



The Commission

of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia

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Jason Frost

Thomas Weaver, County Manager

Lisa Bickel, County Clerk

Bin Minter, County Attorney

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Sept. 3, 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 Regular Monthly Meeting 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 Hoyte, and live streaming on our Facebook page.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUG 6, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF THE AUG 6, 2024, EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF THE AUG 19, 2024, CALLED PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF THE AUG 26, 2024, CALLED PUBLIC HEARING II & BOC 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 AUG 26, 2024, EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

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

OPEN FORUM

NONE

SPEAKER

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

ATTORNEY the only old business that he has is the IRS penalty letter, and the County Manager has more information on it right now.

County Manager on the IRS penalty letter, they have sent us a list of different questions that they have, so he has replied, and we are waiting for an updated status.

NEW BUSINESS

ATTORNEY nothing for new business.

County Manager we are beginning to audit the garbage accounts with two trash cans, we found seventy-six that have an extra can, but they aren't paying for those extra trashcans. So, we are calling to see if it is an error on not turning the trashcan back in after someone moved out of a rental property, and they forgot to turn the trashcan back in.

AGENDA ITEMS

Board of Education to use Old City Hall Building: Motion to table until next work Session and vote on at next meeting, made by **Commissioner Frost** to, seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote was unanimous.

VA Tax Refund S5 Anthony Leach: Motion made by **Commissioner Biddle** to, seconded by **Commissioner Frost**. The vote was unanimous.

Cardboard Compactor at Recycle: Motion made to table until next Work Session and vote at next meeting, by **Commissioner Frost**, seconded by **Commissioner Biddle**. The vote was unanimous.

Appointment of Rob Marion to RVRC: Motion made by **Commissioner Frost**, seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote was unanimous.

Allow Business to establish accounts at Recycle Center: Motion made by **Commissioner Frost**, seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote was unanimous.

Board Of Elections Policy: Motion to made to have first Public Reading at Work Session by **Commissioner Biddle**, seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The Vote was unanimous.

Adoption of 2024 Millage Rate: Motion made by **Commissioner Frost**, seconded by **Commissioner Douglas**. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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Regular meeting reconvened:

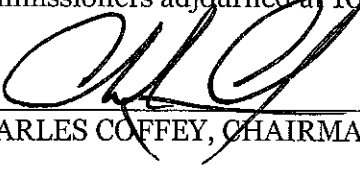
The regular meeting reconvened at 10:11 a.m. **Chairman Coffey** made the statement that the subjects discussed during the closed meetings were within the legal exceptions to the open meetings law and that no votes were cast within the session. Subjects discussed were personnel matters and legal matters.

CHAIRMAN COFFEY stated we need to amend the agenda to allow for a vote to be taken for advice and consent, for hiring of a director's position.

Motion made by **Commissioner Frost**, Second by **Commissioner Biddle**, the vote was unanimous. **CHAIRMAN COFFEY** stated there was a candidate recommended for hire, during executive session and they would like to give the County Manager advice and consent to make that public announcement at a later date as well. Motion made by **Commissioner Frost** for approval consent and hire, Second by **Commissioner Biddle**, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Coffey stated to be sure to make that individuals name public in our next meeting.

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 10:15 am on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.



CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN

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TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN



GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER



DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER



JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

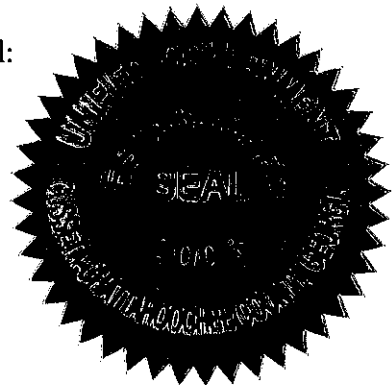
Oct. 1, 2024
DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the Sept. 3, 2024, Regular Meeting, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its October 1, 2024 regular meeting.

ATTESTED BY: 

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

Seal:



2024 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE

WHEREAS, the estimated sum necessary to maintain the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia for the year 2024 requires a millage levy as follows:

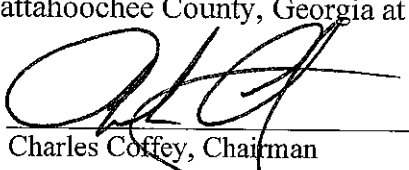
PURPOSE	Millage
Maintenance and Operation of Unified Government	23.57
Less rollback (local option sales tax)	15.06
Less rollback (insurance premium tax)	0
Actual County millage rate	8.512
Maintenance and Operation of Schools	16.99
State of Georgia	0
Total Ad Valorem Tax Levy	25.50


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia that there be, and there is hereby levied and assessed a tax of **8.512 mills** upon all tangible property in Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia including public utilities in the respective millage amounts hereinabove set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the levies of taxation are subject to such exemptions of homestead and personal property as are directed by law.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Clerk to the Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia be and is hereby directed to transmit promptly to the Tax Commissioner a certified copy of this resolution and give further publication of this levy as required by law.


INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Commission of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia at a meeting held on this, the 3rd day of Sept. 2024.

By: 
Charles Coffey, Chairman


By: 
Timothy Biddle, Vice-Chairman

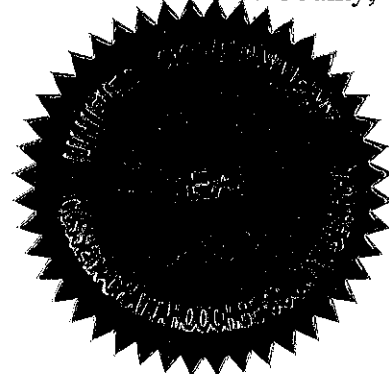
By: 
Gerald Douglas, Commissioner

By: 
Damon Hoyte, Commissioner

By: 
Jason Frost, Commissioner

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
AS CORRECT

By: 
Thomas Weaver, Manager
The Unified Government of
Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia



RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Commission of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia (herein after called "Commission") is authorized by State Statute to appoint members to various Community Boards and Councils; and

WHEREAS, the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) has requested that the Commission appoint a member to its Council.

WHEREAS Rob Marion has volunteered to serve on the Council.

WHEREAS Rob Marion will replace Dr. Edward Lee; his term will start Sept. 3rd, 2024, and expire Sept. 3rd, 2025.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission has approved the appointment of Rob Marion to represent the Commission and its citizens on this important council.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Commission of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, Georgia this 3rd day of September 2024.



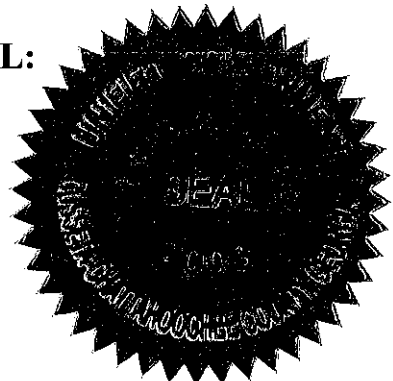
CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTESTED

BY: 

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

SEAL:



STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF Chattahoochee

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING MEMBERS

Chattahoochee, 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 duly advised meeting on

Sept 3, 2024.

2.

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

3.

The executive session was called to order at 9:34 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): personal is legal
_____ 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 3 day of Sept, 2024.



County Manager

County Board Commissioners Chairman



Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of

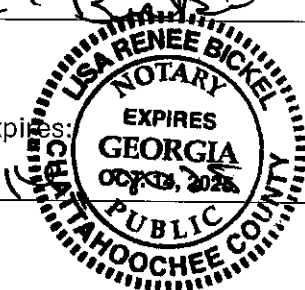
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Lisa Bickel

Notary Public

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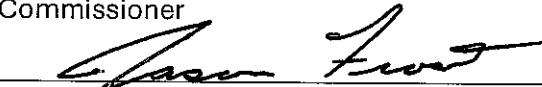
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The Board of Commission
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Sept. 3, 2024 – Regular Meeting

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SO THAT WE MAY RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WORK SESSION

Sept. 23, 2024

215 McNaughton St.

PRESENT:

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

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 Douglas and live streaming on our Facebook page.

SPEAKER

Christine Richards: She received a letter in the mail to be at court Aug. 16th with Judge Floyd, she told him that she had not received any warning, and Judge Floyd said it might have been blown away by rain in the yard. She has noticed that her 911 the last two years her address has been 145, but hers is 140, but she has been charged \$260. She stated that she was coming to the meeting to find out where her money is going. She said Mr. Weaver said it would not do her any good to come to a meeting, **County Manager** clarified that he did not say this, he told her that the Commission could not do anything about court fees that the judges impose. **Chairman Coffey** asked what she was fined for, Mrs. Richard stated she doesn't know, she guesses it was for junk cars. Mrs. Richards at first thought maybe they had the wrong address since the 911 signs. **Chairman Coffey** told Mrs. Richard that we can look into the 911 sign and address, then Mrs. Richards stated that has been taken care of, but she stated that someone named Jerry, or Teri, that was doing the signs had been fired, she is thinking the mix up happened with the addresses and she never got the warning and she got stuck with paying \$260, and she is on a fixed income. **Chairman Coffey** asked Mrs. Richards was she in violation of what she was cited for, he said if you are cited that is the county, but if you are fined that is the judge, and we have no control over the fines. **Commissioner Hoyte** also asked Mrs. Richards if she has issues receiving her water bill, she replied yes. The Commission told Mrs. Richards they would look into her request, and she thanked them.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:

Mordie Askew: gave updates for the recreation department, soccer registration has started. Working with water dept. on looking for valves on the baseball field.

Samantha Hedgecoke: gave updates for community development, October newsletter and code enforcement updates.

Chris Tymes: on a water call, left update with Commission. County Manager Weaver read list of updates he left.

Lou Beck: Saturday FT. Moore, they went to the Governors mansion. Job fair on FT. Moore on Saturday 26th. We now have the wash rack IGSA's. Trying to get a rabies clinic soon. Scott Carswell took over for animal control, he is doing well. We are working on a tire grant, and it will offset cost of tires.

