



The Commission

of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia

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Damon Hoyte
Jason Frost

Kenneth Riner, County Manager
Lisa Bickel, County Clerk
Bin Minter, County Attorney

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WORK SESSION

August 28, 2023

215 McNaughton St.

PRESENT:

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

Kenneth Riner, County Manager
Lisa Bickel, County Clerk
Bin Minter, County Attorney

Chairman Coffey called the Monthly Work Session of the *Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia* to order at 6:07 p.m., with all other Commissioners present, and live streaming on our Facebook page.

COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:

Mr. Riner informed the Commission on Local option sales tax payment of \$31,432.00, from the Dept. of Revenue. The Engineer came out and inspected the cemetery and construction will resume, everything is looking good.

Department Head Updates:

Mordie Askew gave updates for Recreation Department.
Samantha Hedgecoke gave updates for Community Development.
Lou Beck gave updates for FT Moore ACO and for Public Works.

SPEAKERS:

None

COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATES:

Attorney Bin Minter updated the Commission on the quiet title deed action, he has contacted the sole proprietor.

The following items were discussed as to their relevance for appearance on the Sept. 6, 2023 regular meeting agenda:

Capital Budget Discussion, CHAIRMAN COFFEY stated that we are continuing with last years budget and projected it is for four more years, **CHAIRMAN COFFEY** advised the **COMMISSION** that they need to look at the capital budget and start thinking about either keeping the same or make changes, adding to or take away from it. He would like to mention the Enterprise lease agreement and set up a meeting with them to come and explain some things to us. **CHAIRMAN DOUGLAS** would like to see HVAC possibly added to it. Work in progress will be added to the next Work Session.

SPLOST Referendum 2024 DISCUSSION CHAIRMAN COFFEY informed Commission that it is almost up and time to decide if **COMMISSION** wants to continue, modify, or add to existing. Add to next work session for continued discussion.

ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATE add to September 6th as agenda item for voting item.

ALCOHOL ORDINANCE FIRST READ, Second read to be added as agenda item on September 6th

DFACS Reappointments of Cornelia King and Phyllis May, add to agenda for voting item.

TRANSIT authority appointing of two new members **VICE-CHAIRMAN BIDDLE** and **COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS**, to be added as agenda for voting.

CHAIRMAN COFFEY discussed overtime for employees. Emergencies due to callouts are understood, but will still need to be approved by management, and an employee can still use comp time instead of overtime. No overtime unless department head and county manager are aware and approve and sign off on it. Looking into a policy by next work session.

MAINTENANCE BOND, CHAIRMAN COFFEY spoke on roads county took over from Jack Niebel, in lieu of bond, check was given to county but never cashed, survey conducted by engineer has come out and looked at roads, everything checks out and the engineer wrote letter of release. **BIN MINTER** said no vote is needed; the obligation is expired. **CHAIRMAN COFFEY** stated to type a letter saying check has been released, and have it notarized. We can release the check back to Mr. Niebel and he is no longer obligated.

2021 AUDIT CHAIRMAN COFFEY would like to have **WILL GEER** our auditor come to our next Work Session meeting to brief the Commission on findings. We received our audit but never our briefing. **Bin Minter** stated the Dept of Audit site does have our 2021 audit submitted, however it was not submitted to Carl Vinson. **CHAIRMAN COFFEY** also updated **COMMISSION** on 2022 Audit status from Ms. Dunn. She doesn't have a completion date as of yet, but we are right on target with it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made to go into executive session at 6:57 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 8:00 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.

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 Martin declared the Monthly Work Session of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:02 pm on Monday, August 28, 2023.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN



GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER



DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER



JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

September 6, 2023
DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the August 28, 2023 Work Session, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its Sept. 6, 2023 regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY:



KENNETH RINER, COUNTY MANAGER
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF
CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY

Seal:

