

# Stewart County Commission Minutes

Work Session February 5, 2019

The members of the Stewart County Commission met in work session on February 5, 2019 in the Courtroom of the Stewart County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Chairman Joseph B. Williams. Chair Williams and Vice Chair Arcola Scott, as well as Commissioners Joe Lee Williams and Tyrone Nelson and County Manager Mac Moye all were in attendance.

## Public Appearances.

1. *Public Health Nurse Teresa Thomas and Family Connections Coordinator Edwina Turner*, both of Stewart County, asked for the county's support for the upcoming Health Fair to be held on the grounds of the County Courthouse. The event will be Saturday, April 6 from 10 am to 2 pm. Nurse Thomas and Coordinator Turner asked permission to use the Jury Rooms and other "vacant" rooms for some of the HIPPA activities which take place in health screening.

They also related some of the programming which will be taking place that day, along with various participants: the Georgia Department of Public Health (blood pressure, breast exams), West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition, New Horizons (hepatitis testing), Care Connect, Area Agency on Aging, Alzheimer's Foundation, Stewart County Get Lit! (reading and giving out books), HIV testing, police vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances, veterans, United Health, Alicia Babb's crafts, Red Cross, food vendors, and more.

The Commission will place this request on the agenda for the February 12 regular meeting.

2. *Stewart County Cooperative Extension Coordinator Liz Singley*, told of a new grant that has been awarded for the benefit of the people of Stewart County. This is the "High Obesity Prevention" grant (also known as the "HOP" grant). See the attached hand-out. Mrs. Singley described the activities of the \$40,410 grant from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta to the University of Georgia. These include providing better access to healthy foods, direct communications with the school systems and food retail outlets, work with farmers to assist in finding local markets, and more. Mrs. Singley indicated that the grant cannot be used for labor, but rather only for materials. She asked the county to assist with some of the labor needs, which may include such activities as erecting hiking-trail signage.

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## Staff Reports.

1. *Stewart County Road Superintendent Gene Haynes* provided a hand-out concerning his activities for the month of January. He indicated that Ragtown Road is closed. He has ordered signs intended to caution drivers about using certain dirt roads in wet weather. He also indicated that he will have to replace some pipes on Moore's Store Road.
2. *Stewart County Emergency Medical Services Director Ed Lynch* provided a hand-out. He indicated that the federal government's 35-day shut-down had decreased the EMS's revenue in January because of Medicare payments and payments from CoreCivic, both of which depend on Federal funding. Director Lynch asked the commissioners to make appointments to the West Central

Georgia Region 7 Emergency Medical Services Council board. He asked that Director Ed Lynch be appointed to a two-year term and Stewart County Emergency Management Agency Director Greg Stewart be appointed to a one-year term. The Commission will take this matter up at the February 12 regular meeting. Director Lynch indicated that his wife will deliver sometime in the near future, and he plans to take two-weeks' medical leave to be with her and their new child. Various Commissioners congratulated Mr. Lynch.

3. *Stewart County Manager Mac Moye* directed the Commissioners' attention to his report in the Commissioners' folders. He asked the Commissioners to approve in the upcoming February 12 meeting the removal of the phone and internet hardwire connections in the courtroom's front area, leaving just one electrical outlet. He also asked the Commissioners to approve adding handrails to the north and south entrances of the courthouse. There are handrails already on the center courses of steps, but our risk management representative indicated that the courses to the left and to the right of the center course need handrails as well. Manager Moye asked the Commissioners to adopt County Attorney Bin Minter's Building Permit Process as outlined in the attachments to the current report. Moye also asked the Commissioners to allow him to apply for two Golden Triangle grants, the proposals for which will be due March 15. Moye asked the Commissioners to adopt Juvenile Court Judge Lisa Jones's request for level funding of \$11,173.30 for her upcoming budget year. Moye indicated that the Commissioners should decide whether to pursue some sort of legal action relating to possible embezzlement and fraud by former District Attorney Plez Hardin. The Commissioners discussed the recent lapse in service from the Courthouse's HVAC system and possible strategies going forward.

