



The Commission

of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia

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Jason Frost

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MINUTES OF THE CALLED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING I

June 4, 2024

215 McNaughton St.

PRESENT:

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

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

Chairman Coffey called the Budget Public Hearing I of the *Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia* to order at 6:00 p.m., with all other Commissioners present except for Commissioner Hoyte, and live streaming on our Facebook page.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING I

County Manager Weaver stated when we sent out the request to the departments for their budgets and when we got them back, we were just shy \$2,000,000.00 over budget what our revenue will bring in. Last work session County Manager brought several line-item adjustments and cuts where he had made that brought us down to 1.4 million still off, he has since then made more adjustments and cuts to the budget and we are currently 621,000 off, which is not perfect, he feels if he makes more cuts at this moment, it would be necessarily not educated or not thought out. He would like to recommend that the Commission pass the budget by going into the reserve account. **Chairman Coffey** stated he found some cuts in the budget around \$300,000.00, the biggest department being Public Safety and he believes we should look at these numbers, another is EMS since it is brand new. Chairman Coffey also brought up surrounding counties and how they have a lot bigger areas to patrol and, but we are spending more money. **Chairman Coffey** stated if after we put our heads together and look at these other departments and the County Manager still says we would need to come out of the reserve he will respect that to, but when these departments need an amendment, they need to start coming and asking and explaining why they need one. **County Manager Weaver** stated that the county needs to have an actual contingency plan. **Commissioner Frost** stated he wanted to bring up thinking outside the box with staffing, by having someone as a floater to help with all offices. **Commissioner Biddle** stated that he just wanted to thank County Manager Weaver and he doesn't hold him accountable for where we were and thank him for getting us where we are now. **County Manager Weaver** would like to start working on a budget earlier instead of waiting to do everything in a 90-day timeframe. David Smith was in attendance and approached the podium to speak he inquired on the surrounding counties Chairman Coffey had brought up earlier, he thinks the federal government should help us out more. **County Manager Weaver** stated we will do ok with water they are their own funding source. He also gave the Commission the IGSA figures which he didn't think he was going to be a fan of coming into the position, but he has since changed his mind. **Chairman Coffey** stated he just wants the people to know if we are going to have to start going into the reserve to balance the budget there are two fixes to it, either cutting expenses or raising taxes. This is what is

presented to them, and they must be the bad guys for it. **County Manager Weaver** stated he isn't thrilled to bring them the budget with this deficit, but it will take some time and effort to get it balanced, and it will need some more changes that will probably not make a lot of people not happy, but at some point, you got to snatch that band aid off and get it done.

Motion to adjourn the Budget Public Hearing I made By Commissioner Frost, Seconded by Commissioner Douglas. 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 Budget Public Hearing I of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 9:24 am on Monday, June 4, 2024.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

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GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER

Absent


DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER



JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

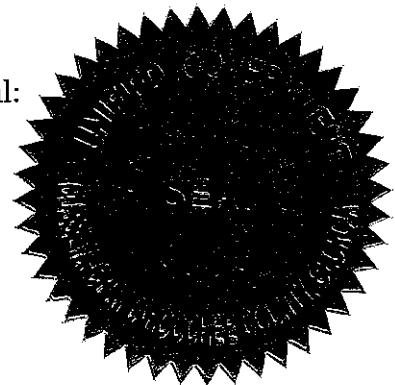
July 2, 2024
DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the June 4, 2024, Budget Public Hearing I, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its July 2, 2024 regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY: 

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

Seal:



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

June 4, 2024

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| 3. <u>David Smith</u> | 23. _____ |
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

June 4, 2024

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PRESENT:

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Commissioner Douglas
Commissioner Hoyte-Absent
Commissioner Frost

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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, with the exception of Commissioner Hoyte and live streaming on our Facebook page.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 7, 2024, EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 14, 2024, PUBLIC HEARING & BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 28, 2024, BUDGET WORK SESSION I & BOC WORK SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2024

