



**GOVERNANCE PLANNING RETREAT
MINUTES
Carroll County Board of Commissioners
July 22 & 23, 2016
Callaway Gardens – Pine Mountain, GA**

Marty Smith, Chairman	P	George Chambers, D-6	P
Trent North, D-1	P	Lee Powers, D-5 Elect	P
Vicki Anderson, D-2	P	Susan Mabry, County Clerk	P
Tommy Lee, D-3	P	Kristy McAdams, CDCC	P
Michelle Morgan, D-4	P		
Kevin Jackson, D-5	A		

Present = P A = Absent

CALL TO ORDER – July 22, 2016

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He introduced Commissioner Trent North as facilitator for the Retreat.

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES &
UPDATE AND REVIEW OF SPLOST**

❖ **Introduction of Interim County Attorney**

Chairman Marty Smith introduced Stacey Blackmon of Tisinger Vance as Interim County Attorney to be confirmed at the August 2, 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Stacey introduced Avery Jackson who will also be working with the County on legal issues.

❖ **E-911 Update and Review**

Trisha Orr, Director of E-911 provided an overview of the new E-911 center and gave the Board an update on the increased volume in calls. After discussion the Board requested that she provide monthly reports on the number of calls received by emergency classification.

❖ **Review of the 2015 Audit Report**

Julie George of Rushton and Company gave the Board an overview of the FY2015 audit and explained the breakdown of the different types of financial statements within the audit report and where to find them.

❖ **Community Development and Parks Review**

Ben Skipper, Director of Community Development and Interim Director of Parks presented an update on the Parks Department and touched on some areas that needed immediate attention. He informed the Board that he would be working closely with Charles Pope from the Roads Department to

complete all projects. There was discussion from the Board about better advertisement along I-20 for the County parks.

Mr. Skipper also updated the Board about the increase in revenue collected by Community Development as a result of the Board's changes in permit and license fees.

UPDATE AND REVIEW OF SPLOST

❖ Review of SPLOST Projects

Gerald Pilgrim, SPLOST Coordinator reviewed the reassessment process conducted by GMASS for the Tax Assessor's Office and presented an update on what to expect if the Commercial review is approved by the Board. Consensus of the group was to approve the project at the August 2nd BOC meeting. Commissioner Morgan asked for better communication to the public in the future. The Board also requested that staff prepare talking points that they could give the public when presented with questions in reference to the reassessment. Mr. Pilgrim reviewed a proposed reinstatement of a Business Personal Property Audit program that the County had previously participated in with the cities and school systems. Consensus of the group was to proceed with the program process.

Gerald Pilgrim and Ben Skipper discussed the building of a splash pad at Little Tallapoosa Park and presented different options based on price. Commissioners Anderson, Lee, and Morgan agreed to meet and review design proposals and a plan for future expansion to present to the entire board in the near future.

Mr. Pilgrim discussed the County's funding of the Health Department and a schedule of changes in the Department's Fund Balance.

Chairman Smith presented to the Board a proposal for the realignment of the Tyus - Carrollton Road Bridge over the Little Tallapoosa River where one of our own deputies lost his life. Smith stated that much of the preliminary design work had been completed previously under a contract with Heath & Lineback Engineers (a local engineering firm) and he recommended the continuation of that contract to complete the final design work and engineering. He reported that the estimated cost of the project is \$1,000,000 with funding through an additional allotment of 2016 LMIG funds (\$600,000), increased 2017 LMIG funds (\$300,000), and SPLOST funds (\$100,000). Consensus of the group was to proceed with this project.

Chairman Smith presented a prospect interested in 35 to 50 acres in the Buffalo Creek Technology Park. He said the prospect would be interested in exchanging the property where they are currently relocated for the Tech Park.

Commissioner Morgan requested that the Tech Park Committee meet with residential property owners in the area. Consensus of the group was for Chairman Smith to move forward with discussions with the prospect.

The group discussed several potential property and location options for a new County Administration Building. Chairman Smith is to continue to pursue potential options.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. North adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

July 23, 2016

Mr. North reconvened the meeting at 8:03 a.m.

VISIONING AND PLANNING SESSION

❖ The group had a general discussion on the following topics:

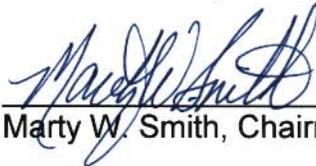
- greenbelt (Morgan)
- SPLOST signs (Morgan)
- branded logo (Morgan)
- going green (Morgan)
- election updates (Anderson)
- Public Defenders Office (Lee)
- Sunday alcohol sales (Morgan)
- emergency response vehicles (Smith)
- funding for health department (Lee)
- better communication as a board (North)
- 2017 calendar (Morgan)
- fund balance (North)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. North adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.



Susan A. Mabry, County Clerk



Marty W. Smith, Chairman

**These minutes were approved by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners on
September 6, 2016.**