



The Commission

of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia

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Lisa Bickel, County Clerk
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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WORK SESSION

September 25, 2023

215 McNaughton St.

PRESENT:

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

Kenneth Riner, County Manager
Lisa Bickel, County Clerk

Chairman Coffey called the Monthly Work Session 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 Via phone, and live streaming on our Facebook page.

COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:

Mr. Riner informed the Commission he would let his department heads go first with their updates.

Department Head Updates:

Mordie Askew gave updates for the Recreation Department.
Samantha Hedgecock gave updates for Community Development.
Russell Rhodes gave updates for the Water Dept.
James Tate gave updates for Public Works.
Lou Beck gave updates for FT Moore ACO.
Johnny Floyd gave an update for EMS.

SPEAKERS:

None

COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATES:

The following items were discussed as to their relevance for appearance on the Oct. 3, 2023 regular meeting agenda:

Capital Budget Discussion, CHAIRMAN COFFEY asked the **Commission** if they had an opportunity to look through the capital budget items, to see if there was anything else to add or make a correction to. He did

have a concern on the Enterprise lease vehicles, they will be meeting with them on Wednesday September 27th at 2:00, to go over the agreement. The **Commission** has a lot of questions before they can move forward on that part of the budget. **Commissioner Hoyte** had questions about the recreation part of the capital budget. **Chairman Coffey** stated to add to October agenda for voting if the enterprise lease questions are answered at the Wednesday meeting.

SPLOST Referendum 2024 DISCUSSION CHAIRMAN COFFEY would like to add to the next work session, a new proposed Splost for 2024.

2021 Audit, Chairman Coffey asked if Mr. Geer was in attendance to speak on the audit and give a briefing, Lisa Bickel informed him that no he was not, she stated that our Attorney did reach out to him, but that she didn't know if Will Geer responded back to Bin. **Chairman Coffey** asked if we knew the status on our 2022 Audit, and Lisa Bickel told the **Commission** that the last thing she was told by Ms. Dunn was that everything was still on target. **Chairman Coffey** did tell the Commission what page the findings were on, and that we hope to see Mr. Geer at our next meeting.

Two Rivers, Chairman Coffey wanted to just inform the Commission about the many ways they can be resourceful. They can help with striping our roads and it will be a savings to the county. If anyone in the county has a wire line going through their property, they can apply for federal aid and they will give them money to plant food for bird habitats and they can do it for three years, then take a break and then continue again for three years. They can come to the County offices for brochures. Also brought up the point of contact Ms. Tina for the warm grasses season and other food plot programs, her number to call is 706-885-0101.

CPC Funding Opportunity, Chairman Coffey, Transportation plan, funding opportunity available for us that we haven't capitalized on in the past. **Chairman Coffey** would like us to see about taking advantage of this opportunity of this in the future. It could open doors for us in the future. Lou Beck has signed up and stated that some classes are online. **Chairman Coffey** stated this would be some great funding for our county, and that anyone can sign up for these classes, and that anyone that would like to do so should go see Mr. Kenny, the County Manager.

Chairman Coffey informed the **Commission** that the 2023 digest has been accepted and thanked everyone who worked on getting the digest together.

IT, Chairman Coffey stated that we have worked with contracted services in the past, but we have a proposal that he would like to talk about in executive session under personnel matters.

Tyler Software/Caselle, Chairman Coffey stated this was the last thing on the ABM projects. At a point moving forward where we weren't sure what all it required, do we just update and upgrade Caselle, or keep going forward with Tyler? **Commissioner Frost** stated there are two parts to that one how much to upgrade Caselle, and how much to stop Tyler? **Chairman Coffey** said he doesn't know the cost; he does know we pay Caselle currently for certain updates. **Commissioner Frost** does want to know if with Caselle what all costs are involved, and will they get all the reports they are wanting. **Chairman Coffey** informed him certain reports are already in place on Caselle. **Commissioner Frost** asked if there is a backout clause with Tyler, and just wants more details on the costs. Mr. Kenny Riner said he would look into getting more information on some exact costs.

Commissioner Frost asked about the CDBG grant that was approved, **Chairman Coffey** stated that every grant we put in for at this point has been denied due to the fact that we still do not have an audit. We can resubmit for the next cycle. **Commissioner Biddle** stated we asked for the audit way before June, it just hasn't been done, it has been put off. We've been asking for 2021 and it is now 2023. **Chairman Coffey** said it is in our charter that we have to have an annual audit. We have to do something.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made to go into executive session at 7:14 p.m. **Commissioner Biddle** made the Motion, seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote to enter executive session was unanimous.

Regular meeting reconvened:

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:46 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.
Issues discussed were personnel matters, one was IT, hiring of an IT person a name cannot be mentioned until he is hired.

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 Work Session of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:48 pm on Monday, September 25, 2023.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN



GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER



DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER



JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

October 3, 2023
DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the September 25, 2023 Work Session, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its Oct. 3, 2023 regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY: 

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

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