

Stewart County Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
1764 Broad Street, Lumpkin, Georgia
Thursday, October 13, 2016
10AM

A regular board meeting of the Stewart County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, October 13, 2016. The meeting convened at 10:00AM at the Stewart County Courthouse, Chairman Joe Lee Williams presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance – Done in Unison.

Roll Call – All commissioners were in attendance:

Chairman Joe Lee Williams

Vice-Chair Arcola Scott

Commissioner Jimmy Lee

Commissioner Joseph Williams

Commissioner Ernie Brown

Other staff members present were Jacqueline Sutton Ball-County Clerk and Attorney Tommy Coleman.

Public Hearing – Road Closure

An amendment to the Agenda will be added to Administrative Matters as letter “B” for motions of approval. There were none in attendance from the public.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion to accept the approval of work session and regular meeting minutes for September 2016 by Commissioner Ernie Brown and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Lee with exceptions by Vice-Chair Arcola Scott to make a few corrections. All were in favor and motion carried.

Public Appearance

- A. Gillian Affalter – Ms. Affalter was a no-show.
- B. Ed Lynch (EMS Director) – A motion was made for the approval of EMS Director, Edward Lynch to purchase 2 Power-PRO XT stretchers at a total price of \$36,877.20 (to include a 7 year service plan at \$2,889) under an annual 3 year payment plan by Commissioner Jimmy Lee and seconded by Commissioner Ernie Brown. All were in favor and motion carried.

Administrative Matters

- A. M.O.U. Between U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Stewart County B.O.C. – A motion was made to accept and approve M.O.U between U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Stewart County B.O.C. by Commissioner Jimmy Lee and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Lee. All were in favor and motion carried.
- B. n

Reports

- A. Financial Report - Reviewed
- B. Probate – n/a

Old Business

A. Letter D.C.A. - Discussed

New Business

- A. Letter Department of Audits and Accounts - Discussed
- B. LCRTA Board Member Reappointment – Motion was made to reappoint Commissioner Jimmy Lee on the LCRTA Board by Commissioner Joseph Williams and seconded by Commissioner Ernie Brown. All were in favor and motion carried.

Executive Session

- A. Personnel – n/a

Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Joe Lee Williams

- We have done our final cut for the year.
- District 8 Meeting will be held in Dawson, Georgia on November 10, 2016 at 4:30pm. I have registered everyone if you would like to attend.
- I have submitted the following 6 volunteers to attend the Luncheon in Columbus: Rossie Ross, Edward Lynch, Commissioner Joseph Williams, Commissioner Jimmy Lee, Commissioner Ernie Brown and Chairman Joe Lee Williams.
- All roads are done except Liberty Street.

Chairman Jimmy Lee

- What day of the week do they service the dumpsters?
 - Answer: They guy picks up on Mondays and Fridays.

Vice-Chair Arcola Scott – None

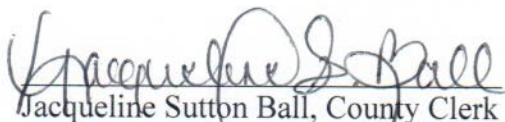
Commissioner Joseph Williams – None

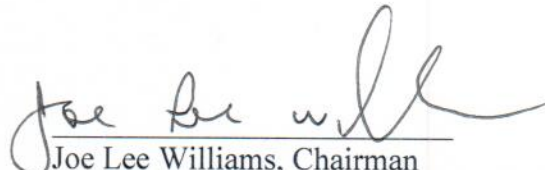
Commissioner Ernie Brown – None

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Joseph Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Lee. All in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25am.


Jacqueline Sutton Ball, County Clerk


Joe Lee Williams, Chairman

Stewart County Board of Commissioners

Work Session Minutes

1764 Broad Street, Lumpkin, GA 31815

September 6, 2016 – 4:30PM

A Work Session Meeting of the Stewart County Board was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. The Meeting convened at 4:32PM at the Stewart County Courthouse, Chairman Joe Lee Williams presiding.

Roll Call: All commissioners were in attendance, except Vice-Chair Arcola Scott.

Other staff member in attendance was Jacqueline Sutton Ball, County Clerk.

Topics discussed

- A. Dump Truck for the Road Department – Discussed
- B. Changing Meeting Dates for October and November 2016 – In October both meeting dates will be changed to the following Thursday at 10:00AM and there will be a guest coming from Atlanta. In November only the regular meeting date will be changed.
- C. Agreement between Stewart County B.O.C. & CCA – Discussed 5 year extension.
- D. Resolution of the Stewart County B.O.C. setting new interests rates and penalties for delinquent ad valorem taxes. – Discussed
- E. Any other topics the B.O.C. need to discuss
 - a. Acceptance of bids were extended to the next day, due to the bid ending date being on a holiday.
 - b. EMS and road department reports to be presented during work session - Discussed

Old Business – n/a

New Business – n/a

Commissioner's Comments

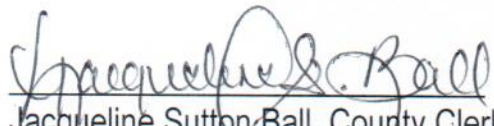
- A. Commissioner Joe Lee Williams
 - a. The Road Department must work the day before and the day after the holiday – Personnel policy discussed.
 - b. \$10,000 check for WC Funds will be used for safety items in the road department. - Discussed

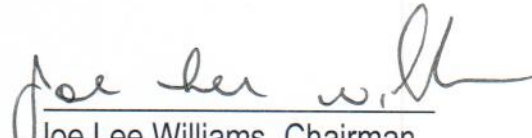
- B. Commissioner Jimmy Lee – Where are we on the mower? – Discussed
- C. Commissioner Joseph Williams – Tractor and Mower questions – Discussed
- D. Commissioner Ernie Brown - None

Executive session – n/a

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Jimmy Lee and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Williams. All were in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.


Jacqueline Sutton Ball, County Clerk


Joe Lee Williams, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 16- 09-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA SETTING NEW INTERESTS RATES AND PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENT AD VALOREM TAXES; REPEALING ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Stewart County Board of Commissioners sets the rates of interest and penalty fees of delinquent taxes;

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill 960 during the most recent legislative session which alters the rates and penalties that the County may legally charge;

WHEREAS, the Stewart County Board of Commissioners desire to change the rates charged for delinquent taxes in accordance with the new Georgia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stewart County Board of Commissioners and it is hereby resolved of the same, as follows:

Section 1.

(a) All ad valorem taxes shall be due and payable in full within 60 days after notice, unless the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, in which case it shall be postponed until the first day following which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Supplemental ad valorem taxes and special assessments shall be due and payable on the date set forth by the commissioners when imposing the tax or assessment.

(b) All taxes and assessments imposed by the county shall be paid in full in legal tender of the United States; except where specially authorized by law or action of the Board of Commissioners, no partial payments shall be accepted.

(c) Taxes and special assessments shall bear annual interest at the rate of 3% above the federal prime rate. In 2016, this rate shall be .542% percent assessed each month from the date the tax or assessment is due until the date the tax or assessment is paid. For purposes of this section, any period of less than one month shall be considered to be one full month. The county clerk may waive the collection of any interest, in whole or in part, due the county on unpaid taxes or assessments

whenever or to the extent that he/she reasonably determines that the delay in payment was attributable to the action or inaction of his/her department.

(d) In any instance in which any taxpayer fails to pay a tax or assessment within 120 days of the due date, the taxpayer shall pay a penalty of five percent of the amount of the tax due, together with interest as specified herein. Where the taxpayer continues to fail to pay a tax or assessment beyond the initial 120 days, this penalty shall increase by 5% every 120 days, however the maximum penalty that may ever be imposed is 20% of the principle amount due.

Section 2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

Section 3. This resolutions shall take place immediately upon adoption.

SO RESOLVED, this 13th day of SEPTEMBER 2016.

STEWART COUNTY BOARD OF COMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chair,

Attest: _____
Clerk,



**AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN STEWART COUNTY
AND
CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA**

THE AGREEMENT entered into on the 27th day of June 2006 by and between STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA ("County") and **CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA** ("Company"), is hereby amended effective as follows:

Section 10 is amended to delete the first sentence and insert the following:

"The term of this Agreement shall be for a period commencing July 1, 2006 and expiring on December 31, 2021."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, intending to be legally bound, the parties have caused their authorized representatives to execute this Amendment.

STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: 

Joe Lee Williams

Chairman, Stewart County Commission

CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA

BY: 

Natasha K. Metcalf

Vice President, Partnership Development

WHEREAS, Head Start is a national school readiness program that provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition and parent involvement services to low income children between the ages of birth to five years; and

WHEREAS, Head Start has nurtured the promise of a better future for low income children and their families since 1965; and

WHEREAS, More than 500 children locally will benefit from enrollment in the Head Start program; and

WHEREAS, October is National Head Start Awareness Month and the local theme this year is, "Leaping into Action;" and

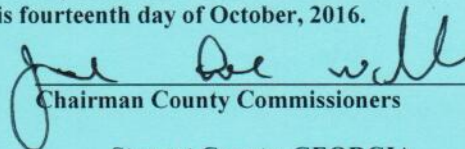
WHEREAS, More than 1.2 million volunteers nationwide contribute time and energy to Head Start each year, while the need for volunteers increases as the number of families and children helped by Head Start grows; and

WHEREAS, Belva Dorsey, CEO of Enrichment Services Program, Inc., a community action agency, has worked to combat the cycle of poverty and has served as a visionary and a beacon of hope for staff, families and this community, and leads the staff and local volunteers in this most important mission,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Lee Williams, Chairman of Stewart County Commissioners Lumpkin, Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 as

"HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of Stewart County to be affixed this fourteenth day of October, 2016.


Chairman County Commissioners

Stewart County, GEORGIA