

May Work Session Minutes
May 05, 2015

The Commissioner's work session was called to order at 4:30 PM on May 05, 2015 at the Sheriff's office.

Roll Call: All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Brown

Discussed: Chief E. Lynch provided the April, 2015 EMS report and estimated cost for repairing fire truck. Chief Lynch also discussed a total of 17 students attending Fire Department class.

Chairman Williams suggested the County Attorney to further discuss solar rezoning with the commissioners.

Commissioner Scott suggested a detailed county financial report should be discussed so funds being spent can be tracked. Commissioner Scott also suggested EMS and Road Department be added on the agenda to present financial report.

Commissioner Williams suggested reconsidering the county permit fees. These fees will be discussed further at the regularly schedule meeting.

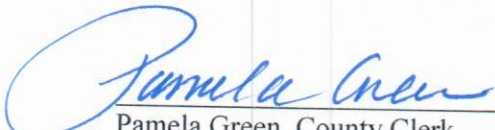
Closing Statements:


Chairman Williams suggested each commissioner take the permit fees and decide a reasonable fee as indicated. All suggested fees are to be submitted at the next Commissioner's meeting.

Commissioner Lee reiterated why the fees were as is, stating permit fees were to assist with the salary of the code inspector.

Motion made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Williams. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.


Pamela Green, County Clerk


Joe Lee Williams, Chairman

May Minutes
May 12, 2015

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:00 am on May 12, 2015.

Roll Call: All Commissioners were present.

Motion to approve April 07, 2015 Workshop minutes and April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes made by Commissioner Lee, 2nd by Commissioner Williams. All in favor.

Motion to approve bid from S&S Roofing, providing Liability Insurance is shown and the difference of pricing in shingles made by Commissioner Brown, 2nd by Commissioner Lee. Those in favor were Chairman Williams, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Scott opposed.

Administrative Matters:

Motion to approve Automatic & Mutual Aid Agreement made by Commissioner Lee, 2nd by Commissioner Williams. All in favor.

Motion to approve contract between Lower Chattahoochee Direct Service Corp made by Commissioner Brown, 2nd by Commissioner Lee. All in favor.

Motion to approve 2015 BCBS insurance plan provided by Randy Everett, with Denham Agency, made by Commissioner Lee, 2nd by Commissioner Williams. All in favor.

Motion to approve resolution for Mayor A. McClendon to be added to the book, made by Commissioner Lee, 2nd y Commissioner Brown. Those in favor were Chairman Williams, Commissioner Brown, and Commissioner Williams .Commissioner Scott opposed.

Old Business:

Motion to rescind CFO salary from \$31,000 to \$32,000 and add back to next agenda made by Chairman Williams, 2nd by Commissioner Brown. All in favor.

CR 50 Mathis store road bridge repair will be discussed further in work session.

New Business:

Chairman Williams suggested April 20th, 2015 at 10:30 AM as a date and time to meet with Veronica Peterson, Area Specialist with USDA.

Comments:

Chairman Williams discussed \$2,500 water bill from the City of Lumpkin. The City Clerk will correct to reflect the correct amount.

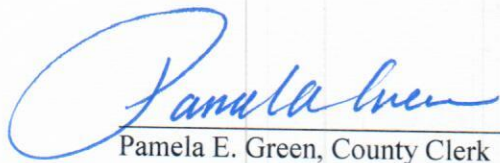
Vice Chair Scott: Presented Chairman Williams with a plaque of Certification from Association County Commissioners of GA, (ACCG). There are five certified County Commissioners

Commissioner Lee: No comments

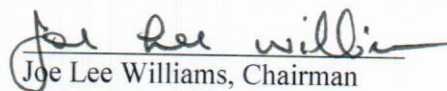
Commissioner Brown: No comments

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Brown, 2nd by Commissioner Williams. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.



Pamela E. Green, County Clerk



Joe Lee Williams, Chairman

May Call Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2015

The Commissioner's call meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM on May 20, 2015.

Roll Call: All Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Scott. Commissioner Scott was in the Commissioner's office performing administrative duties.

Motion made by Chairman Williams to adopt resolution and grant in the amount of \$25,000 from USDA, 2nd by Commissioner Williams. All in favor.

Motion made by Chairman Williams to approve CFO salary to \$32,000, 2nd by Commissioner Brown. All in favor.

Motion made by Chairman Williams to approve \$13,250 for appraisal from Moreland Altobelli Association, 2nd by Commissioner Brown. All in favor. Note: TIA money will be used to pay for this project.

Commissioner's comments:

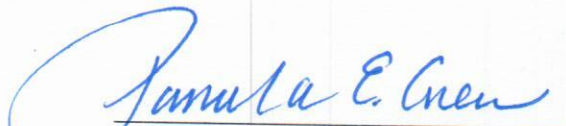
Chairman Williams: No comments


Commissioner Brown: No comments

Commissioner Williams: No comments

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Brown, 2nd by Commissioner Williams. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.


Pamela E. Green, County Clerk


Joe Lee Williams, Chairman

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA REGARDING THE HARVESTING OF TIMBER AND TAXATION THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Georgia legislature recently passed 2015 Georgia House Bill 199, effective July 1, 2015, which amends the procedures applicable to taxation of harvested timber as set forth in Section 12-6-24 of the Official Code of Georgia.

WHEREAS, after careful study and consideration and in order to ensure compliance with the requirements set out in House Bill 199, the Stewart County Board of Commissioners desires to amend its ordinances applicable to the Notice of Harvesting required in connection with the ad-valorem taxation of harvested timber.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Stewart County as follows:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances of Stewart County, Georgia is hereby amended by the adoption of a new Article IV, to be entitled "Timber Harvesting", of Chapter 34, entitled "Taxation", as set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

Section 3. All other Ordinances and Resolutions in conflict herewith or governing the subject matter hereof are hereby repealed.

