

This was also received from Jimmy Kennedy today (Aug 6th) at 2:55pm to the general HCPOA email. Again not doing any changes to what I copied.

I'm Jimmy Kennedy, a retired Chief Ranger for the Ga. Forestry Commission. I also serve on the Sparta Hancock Development Authority.

I received a copy of the questions you have for the County Commissioners and I want to refer to question #6, the \$26,000 funds. This should be the yearly cost from the State that is billed to the County for forest fire protection. I don't know how they classify budget items, but this shouldn't be classified as a miscellaneous or contingency item. This is a required fee set by the State based on the the amount of forest land in a county.

The Development Authority meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:30 at Sparta City Hall. We are asked to serve on this organization by City Council and County Commission. We receive no pay except for the Ex. Director, Alan Haywood, that is very minimal for travel expenses.

This is for your information, if it is helpful.

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