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

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2024

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

OPEN FORUM

NONE

SPEAKER

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

ATTORNEY to his knowledge there were no pending open record request, there was one he owed a supplemental response, he has provided that response. In the past he brought up if an elected office receives an open record request the County Clerk would be designated to receive the response. We do need to clarify that the constitutional officers are separate and that the original purpose was to make things simplified and for everyone to go to one person, which was the County Clerk, but this might be something for County Manager Weaver and the have the input of the Clerk as well to see if we can a system put in place to see what we can come up with. The only old business the attorney has now is that if we need to have an amendment, we should prepare that as well. County Manager Weaver stated that we will have an amendment, and this is the one that was already in the works prior to him coming on board.

County Manager has been in contact already with an auditor, the one we had started to use Mr. David McCoy. Other updates are LMIG, we received the 155,000.00 check for LMIG and now we are applying for the supplemental and we are applying for that as well and will get a total of 350,000.00

NEW BUSINESS

ATTORNEY he learned yesterday there has been an appeal from Doris Bell on a citation she received. There was a state law passed every county with a probate judge as an election superintend this will be no more, this gives the Board the authority to create a Board of Elections. Therefore, he will draft an ordinance for the creation of a Board of Elections. Things to consider how many members, appointment powers. A county resident Blaize Angol has written several letters to the sheriff dept, some seem legal but not filed that way. He will hand them over to **County Manager Weaver** to look at and put on the Work Session.

County Manager nothing that isn't already on the agenda.

Employee Insurance Renewal: Motion made by **Commissioner Frost** to accept the new fee schedule, seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote was unanimous.

Georgia Forestry Annual Agreement: Motion made by **Commissioner Biddle** to accept the new fee schedule, seconded by **Commissioner Frost**. The vote was unanimous.

Reappoint Tim Biddle LRCTA (Lower Regional Chatt. Transportation Authority): Motion made by **Commissioner Frost** to accept the new fee schedule, seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote was unanimous.

Reappoint Gerald Douglas LRCTA (Lower Regional Chatt. Transportation Authority): Motion made by **Commissioner Biddle** to accept the new fee schedule, seconded by **Commissioner Frost**. The vote was unanimous.

GA HWY 520 Roundabout Grant: Motion made by **Commissioner Biddle** to accept the new fee schedule, seconded by **Commissioner Frost**. The vote was unanimous.

County Manager Weaver stated there is a cost to move utilities, there is a grant, and it was approved, but it was not 100%, it was a 40/60 match, if it does come in under, we can pay less, we will not pay more than \$52,000.00. We are looking at an October date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made to go into executive session at 7:07 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 7:30 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 legal matters, personnel and litigation.

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 7:30 pm on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

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GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER




DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER



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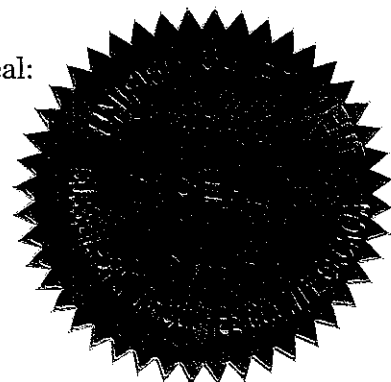
July 2, 2024
DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the June 4, 2024, Regular Meeting, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its July 2, 2024 regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY: 

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

Seal:



STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF Chattahoochee

AFFIDAVIT OF ATENDING 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 June 4, 2024.

2.

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

3.

The executive session was called to order at 7:00 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, legal, litigation

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.

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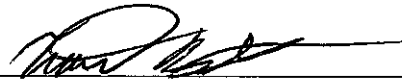
Minutes were taken of this meeting in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(e)(2)(C) and will be filled and help for in camera inspection only.

This 4th day of June, 2024.

