



The Commission

of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia

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

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 2, 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 6:00 p.m., with all other Commissioners present, and live streaming on our Facebook page.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2024, REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

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

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 5, 2024, EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 25, 2024, CALLED MEETING & WORK SESSION MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2024

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

OPEN FORUM

NONE

SPEAKER

Ray Simpson with Enterprise Fleet Management gave a presentation and packet to the Commission. He stated most counties run vehicles too long, his company helps by looking at the fuel, maintenance, and vehicle itself, to be able to make the most of the vehicle, but to know when it is time to get rid of the vehicle while it still has some value. His company caters its plan to each county's individual needs. **Chairman Coffey** asked if the results with the other counties that have signed up with the fleet program have been successful, to which Mr. Simpson replied yes, they have all been great results. **Commissioner Frost** asked about any penalties due to selling vehicles or turning them in with a certain amount of mileage on the vehicle, Mr. Simpson replied there are no penalties no matter what the mileage may be on the vehicles. **Commissioner Hoyte** asked how long they have been offering this program to other counties, Mr. Simpson said they have been doing this for 9-10 years.

BLAIZE ANGOL addressed his personnel issues about property tax concerns. His first concern was that his water wasn't clear and drinkable, and that the county should give out filters to everyone. His second concern is that he wanted to know where his property tax was going to. He stated that he doesn't think it is lawfully right that if he doesn't pay his taxes that someone can just come take his property. Attorney Bin Minter stated to him that property taxes across the country are a way that local governments have revenue to pay for county services, there is a process, the Tax Commissioner collects these taxes. Public Works Director Lou Beck stated that the water is tested daily by Columbus Water Works, and we do have a CCR report coming out in June, it will be in the newspaper.

OLD BUSINESS

ATTORNEY on the agenda is the budget amendment, budget must be balanced by state law. Typically, this is done before the audit is submitted. The amendment isn't urgent, it is on the agenda for today, but after speaking to the accounting director, I suggest you table it until we clarify a few numbers that came up today. Also, we don't know the status of the audits from the state yet. Concerning the Cemetery update, for the bylaws, which are more of rules and regulations, because the county owns the cemetery, his suggestion is to amend the code of ordinances to add a section concerning cemeteries where the rules and regulations and add who can manage the cemetery. If there is a board appointed to the cemetery, this should be in the ordinance. We can draft something up.

County Manager updates, Mrs. Bickel gave the Commission Mr. Weavers updates, he is going to try to help the departments look internally for their budget amendments first, before we continue to request a budget amendment, he is also putting a trash receptacle at the cemetery along with maybe looking at a flagpole. Public Works will also start blowing dirt off the road at the cemetery, until a better plan is formed. We did find the old key box from the Courthouse, so we will start to place keys back where they need to be and in the Board of Commission office.

NEW BUSINESS

ATTORNEY the Conditional Use Permits that were approved at the last meeting, the letters notifying the applicants will go out this week.

County Manager nothing on new business.

Budget Amendments: Motion to table made by **Commissioner Biddle** to accept the new fee schedule, 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 Monthly Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 6:58 pm on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN



TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN



GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER




DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER



JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

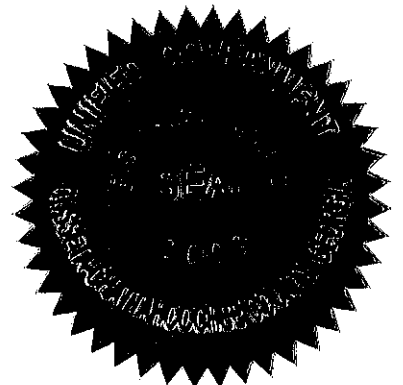
April 2, 2024
DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the May 7, 2024, Regular Meeting, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its May 7, 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*

April 2, 2024
Regular Meeting

PLEASE SIGN IN
SO THAT WE MAY RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE

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| 1. <u>Joshua Abercrombie</u> | 21. _____ |
| 2. <u>by: Blaize (ARR)</u> | 22. _____ |
| 3. <u>Thomas L. Baker</u> | 23. _____ |
| 4. <u>Deloris Baker</u> | 24. _____ |
| 5. <u>Shwanda Pluse</u> | 25. _____ |
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