SO ORDAINED this 9th day of JUNE, 2015.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
STEWART COUNTY, GA**

By:

Joe Lee Willin
Chairman

Attest:

Janetta Green
Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"

ARTICLE IV. TIMBER HARVESTING.

Section 34.91. Notification of Harvesting.

All terms used herein shall have the definitions applicable to Section 12-6-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. As used herein, the term subject property refers to the parcel which contains standing timber to be harvested.

All persons or firms harvesting standing timber in any unincorporated area of the county for delivery as pulpwood, logs, poles, posts, or wood chips to any wood-yard or processing plant located inside or outside the state shall provide notice of such harvesting operations to the County, as provided herein, prior to entering onto the subject property if possible, but in no event later than 24 hours after entering onto the subject property. Further, such persons and firms shall give notice of cessation of cutting within 24 hours after the job is completed.

As required by O.C.G.A. 12-6-24, the required Notice of Harvesting shall be on such form as prescribed by the director of the Georgia Department of Revenue. The required Notice of Harvesting shall be delivered to the office of the Stewart County Tax Assessor prior to the entering onto the subject property for harvesting activities if possible, but in no event later than 24 hours after entering onto the subject property. A separate Notice of Harvesting shall be provided for each tract to be harvested.

The required Notice of Harvesting shall include the following:

- A. A map of the area which identifies the location of the tract to be harvested and, as to those trucks which will be traveling to and from such tract for purposes of picking up and hauling loads of cut forest products, the main point of ingress to such tract from a public road and, if different, the main point of egress from such tract to a public road;
- B. A statement as to whether the timber will be removed pursuant to a lump sum sale, per unit sale, or owner harvest for purposes of ad valorem taxation under O.C.G.A. 48-5-7.5;
- C. The name, address, and daytime telephone number of the timber seller if the harvest is pursuant to a lump sum or per unit sale or of the timber owner if the harvest is an owner harvest; and
- D. The name, business address, business telephone number, and nighttime or emergency telephone number of the person or firm harvesting such timber.

Section 34.92. Bond or Letter of Credit Required.

All persons or entities subject to the notice requirements set forth herein shall deliver a bond or letter of credit as provided in this Section. The required Notice of Harvesting shall not be deemed effective or delivered for the purposes of this Ordinance unless and until the person or entity providing such Notice has delivered to the County a valid surety bond, executed by a surety corporation authorized to transact business in Georgia, protecting the county against any damage caused by such person or firm in the amount of \$5,000.00 or, at the option of the person or firm desiring to harvest timber, a valid irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank or savings and loan association, as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 7-1-4, in the amount of and in lieu of such bond. For the purposes of this section, any such surety bond or letter of credit shall be valid only for the calendar year in which it is delivered.

Only one bond shall be required from each person or firm harvesting timber regardless of the number of tracts harvested in the County by each such person or firm so long as the bond remains in effect. A valid replacement bond must be obtained and delivered to the County no later than the close of business on the fifth business day following the day that the County files a claim to recover damages against the then-existing bond. Upon the filing of such a claim, the County shall provide notice thereof, including the date that the claim was filed, to the person or firm causing damage. Such notice may be given in person, by transmission of an electronic record via telefacsimile, or by e-mail.

Section 34.93. Effectiveness of Notice of Harvesting.

A Notice of Harvesting shall be effective upon receipt of the same by the County and compliance with the requirements of Section 34.92 of this Article. A Notice of Harvesting shall be effective until such time as the person or firm giving such notice has completed the harvesting operation for such tract. Any subsequent change in the facts required to be provided for purposes of any Notice of Harvesting shall be reported to the Stewart County Tax Assessor within three business days after such change.

Section 34.94. Enforcement and Violations.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforced by the Board of Commissioners of Stewart County, Georgia, by and through the Tax Assessor or his or her designee. Citations and summons for violations and witnesses shall be issued and served by the Stewart County Sheriff or his or her lawful deputy or by the Board of Commissioners of Stewart County or by a designee. Citations or summons shall be made returnable to the Magistrate Court of Stewart County.

Any person or firm that shall do anything prohibited or fail to do anything required by the provisions of this Article, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, upon conviction thereof in the Magistrate Court of Stewart County shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 180 days or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that any violation of this Ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Stewart County, Georgia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Stewart County Historical Commission has preserved The Bedingfield Inn, an original Stagecoach Inn, built in 1836 in Lumpkin, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, The Commission is known for preservation of historic landmarks. The Bedingfield Stagecoach Inn, built in 1836, by Dr. Bryan Bedingfield, the first physician in Stewart County, to serve weary stagecoach passengers and other travelers, as well as a home for his family; and

WHEREAS, The Stewart County Historical Commission continues preserving historical sites in the purchasing of the 1870 Hatchett's Drugstore and the 1890's era former Sheriff's department, for restoring and creating museums; and

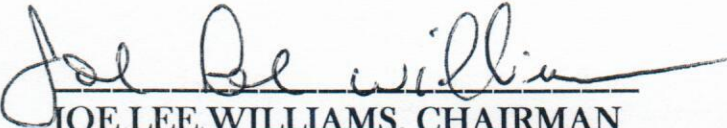
WHEREAS, The Columbus Chapter, Daughters of American Colonists, honor Stewart County Historical Commission and The Bedingfield Inn, with the placement of their bronze marker on this day,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Lee Williams, Chairman, Stewart County Board of Commissioners, recognize the accomplishments and preservation of historical sites by both the Columbus Chapter, Daughters of American Colonists, and The Stewart County Historical Commission, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 16, 2015, as

Bedingfield Inn Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of May, 2015.




JOE LEE WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN
STEWART COUNTY COMMISSIONERS