

**MINUTES**  
WORK SESSION OF THE  
COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019  
5:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Denver Braswell. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss upcoming agenda items and any other county business deemed necessary. The meeting was duly called and advertised.

**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, County Attorney Lester M. Castellow, and Human Resources Director Dawn Carter.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Finance Director David Zeanah, Sheriff Rod Howell, Interim EDA President Greg Icard, Road Superintendent Stan Kirksey, Solid Waste Manager Stacy Griffin, Chief Compliance Officer Justin Cox, Landscape Architect Jonathan Vines, County Extension Coordinator Jeremy Kichler, Anthony Blount, and Alan Mauldin, Reporter with the Moultrie Observer.

**ABSENT:** County Clerk Melissa Lawson.

**COURTHOUSE GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT PLAN – PHASE I:** Mr. Cannon reviewed budgetary figures and key dates regarding the courthouse grounds improvement plan and called upon Jonathan Vines, Landscape Architect, to elaborate.

Mr. Vines reviewed the improvement plan in detail, to include the number of trees removed and planted. In an effort to reassure the community that not all landscaping was being eliminated, Mr. Vines stated that a total of 36 trees would not be removed.

Mr. Vines reviewed a list of pricing associated with the project. Commissioner DeMott noted that having Mr. Vines oversee this project was beneficial due to his involvement in many other similar downtown improvement projects.

Mr. Vines reviewed a list of recommended vendors for the project.

**APPROVAL OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR COURTHOUSE GROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:** Commissioner DeMott made the motion to appoint Jonathan Vines as General Contractor for the Courthouse Ground Improvement Project. Commissioner Hunnicutt made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**BUDGET REVIEW:** David Zeanah, Finance Director, presented an overview of all major county financial funds, citing no major issues or concerns.

Mr. Cannon presented a list of financial indicators, inclusive of sales tax and revenue comparisons.

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**BOARD PREVIEW:** County Administrator Chas Cannon presented an overview of upcoming agenda items to be previewed before the regular meeting of the board at 7:00 p.m.

- Citizens Having Business – At this point in the meeting, Mr. Cannon stated that Amy Johnson, Public Relations/Economic Director with the city of Moultrie would present a \$5,000.00 check to the county in order to offset the cost of the digital upgrade to the Courthouse Clock.
- Approval of Payment of Invoice – Mr. Cannon presented an invoice, in the total amount of \$19,200.00, submitted by the firm of Carr, Riggs & Ingram regarding professional accounting services rendered on the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 audit. Mr. Cannon noted that funding was available in the FY 18 – 19 General Fund budget.
- Approval of Scanning Proposal – MCCi – Mr. Cannon presented a scanning proposal, in the total amount of \$14,300.00, submitted by MCCi regarding the digitization of records for both the Human Resources and Finance departments. Mr. Cannon noted that funding was available in 2002 SPLOST for this project.
- Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application – Ashburn Hill Plantation – Mr. Cannon presented an alcoholic beverage application submitted by Ashburn Hill Plantation regarding liquor by the drink for on – premises consumption. Mr. Cannon noted that the application met all code compliance and setback requirements.
- Waiver of Unpaid Residential Solid Waste Bills – Mr. Cannon presented an itemized list of past due solid waste accounts deemed uncollectable by the Solid Waste Department.

Stacy Griffin, Solid Waste Manager, stated that most of the liens were seven years or older, meaning that they were past the statute of limitations.

- Approval of Bid for Club Cab Truck – County Agent – Mr. Cannon presented the low and recommended bid, in the amount of \$24,921.00, submitted by Robert Hutson Ford regarding the provision of a club cab truck to be utilized by the County Agent's office. Mr. Cannon noted that funding was included in the FY 18 – 19 General Fund budget for this purchase.
- Public Hearings – Mr. Cannon noted that one public hearing would be necessary regarding a request to close a portion of Baldy Road, located in Commissioner Hunnicutt's district.

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:** At this time, Mr. Cannon discussed pertinent issues to be brought to the board's attention:

- Prison Transfer from State to County;
- Blighted Property Ordinance Introduction;

- Additional Opportunities for Reserve Investments;
- CDBG Project Recommendations Needed;
- Jail / Road & Bridge Renovation;

Discussion ensued regarding the topics presented.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Nagy made the motion to go into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss the acquisition/disposition of real estate. Commissioner DeMott made a second. The motion carried unanimously. (An affidavit, as required by Georgia Law, was executed by all Board members present stating under oath that the subject matter of the closed meeting was devoted to the matters within the exception provided by law and identified the specific relevant exception as provided by law. The affidavit is hereby made a part of the minutes by reference thereto.)

**REGULAR MEETING:** Commissioner Nagy made the motion at 6:49 p.m. to reconvene into Regular Session. Commissioner DeMott made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:** Commissioner DeMott made the motion to approve the minutes of the aforementioned Executive Session. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

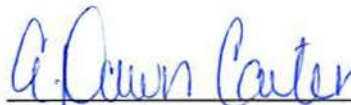
**KEY DATES:** Mr. Cannon reviewed a list of key, upcoming dates with the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

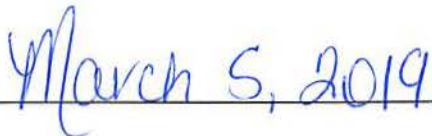
Respectfully submitted,



Denver Braswell  
Chairman

  
A. Dawn Carter  
Human Resources Director

Approved:



# AFFIDAVIT

This is to certify that the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session Meeting (closed meeting) on February 5, 2019, at 6:44 o'clock a.m./p.m. The majority of the quorum present voted in the open meeting to go into Executive Session (closed meeting). The subject matter discussed was applicable under the following code section(s):

- O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1) - Consultation with an attorney regarding pending or potential legal action.
- O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4) - Discussion of future acquisition of real estate. (Notice was given as required and minutes taken.)
- O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6) - Discussion of personnel matters.

I further certify that the subject matter of the Executive Session (closed meeting) was devoted to matters within the exception provided by law and the above checked identifies the specific relevant exception.

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

Denver Braswell  
Denver Braswell, Chairman

Chris Hunnicutt  
Chris Hunnicutt, Commissioner

Al Whittington  
Al Whittington, Commissioner

Johnny Hardin  
Johnny Hardin, Commissioner

Barbara Jelks  
Barbara Jelks, Commissioner

Marc DeMott  
Marc DeMott, Commissioner

Paul Nagy  
Paul Nagy, Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.  
Melissa Lawson  
County Clerk or Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

