

Stewart County Board of Commissioners

Work Session Minutes
January 3, 2023 – 4:30 PM

The Stewart County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on January 3, 2023. The meeting convened at 4:30 PM at the Stewart County Courthouse with Chairman Joseph B. Williams presiding.

Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance:

Chairman Joseph B. Williams
Vice Chair Arcola Scott
Commissioner Joe Lee Williams

Other Staff in Attendance:

Mac Moyer (County Manager)
Carole Stewart (County Clerk)
Bin Minter (County Attorney)

Items Discussed:

- A. Animal Control
- B. Renfro Rd

→ Commissioner Tom Mayo joined meeting at 4:59 PM

- C. Brooklyn Fire Station
- D. Wims Center
- E. Marilyn Moses property tax issue

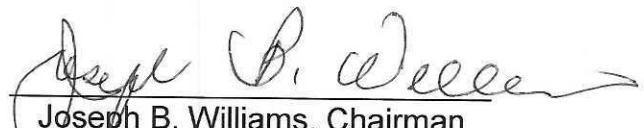
→ Commissioner Joe Lee Williams left meeting at 5:43 PM

Commissioners' Comments – no comments provided.

Vice Chair Arcola Scott moved to adjourn work session meeting; seconded by Commissioner Tom Mayo. All were in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.


Carole Stewart, Clerk


Joseph B. Williams, Chairman

Stewart County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023 – 4:30 PM

The Stewart County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on January 10, 2023. The meeting convened at 4:30 PM at the Stewart County Courthouse with Chairman Joseph B. Williams presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance – In unison

Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance:

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

Commissioners not in attendance:

Commissioner Thomas Mayo

Other Staff in Attendance:

Mac Moye, County Manager
Mary Rushin, Assistant County Clerk
Binford Minter, County Attorney

Appointment of Commission Chair – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to appoint Commissioner Joseph B. Williams as Commission Chair; seconded by Vice-Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.

Appointment of Commission Vice-Chair – Chairman Joseph B. Williams moved to appoint Commissioner Arcola Scott as Commission Vice-Chair; seconded by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams. All were in favor and motion carried.

Vice-Chair Arcola Scott moved to amend the agenda to add Larry Westbrook as item B to Public Appearances; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All were in favor and motion carried. Vice-Chair Arcola Scott moved to amend the agenda to add Correctional Services Agreement between The Southwestern Judicial Circuit Misdemeanor Probation Department and the Superior Court of Stewart County, Georgia as item C to Administrative Matters; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All were in favor and motion carried.

Public Appearances –

- A. Doug Redding, Georgia Forestry Commission** – Presented the Georgia Forestry Commission Annual Report FY 2021-2022 for Stewart County.
- B. Larry Westbrook, Chairman of Board of Registrar**– Recommended Alfreda Hudson for the position of Elections Supervisor starting Tuesday January 17, 2023. Vice Chair Arcola Scott moved to hire Alfreda Hudson as Elections Supervisor; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All were in favor and motion carried. Vice Chair Arcola Scott also proposed for Board of Elections to advertise for an additional position in Registrar Office.

→ Commissioner Thomas Mayo entered the meeting at 4:47 PM

Administrative Matters –

- A. **Stewart County Housing Board Appointments** - Chairman Joseph B. Williams asked commissioners to bring names of potential candidates to next meeting.
- B. **Change to Resolution 16-09-13** – County Attorney Bin Minter discussed current resolution. He advised no change to Resolution 16-09-13 was needed. No action taken.
- C. **Correctional Services Agreement** – Vice-Chair Arcola Scott moved to accept the Correctional Services Agreement between The Southwestern Judicial Circuit Misdemeanor Probation Department and the Superior Court of Stewart County; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All were in favor and motion carried.

Reports:

- A. **Financial Report** – financial reports provided and reviewed.
- B. **Road Superintendent** - Eugene Haynes presented the December 2022 report on the Road Department.
- C. **Public Safety Director** – Chief Greg Stewart not present; however, December 2022 EMS report provided.
- D. **County Attorney** – County Attorney Bin Minter discussed topics prevalent to the county.
- E. **County Manager** – Mac Moye provided his report on the county for December 14, 2022 – January 10, 2023.

Old Business:

- A. **Animal Control** – no new updates to discuss.
- B. **EMS Building** – no updates to discuss.
- C. **Waste Management** – table until after Executive Session
- D. **Letters from Gloria Bost and Marilyn Moses** – Vice-Chair Arcola Scott moved to refund penalty and interest to both Ms. Bost and Ms. Moses; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. Chairman Joseph B. Williams, Vice-Chair Arcola Scott, Commissioner Tyrone Nelson, and Commissioner Thomas Mayo voted in favor. Commissioner Joe Lee Williams voted opposed. Motion carried. Ms. Bost will receive \$200 and Ms. Moses will receive \$217. Refunds awarded from County General Funds.

→ Commissioner Tyrone Nelson left meeting at 5:23 PM

New Business:

- A. **Stewart County Health Department Board and Stewart County Economic Development Authority appointments** – Chairman Joseph B. Williams asked commissioners to bring names of potential candidates to next meeting.
- B. **New IRS 2023 mileage rates** – Vice-Chair Arcola Scott moved to increase the current county mileage rate from .58 to .65; seconded by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams. All were in favor and motion carried.

Reading and Approval of Minutes –

Vice-Chair Arcola Scott moved to approve December 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes; seconded by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Vice-Chair Arcola Scott moved to approve January 3, 2023 work session meeting minutes; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. Chairman Joseph Williams, Vice-Chair Arcola Scott, and Commissioner Thomas Mayo voted in favor. Commissioner Joe Lee Williams opposed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vice-Chair Arcola Scott motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. All were in favor and motion carried. Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 5:30 PM.

Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to close the executive session at 6:02 PM; seconded by Vice-Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Vice-Chair Arcola Scott motioned to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:03 PM; seconded by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Executive session no action was taken.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Thomas Mayo - none

Commissioner Joe Lee Williams – We need to start moving on projects out there.

Vice-Chair Arcola Scott – We plan to work on the projects. That's why we are going back to work sessions.


Chairman Joseph B. Williams – I will have a report on the Brooklyn property tomorrow.

Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Mayo. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.



Carole Stewart, County Clerk



Joseph B. Williams, Chairman