

MINUTES

PLANNING RETREAT OF THE COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Sundown Farms Plantation

Moultrie, Georgia

8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The planning retreat was called to order by Chairman Denver Braswell. The purpose of the retreat was to present, develop, and discuss strategic planning ideas and concepts for the upcoming year.

PRESENT: Those present were Commissioners Barbara Jelks, Chris Hunnicutt, Marc DeMott, Al Whittington, Paul Nagy, Johnny Hardin and Chairman Denver Braswell. Also present were County Administrator Chas Cannon, Finance Director David Zeanah, and County Clerk Melissa Lawson.

WELCOME, OVERVIEW, AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chairman Braswell turned the meeting over to Mr. Gordon Maner, Senior Public Service Associate with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, who, after performing a brief introductory exercise with the Board, reviewed his role as facilitator.

ROLES & EXPECTATIONS: The roles and expectations of fellow commissioners, the Chairman, and the County Administrator/Senior Staff were extensively discussed.

(Alan Mauldin, Reporter, entered the meeting at 9:09 a.m.)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: At this time, Mr. Cannon reviewed a list of accomplishments from the previous year, including but not limited to, the successful implementation of T-SPLOST, the reinvestment of reserve funding to maximize interest earnings, significant pay increases to law enforcement and E-911 operators, and the transition to the county's digital records repository.

(Road Superintendent Stan Kirksey, Human Resources Director Dawn Carter, Solid Waste Manager Stacy Griffin, and Maintenance Superintendent Mac Lawson entered the meeting at 9:50 a.m.)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION: At this time, discussion and action issues were thoroughly reviewed and discussed. Among the topics discussed were:

- Road paving issues and funding options
- Usage of inmate labor
- Relationship building
- Mental health care issues
- Planning for increased services to meet growth and future demands

Discussion extensively ensued regarding these topics.

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MID – MONTH REVIEW: At this time, Mr. Cannon presented a list of upcoming agenda items to be previewed:

- Briefs to the Board – Mr. Cannon stated that presentations would be held at the February 5th work session concerning the following issues:
 - Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Highway 37 East / Thigpen Trail Proposal
 - Courthouse Grounds Improvement Plan – Phase I
- Approval of Proposal – Scanning of HR and Finance Documents – Mr. Cannon presented a proposal, in the amount of \$14,300.00, submitted by MCCi regarding the digital scanning of documents for both the Human Resources and Finance Departments. Mr. Cannon noted that funding was included in 2002 SPLOST for this project.
- Approval of License – Liquor by the Drink – Mr. Cannon stated that a request would be presented from Ashburn Hill Plantation regarding a liquor by the drink license for on premises consumption.

Justin H. Cox, Chief Compliance Officer, noted that Ashburn Hill met all licensing requirements.

- Approval of Bid – Truck for County Agent – Mr. Cannon stated that a bid opening was scheduled in the near future concerning the provision of a truck to be utilized by the County Extension Office. Mr. Cannon noted that funding was included in the FY 18 – 19 General Fund budget for this purchase.
- Public Hearing – Mr. Cannon noted that a public hearing would be required concerning the closure of a portion of Baldy Road.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES: At this time, Mr. Cannon discussed pertinent topics to be brought to the attention of the Board:

- Increase in Jury Per Diem
- Prison Transfer from State to County
- CDBG Project Recommendations
- Update on ACCG Capitol Connection Conference
- Waiver of Unpaid Residential Solid Waste Bills

Each topic was presented and discussed at length. Mr. Cannon also presented a list of key, upcoming dates.

(Commissioner Nagy exited the meeting at 1:20 p.m.)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONTINUED: At this time, the following list of long term goals and objectives were presented and thoroughly discussed:

(Lester M. Castellow, County Attorney, entered the meeting at 1:39 p.m.)

- Selling of Full Portion of Employee Sick Leave
- Proposal for Renovations to Jail and Public Works Buildings

At this time, Rusty McCall, Architect, presented a conceptual design and preliminary phase plans concerning the renovation and construction of the County Jail and Public Works buildings.

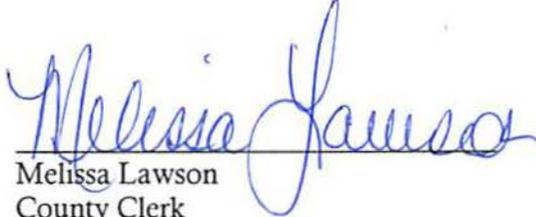
Discussion extensively ensued regarding the design and renovation proposal presented.

Mr. Cannon noted that future discussion regarding renovations to the Jail and Public Works buildings could be incorporated into upcoming meetings of the Board.

There being no further information to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Denver Braswell
Chairman


Melissa Lawson
County Clerk

Approved: _____

