Executive Session was entered at 6:43 p.m.

Regular Meeting Reconvened:

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:07 p.m. **Chairman Coffey** made the statement that the subjects discussed during the closed meetings were personnel matters and legal concerns and 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:

Commissioner Hoyte made the Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Commissioner Frost**. The vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

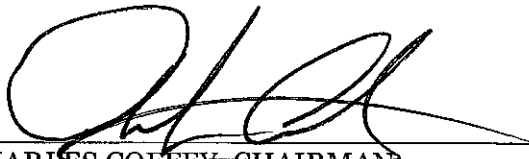
There being no further business to be conducted by and with the Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Vice-Chairman Biddle declared the Board of Commission Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m., July 11, 2023.

Comments:

Chairman Coffey asked the **County Manager** to post the Public Works Director job on the website. He also says that there has been some discussion about the employees not receiving a pay raise. He asked if the **Commission** if by January 1, 2024, if the county is on track with their budget how do they feel about amending the budget to give the employee's a pay raise. To show the employees we do appreciate what they do if the money is there. **Commissioner Douglas** says that he thinks that the employees should also get evaluations. **Commissioner Biddle** also agreed that we should either do a raise or an evaluation for the employees, it gives them something to look forward to.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Biddle made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

Absent

DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER



GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER

Absent

JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

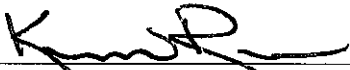
DATE

APPROVED

September 6, 2023

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the August 1, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, was approved via a majority vote by the Commission in its September 6, 2023 regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY:



KENNETH RINER, COUNTY MANAGER

Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia

SEAL:

