

Stewart County Board of Commissioners

Called Work Session Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2018 – 4:30PM

A work session of the Stewart County Board of Commissioners was held on September 4, 2018. The meeting convened at 4:30PM at the Stewart County Courthouse with Chairman Joseph B. Williams presiding.

Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance:

Vice-Chair Arcola Scott, Chairman Joseph Williams, Commissioner Tyrone Nelson, and Commissioner Joe Lee Williams.

Commissioner NOT in attendance:

Commissioner Ernie Brown

Other Staff in Attendance:

Mary Rushin (Deputy Clerk)

Matthew “Mac” Moye (County Manager)

Public Appearance

- A. Eugene Haynes (Stewart County Road Department Superintendent)
 - a. Motor Grader Bid Specifications—Eugene would like to sell the John Deere and replace it with another Caterpillar by the end of December. Eugene was asked to gather some quotes on the machine.
 - b. Troutman Road—Still more work to be done on Troutman Road. Noticed that the pipes that is supposed to be catching the water is not working, the water is going under the pipes.

Reports

- A. County Manager (Mac Moye) Reviewed and Discussed
 - a. Brooklyn Pipe Extension- Permitted for early next week.
 - b. Stewart County Summit- The speakers for the meeting will be GBI Director Vernon Keenan and Dr. Linda Buchanan, President of Andrew College. Core Civic will provide the food.
 - c. Southern Lower Chattahoochee Council of Governments Annual Dinner—The Stewart County Historical Commission received a “Rural Star Award” for its accomplishments.
 - d. 911 Resolution—State of Georgia will collect the telephone service fees from the 911 services and send the county one check, instead of multiple companies sending small monthly checks.
 - e. FLPA funds- The Ballot Amendment 3 which many counties will fear the loss of FLPA funds is on the ballot for November.
 - f. Annual Audit- It was determined that the county met the requirements specified in the O.C.G.A.
 - g. Comments--Commissioner Joe Lee Williams talked about a joint road project with Richland to do work on the Richland Hospital Road. He stated that Richland would have to reimburse the county for their share of the project.

Items Discussed

- A. EMS Building bid opening—The Chairman would like for the bidders to know the ends and outs of the building and to be able to do a blue print of the project that they will purpose to the county in it's all inclusive. They suggested 8 to 10 inquiries for the job.

Commissioners' Comments:

- A. Commissioner Tyrone Nelson commented that he did not think that the city should be loaning out money to other counties. Commissioner Nelson stated that the Omaha roads had not had any work done on them since 1987 and that the money should be used on those roads.

No other comments were made.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams and Seconded by Vice-Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:12PM.



Mary Rushin, Deputy Clerk



Joseph B. Williams, Chairman

Stewart County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2018

4:30PM

A county commissioner regular meeting of the Stewart County Board was held on September 11, 2018. The meeting convened at 4:30PM at the Stewart County Courthouse with Chairman Joseph B. Williams presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance – in Unison

Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance:

Vice-Chair Arcola Scott, Chairman Joseph Williams, Commissioner Ernie Brown and Commissioner Joe Lee Williams

Commissioner NOT in attendance:

Commissioner Tyrone Nelson

Other Staff in Attendance:

Jacqueline Sutton Ball (County Clerk), Matthew “Mac” Moye (County Manager), and Attorney Josh McKoon

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chair Arcola Scott to approve August 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All were in favor and motion carried.

Public Appearance

Liz Singley – Cooperative Extension Agent – Introduced her new staff and welcomed them aboard as follows: Cynthia Hall/Cooperative Extension Secretary and Blair Harris/Cooperative Extension Agent (4-H)

Allen Latham – Mr. Latham explained the Guaranteed Buyback Agreement for the Caterpillar that the county is currently leasing from Yancey Cat. The county has the option to purchase the equipment for \$1.00 for complete ownership or Yancey Brothers agrees to buyback equipment under the terms of the agreement for \$126,000. Mr. Latham reminded the commissioners that the lease contract will expires on October 2, 2018.

Chairman Williams suggested that we get some numbers to replace the John Deer.

Reports

A. County Manager (Mac Moye)

- **Board of Education/Transfer of the Old Stewart County High School** – Chairman and I will meet the board and report back to the Board of Commissioners with an update on the progress.
- **Stewart County Community Summit** – Please invite your neighbors, friends, etc. to attend the summit on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 9:00am at the Stewart County Elementary School. Lunch will be provided by Core Civic.
- **E911 Resolutions** – The state will send one check instead of the numerous amount of checks we receive from each telephone provider. Resolutions have been generated for this process and reviewed by the county's lawyers.
- **Economic Development Training** – Three board members were certified and they can begin the voting process. Other members will attempt certification soon.
- **Amicus Brief/Clinch County** – County Manager suggested that the Commission file an *Amicus* brief in support of the Clinch County Commission in its lawsuit concerning the Forestland Protection Act (FLPA). The subject of Amendment 3 are on the ballots. However, we can only provide information and not tell the citizen how to vote. We should ask the county attorney to file a brief.