**Agenda Items.**

1. *EMS Building Construction.* The Commissioners await some options to be presented by Commissioner Ernie Brown.
2. *Possible Acceptance of Ownership of SQHS.* Chairman Williams asked that the Intergovernmental Agreement, which has not yet been adopted, be revised per instructions and ready for distribution to the Commissioners.
3. *Electrical Wiring in the Courthouse.* The recent HVAC problem brought to attention that some areas of the Courthouse could not easily support stand-alone electrical heaters. Some changes to the breaker box are called for. In addition, there are not enough electrical sockets in the courthouse for the various needs. The Commissioners should consider improving the service in the courthouse.

There being no further business, the Commissioners adjourned at 5:21 pm upon the motion by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Nelson.



County Manager Mac Moye



County Commission Chair Joseph B. Williams

# Stewart County Board of Commissioners

## Regular Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2019 – 4:30PM

A county commissioner regular meeting of the Stewart County Board was held on February 12, 2019. 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 Tyrone Nelson, and Commissioner Joe Lee Williams. Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Ernie Brown

Other Staff in Attendance: Attorney Bin Minter (County Attorney), Jacqueline Sutton Ball (County Clerk) and Matthew “Mac” Moye (County Manager)

### Reading and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chair Arcola Scott to approve the January 2019 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All were in favor and motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson to amend the agenda to include Chief Police John Tyler to *Public Appearance* as item “D” and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.

### Public Appearance

- A. GPS Representative – Purchase of Radar Equipment for Georgia State Patrols – No Show
- B. Lisa Fort – Regional Advisory Council of the Georgia DBHDD – Discussed
- C. Hunter Clements – Truman’s Air Conditioning and Heating – Discussed
- D. John Tyler – Lumpkin Chief of Police – City Usage of Heavy Equipment to Clean up Debris at Sewage Barn

### Reports

- A. County Manager’s Report – Reviewed and Discussed

### Old Business

- A. EMS Building Construction – No Discussion
- B. Removal of Internet and Telephone ports from Courtroom Floor - to be completed for safety reasons.
- C. Adding Handrails on north and south entrances of Courthouse – to be completed for safety reasons.
- D. Building Permit Process – Attorney Bin Minter - Discussed and Reviewed
- E. Lawsuit Concerning District Attorney Plez Hardin – Discussed
- F. Grant Proposal to Golden Triangle – Discussed

### New Business

- A. Omaha Septic Tank Issue - Discussed

### Administrative Matters

- Bid Process for Repair of HVAC Unit in Courthouse - A motion was made by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams to start the bidding process to repair the HVAC system in the courthouse and advertise for two weeks and seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All were in favor and motion carried.
- County Equipment Usage by City of Lumpkin - A motion was made by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson to approve the usage of the county’s equipment (Backhoe and Bull Dozier), by Chief John Tyler only, to clear the City of Lumpkin’s Landfill and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.
- Public Hearing for SQHS Acquisition - A motion was made by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson to hold a public hearing on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 10am – 2pm over the pending intergovernmental agreement between the

county and the Board of Education over the transfer and use of the old Stewart Quitman High School property and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.

- Usage of jury room and other vacant rooms for April 2019 Stewart County Health Fair – A motion was made by Commission Joe Lee Williams to grant permission to allow the usage of Stewart County Courthouse jury room and any other vacant rooms for the Stewart County Health Fair on April 6, 2019 and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.
- Reappointment of EMS and EMA Directors - A motion was made by Vice Chair Arcola Scott to re-appoint EMS Director Edward Lynch to a two-year term and EMA Director Gregory Stewart to a one-year term on the Regional EMS Advisor Council and seconded by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams. All were in favor and motion carried.
- Juvenile Judge Level-Funding Request – A motion was made by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams to accept Juvenile Judge Lisa Jones' level-funding request of \$11,173.30 for her budget year and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.
- Zoning Board Commission – A motion was made by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams to re-appoint Russell Henson, David Barrett, and Gregory Britton to the Stewart County Zoning Board Commission and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.
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**Commissioner's Comments - None**

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 carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:58 PM.

  
Jacqueline Sutton Ball, County Clerk

  
Joseph B. Williams, Chairman