Member



County Board Commissioners



Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of June 2024

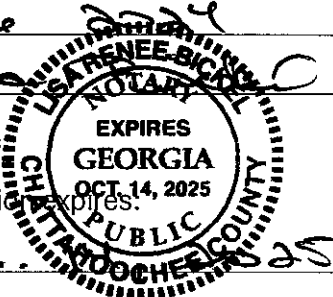
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Lisa

Notary Public

My Commission Expires

Oct. 14, 2025



Commissioner

Commissioner

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**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE LOWER
CHATTAHOOCHEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTION AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Commission of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia (herein after referred to as "Commission") is authorized by State Statute to appoint two (2) members to the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, TIMOTHY BIDDLE was previously appointed to serve on the lower Chattahoochee Regional Transportation Authority, for a term expiring June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commission to reappoint TIMOTHY BIDDLE to that certain position on the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Transportation Authority.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission has approved TIMOTHY BIDDLE to fulfill that certain term on the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Transportation Authority expiring on June 30, 2028.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Commission of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia this 4th day of June 2024..



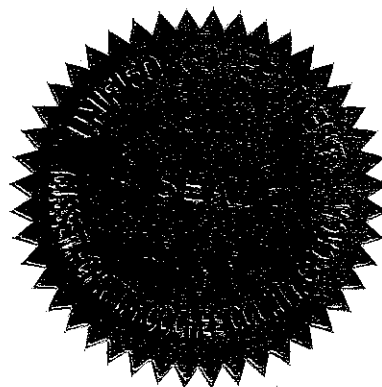
CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTESTED

BY: 

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

Seal:



RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE LOWER CHATTAHOOCHEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Commission of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia (herein after referred to as "Commission") is authorized by State Statute to appoint two (2) members to the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, GERALD DOUGLAS was previously appointed to serve on the lower Chattahoochee Regional Transportation Authority, for a term expiring June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commission to reappoint GERALD DOUGLAS to that certain position on the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Transportation Authority.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission has approved GERALD DOUGLAS to fulfill that certain term on the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Transportation Authority expiring on June 30, 2026.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Commission of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia this 4th day of June 2024..



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTESTED

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

Seal:



State of Georgia
Unified Government of
Cusseta-Chattahoochee
County

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FIRE TOWER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF
CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY
AND THE GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County (“UGOCCC”) is vitally interested in the prevention, detection and suppression of forest fires in Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia: and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Forestry Commission (“Forestry”) is empowered and has authority to conduct and direct fire prevention work and maintain equipment, personnel and installments for the detection, prevention, and combating of forest fires; and

WHEREAS, the UGOCCC has sufficient resources and authority to assist Forestry in the detection, prevention, and combating of forest fires in Cusseta-Chattahoochee County; and

WHEREAS, Forestry has the authority to contract with instrumentality of county and unified government for the advancement of the forests of this State; and

WHEREAS, the UGOCCC and Forestry are poised to enter into an Agreement to provide direct Fire Tower protection for Cusseta-Chattahoochee County and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, in the consideration of mutual covenants and benefits flowing to and from each party to this Agreement, the UGOCCC hereby resolves to honor the Agreement by and between the UGOCCC and Forestry, and Authorizes the Chairman to execute said Agreement.

This, the 4th day of June, 2024

ATTEST:



Thomas Weaver, County Manager

Unified Government of
Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Board of Commission



Chairman Coffey

Seal:



**THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF
CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY
FIRE TOWER AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 4th day of June, 2024 by and between GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION, a department or agency of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called "Forestry", and UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia by and through its Board of Commission, the governing body for the UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY, hereinafter called "UGOCCC".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the UGOCCC is vitally interested in the prevention, detection and suppression of forest fires in Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry is empowered and has authority to conduct and direct fire prevention work and maintain equipment, personnel and installments for the detection, prevention, and combating of forest fires; and