- **Rock Incident** – a rock fell off the county's dump truck and stuck the bumper of a car, causing damage. Incident report has been filed and claim issued.
- **Lumpkin Library Building** – The Stewart County Historical Commission has voted to accept the Lumpkin library from the Stewart County Commission.
- **Family Connection Meeting** – Every Friday there is a counselor at the Stewart County Department and Family Children Center available to offer help jobseekers who are unemployed and underemployed.
- **ACCG Training** - Commissioner Tyrone Nelson is attending ACCG Training in Blairsville this week.
- **2018-2019 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)** – This grant program cycle is officially open. It may help us in re-invigorating the RV Park per DNR's request. It requires a 50% match for up to \$100,000.
- **Calendar of Events** – There are several events happening in the month of September and October. There are two that I would like to point out:
 - **L4GA (9/25/18)** – This program will try to distribute books for people to read, grants for parents to get books, etc.
 - **DCA Fall Conference** – Anybody who can attend, please do so. Let us know as soon as possible so we can get you registered. Commissioner Joe Lee Williams would like to attend.

Old Business

A. New EMS Building

- Chairman – We need an architect to draw a blue print of the desired structure. Then we need to start accepting bids.
- Commissioner Joe Lee Williams – We should call the Albany and Columbus area for possible candidates.
- There is an architect in Richland, Georgia by the name of Roman Stankus that you all can contact.
- Moyer – What should we do regarding the procurement website?
- Commissioner Brown – I think we should postpone the website right now. My suggestion would be that we have a pre-bid meeting to inform candidates on what is needed and then offer bids. We should also contact Paul Rakel. (Mr. Moyer stated that he would contact Mr. Rakel.) We should seek an engineer first and then an architect.

New Business

- D. **PHILT** (Federal Government) – We either join or receive lesser funds. The payment will be coming out of gross recovery. Attorney will get more information.
- E. **FLPA** – Counties and the board of education is subject to reduced FLPA payments due to the Amendment 3. We have three options: (1) Do nothing or let the Voters vote, (2) Have an educational meeting to inform people, and (3) join the Clinch County lawsuit. The county's attorney will get with Clinch County to prepare a brief.

Administrative Matters

- A. A motion was made by Commissioner Ernie Brown to purchase the Caterpillar for \$1 and the end of our lease agreement with Yancey Brothers and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Vice Chair Arcola Scott to reappoint Ms. Richardson to the Housing Authority Board and seconded by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams. All were in favor and motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Chairman Joseph Williams to appoint Marcus Taylor the Water Authority Board and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Commissioner Ernie Brown to accept the resignation of Margie Ross from Joint Economic Development Authority Board and seconded by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams. All were in favor and motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams to appoint Debbie Stone to the Joint Economic Development Authority Board and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.
- F. A motion was made by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams to approve Direct Services Annual Program for fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for annual donation request of \$3,950 and seconded by Commissioner Ernie Brown. All were in favor and motion carried.
- G. A motion was made by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams to approve a resolution updating and authorizing 911 charges on prepaid wireless services and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.

- H. A motion was made by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams to approve a resolution authorizing 911 charges on telephone services and wireless enhanced 911 charges other than prepaid wireless services and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.
- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Ernie Brown to accept the offer from the Stewart County Historical Commission to accept the Lumpkin Library Building for \$1 and seconded by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams. All were in favor as long as someone makes sure we agree on the appearance of the outside structure and motion carried.
- J. A motion was made by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams to accept the resignation of Gordon Smith on the EDA Board and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.
- K. A motion was made by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams to appoint Winston Morrison on the EDA Board and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. Mr. Morrison currently serves on Board of Assessors and is not eligible to serve on the EDA Board. Motion failed.

Executive Meeting – N/A

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Joe Lee Williams – RVRC has an annual conference that I would like to attend. The registration fee is \$320.00 and I would have to purchase a two-night hotel stay. I would like for the clerk to check to see how much allotted money is left in the budget to cover expenses. Vice Chair Arcola Scott – There was enough funds allotted in the budget to cover education for the commissioners.

Commissioner Ernie Brown - None

Vice Chair Arcola Scott – None

Chairman Joseph Williams – None

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

Meeting Adjourned at 5:51PM.


Jacqueline Sutton Ball County Clerk


Joseph B. Williams, Chairman