Tom Bickel: he is glad to be back and working for the county, in two weeks he has assessed equipment and vehicles. Staff is very hard working, going to do some hands-on training. Within two weeks there was a significant rainfall and washed out a pipe on riverbend road and a shoulder, and our guys fixed it. There is a lot of work to be done to get where he would like to be.

COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:

County Manager Weaver – nothing at this time.

The following items were discussed as to their relevance for appearance on the Oct. 1, 2024, regular meeting agenda:

Old City Hall Building to be used by Board of Education – met with the chamber and they do not have issues with the Board of Education using either. If we have an agreement ready by the meeting will be a voting item.

Cardboard Compactor at the Recycle – If we have an agreement will be on the meeting as a voting item.

Reappoint Jim Weihe to Tax Assessor – The Tax Assessors do still have an opening on their board for anyone who would like to apply, add to agenda as voting item.

Reappoint Ken Vanhorn to Tax Assessor – add to agenda as voting item.

Board of Elections – First Reading- **CHAIRMAN COFFEY** read section 5 aloud, changes have been made to Election Supervisor. County Manager Weaver stated the three-member Board will bring 1-3 recommendations for a supervisor, then the County Manager will assign the Election Supervisor. The County Manager mentioned the County Manager brought up the County Clerk, who is already certified with elections and doing the job currently now. Commissioner Hoyte had some concerns with separations of duties, County Manager Weaver expressed how the day-to-day duties of elections and the processing of elections were, to help explain, and that the Board of Elections would be the ones who were doing anything when it comes down to voting, not the actual Election Supervisor. – Add to agenda for second reading.

Vehicle Purchases – EMA, Sheriff Vehicle, and trading BOC Ford Escape, the escape will be traded for a truck, and we can use the 13,000 credit we have from the service truck. - add to agenda as voting item.

Naming Paul Rakel/Sowega as engineer of record for the County – add to agenda as voting item.

Cemetery Bylaws – County Manager Weaver did want to thank the Committee for the job they did on this, they did a great job. - add to agenda as voting item.

Reschedule the November meeting since it falls on Election Day – Reschedule to the 12th at 9AM, add to agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made to go into executive session at 10:04 a.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 11:53 a.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.

CHAIRMAN COFFEY stated there is a service line survey at the water dept that has four questions if you can please fill that out and get back to Ms. Teri at the water dept. we would greatly appreciate it. One last thing is treating people with kindness and just because someone allegedly says something about someone doesn't make it true, but treating people with respect and dignity, be considerate of each other. Everyone has the right to voice their opinion just be tactful about it and considerate of others.

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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 11:57 am on Monday, Sept. 23, 2024.


CHARLES COFFEY, CHAIRMAN

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TIMOTHY BIDDLE, VICE CHAIRMAN


Absent
GERALD DOUGLAS, COMMISSIONER


DAMON HOYTE, COMMISSIONER

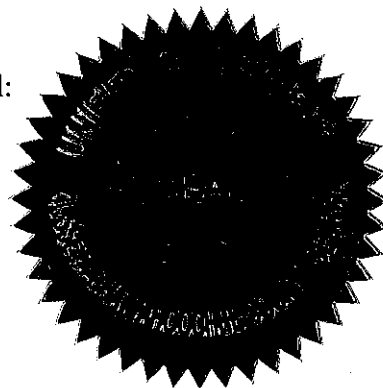

JASON FROST, COMMISSIONER

Oct. 1, 2024
DATE APPROVED

I hereby certify that the foregoing documentation, the Minutes of the Sept. 23, 2024, Work Session, was approved via majority vote by the Board of Commissioners in its Oct. 1, 2024, regular meeting.

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

Seal:



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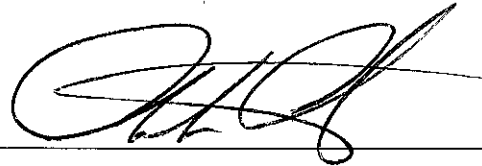
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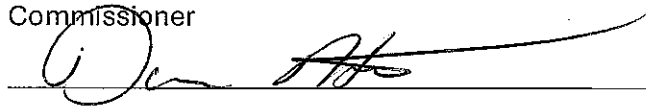
County Manager



County Board Commissioners Chairman



Commissioner



Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of

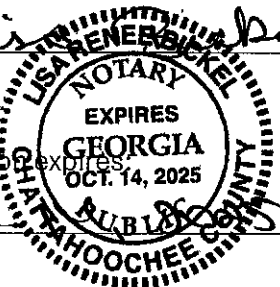
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Theresa Bickel

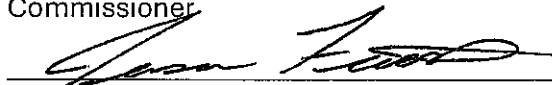
Notary Public

My Commission expires

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Commissioner



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The Board of Commission
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Sept. 23, 2024 – BOC Work Session

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