WHEREAS, the UGOCCC has sufficient resources and authority to assist Forestry in the detection, prevention, and combating of forest fires in Cusseta-Chattahoochee County; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry has the authority to contract with instrumentality of county and unified governments for the advancements of the forests of the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in the consideration of mutual covenants and benefits flowing to and from each party to this Agreement, Forestry and the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County agree as follows:

- 1) The UGOCCC agrees to pay the Georgia Forestry Commission in consideration for the Georgia Forestry Commission's provision of personnel assistance with respect to the detection, prevention, and combating of forest fires in Cusseta-Chattahoochee County. The UGOCCC's payment per contract period shall not exceed Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and Fifty Eight Cents (\$4738.58). Georgia Forestry Commission shall submit a bill to the UGOCCC for payment at the end of the contract period.
- 2) Forestry agrees to select and employ a Fire Tower operator(s) who will be assigned to the Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Forestry Unit for employment duties as a fire tower operator. The fire tower operator(s), so selected, shall be a temporary employee day laborer. He/she shall not work more than 40 hours per week. When someone in this position is not available to meet the obligations of detection, prevention, and combating of forest fires other full time employees will be utilized if possible. The hourly rate charged for a full time employee will not differ from the Fire Tower operator. Local residents will be utilized to fill the position when possible.

- 3) Forestry agrees to submit to the UGOCCC, at such intervals as may be necessary, documentation confirming the assistance received by Forestry from the UGOCCC.
- 4) This agreement shall become effective July 1st, 2024, and shall remain in effect until June 30th, 2025.
- 5) Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.
- 6) For the purpose of notice, and other writing called for by this Agreement or delivered between the parties of this Agreement, the parties' addresses shall be as follows:

Georgia Forestry Commission
 Post Office Box 819
 Macon, Georgia 31202-0819

The Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee
 County Board of Commission
 215 McNaughton St
 Cusseta Ga. 31805

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed on the date in the first paragraph hereof.

Attached hereto is a Resolution of the Board of Commission of The Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County authorizing this Agreement.

Georgia Forestry Commission
 5645 Riggins Mill Rd
 Dry Branch, Georgia 31020-0819

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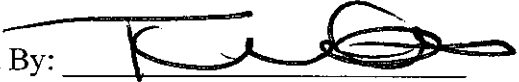
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By: 
 Charles Coffey

Title: _____

Title: Chairman of Board of
 Commission

Witness: _____

Attested By: 
 Thomas Weaver
 Title: County Manager

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

**June 24, 2024
Work Session**

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

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| 1. <u>Joshua Abercrombie</u> | 21. _____ |
| 2. <u>David Smith</u> | 22. _____ |
| 3. <u>Pam Burgamy</u> | 23. _____ |
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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WORK SESSION

June 24, 2024

215 McNaughton St.

PRESENT:

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

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, with the exception of Commissioner Frost and live streaming on our Facebook page.

SPEAKER:

Pam Burgamy would like permission to use the property belonging to the county beside the library for a garden. She would use the remainder of the construction funds and put-up fencing so the children can sit and read around the garden, and they can also have story time in this area. It will also need to be ADA compliant. Mrs. Burgamy also mentioned the current fence that is behind the library needs to be treated so it will last longer. **Commissioner Douglas** had concerns about the piece of land and wanted to be sure the fire department did not need it to expansion of building use, but **County Manager Weaver** and **Commissioner Biddle** assured him that this piece of land was not going to be used for the fire department. **Chairman Coffey** stated if it does not require a vote we can move forward, if it does, we will put on next Work Session so that we can vote on it and approve it.

COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:

County Manager Weaver – we have started receiving payments for ambulance fees. We had a meeting with Charter, Spectrum, and Bingham construction, and they are going to put in fiber all over Chattahoochee County. They project to be in service mid-December. There will be locates everywhere, hopefully it will reach a good majority of the county. They will come through Ft. Moore, then Hwy 26, Industrial Park Rd, and Broad St., and spread out from there, we aren't sure where they will go from there, but we do know they will have about 90% of the County covered when they are just about done. The Long arm is finally back in service after being gone for months. The cemetery will be complete as of this week, the final step will be the hydroseed. The LMIG has been submitted and approved, the total of both is around \$355,000.00. The application for the sewer grant has been completed and accepted.

Department Head Updates:

Teri Hancock- gave updates for water department, Chris Tymes is out on a water call. The CCR report is complete and has been submitted. The drying beds have been completed at Well 2 & 3.

Mordie Askew - gave updates for the recreation department, they will have a back to school party at the end of July and hopefully they can get the community involved.

Samantha Hedgecoke - they had the rabies clinic & the car show, both events went really great and had a great turnout.

Lou Beck - Public Works is clipping edges on Riverbend Rd., they delivered the rest of top soil at the cemetery, they just have the hydroseeding and they will be finished. FT. Moore helped with the rabies clinic. GFL is back to being the ones picking up the back door service, but we are having issues with who can receive the services. So, we are going through the list to see who can or cannot get the service.

The following items were discussed as to their relevance for appearance on the July 2, 2024, regular meeting agenda:

Budget Amendments – to stay on as a work session item, should have as a voting item for next month.

Disabled Veteran Refund Roberts and Riley – **Chairman Coffey** asked did they know about the tax exemption of was this an error on our part, once we start doing for one we will have to do for all, and if it is something on the homeowners part that they just found out and are trying to go back on that they have a certain deadline with the Tax Assessors office to apply for this exemption. **Commissioner Hoyte** also stated that he has also taken customers to the Assessors office and that they have an actual timeframe in which to apply for these exemptions.

Solid Waste Bids/Awarding of Services – add to agenda as voting item. Three companies put in for bid, will award at meeting. They were GFL at \$20 per month and \$5 per tire, Jones Sanitation at \$23.50 per month, and Zero Waste \$25.52 per month. **Commissioner Biddle** addressed his concerns about the cardboard compactor that he had spoken with Jimmy and Johnnie with GFL in the past, the Jimmy said he could get us another cardboard compactor cheaper, instead of us trying to fix the current one. **Chairman Coffey** also stated they told us we could sell the cardboard if we bailed it also. **Commissioner Hoyte** asked how long this contract would be, **County Manager Weaver** informed him that every county contract is one year, however this one will auto renew for three years.

New Horizons Annual Agreement – to be added to agenda.

Conditional Use Permit Damon Hoyte 110 Stagecoach, (Approve/Deny/Table) – to be added to agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made to go into executive session at 9:51 a.m. **Commissioner Hoyte** made the Motion, seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote to enter executive session was unanimous.

Regular meeting reconvened:

Chairman Coffey stated to add to next months work session the issue with the tax matter, to go back and revisit it.

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 10:56 am on Monday, June 24, 2024.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

unable to sign

GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER




DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER

Absent

JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

July 2, 2024
DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the June 24, 2024, Work Session, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its July 2, 2024, regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY: 

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

Seal:



STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF Chattahoochee

AFFIDAVIT OF ATENDING 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 June 24, 2024.

2.

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

3.

The executive session was called to order at 9:51 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, litigation 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 21 day of June, 2024.

[Signature]
Member

County Board Commissioners

[Signature]
Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of June 2024

[Signature]
Commissioner

[Signature]
Notary Public

[Signature]
Commissioner

My Commission expires Oct

Commissioner





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MINUTES OF THE CALLED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING II

June 24, 2024

215 McNaughton St.

PRESENT:

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

Thomas Weaver, County Manager
Lisa Bickel, County Clerk

Chairman Coffey called the Budget Public Hearing I of the *Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia* to order at 6:00 p.m., with all other Commissioners present except for Commissioner Frost, and live streaming on our Facebook page.


BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING II

County Manager Weaver the only thing he would like to add is that we started with a deficit of around \$2,000,000.00 and now we are down to 198,000.00, only 10% off. We will continue to get this resolved by the end of the fiscal year. We are just shy of 5 million on projected revenues, and for actual expenses we have \$5,153,475.00, and next year **County Manager Weaver** will have a balanced budget. **Chairman Coffey** stated first he wants to say good job to County Manager Weaver on the budget he did bring and the cuts he did make, second once they do pass it anything the departments and constitutional officers go over on their budgets, they will bring in front of the Commission and explain before the public as well and explain the why's, the what's, the how's, the people need to know how the money is being spent. **Chairman Coffey** sated everyone needs to be held accountable for the money being spent. We are coming out of reserve to balance the budget; we have no more money coming in to support what spending we have. There are going to be some that aren't happy, but it is what it is. **Chairman Coffey** stated that just because you have the money in your budget for staff this year, you might want to look close for next year.

Motion to adjourn the Budget Public Hearing II made By Commissioner Biddle, 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 Called Budget Public Hearing II of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 11:07 am on Monday, June 24, 2024.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

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GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER




DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER

Absent

JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

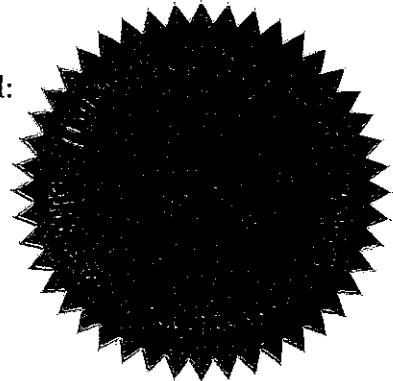
July 2, 2024
DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the June 24, 2024, Budget Public Hearing II, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its July 2, 2024 regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY: 

THOMAS WEAVER, COUNTY MANAGER
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF
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MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING

June 24, 2024

215 McNaughton St.

PRESENT:

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

Thomas Weaver, County Manager
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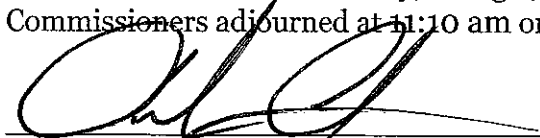
Chairman Coffey called the Called Meeting of the *Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia* to order at 11:07 a.m., with all other Commissioners present except for Commissioner Frost, and live streaming on our Facebook page.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF 2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET- Motion to approve made by **Commissioner Biddle**, Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**, the vote was unanimous.

Motion to adjourn the Called Meeting made By **Commissioner Biddle**, Seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. 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 Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 11:10 am on Monday, June 24, 2024.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

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GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER




DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER

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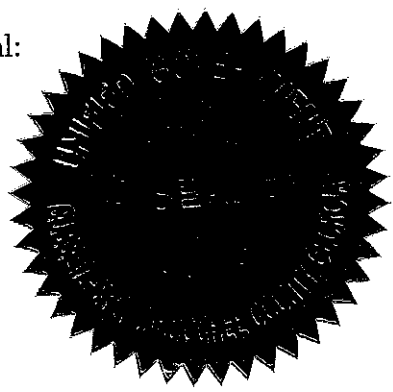
July 2, 2024
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ATTESTED BY: 

THOMAS WEAVER, COUNTY MANAGER
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Seal:



**FISCAL YEAR 2025
BUDGET RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, has been submitted and two public hearings have been held on June 4, 2024 and June 24, 2024 on said budget; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commission (“the Commission”) of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia has studied and revised the proposed budget and considers it to be in the best interest of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County to adopt.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commission that the operating and capital project budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, attached hereto and made a part hereof is approved and adopted.

This 2nd day of July 2025



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE-CHAIRMAN



GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER



DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER



JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

ATTESTED

BY: 

THOMAS WEAVER, COUNTY MANAGER
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Seal:

