



**GOVERNANCE EDUCATION WORK  
SESSION MINUTES  
Carroll County Board of Commissioners  
January 21, 2017  
Carroll County Public Works Building**

Marty Smith, Chairman	P	George Chambers, D-6	P
Trent North, D-1	P	Stacey Blackmon, County Attorney	P
Vicki Anderson, D-2	A	Susan Mabry, County Clerk	P
Tommy Lee, D-3	P	Kristy McAdams, CDCC	P
Michelle Morgan, D-4	P	Leamon Stephens, Finance Director	P
Lee Powers, D-5	P	Gerald Pilgrim, Operations Director	P

*Present = P      A = Absent*

**CALL TO ORDER – January 21, 2017**

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Commissioner George Chambers offered the invocation. County Clerk Susan Mabry shared with the board a tentative 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar with the cancelation of the March 30, 2017 Work Session, the April 4, 2017 Commission Meeting, the June 29, 2017 Work Session, the July 4, 2017 Commission Meeting and the December 28, 2017 Work Session. Ms. Mabry also informed the Board of the upcoming ACCG Annual Conference held in Savannah April 28 - May 1, 2017.

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY UPDATE**

Tim Warren, Chairman of the Carroll County Development Authority informed the Board there was a total of 32 active projects going on in the County. Mr. Warren discussed how the relocation of the Colorado Premium Meats would create 190 jobs and invest \$15 million in Carroll County by 2018. Commissioner Morgan requested the Development Authority give them a list of what companies are looking for and Commissioner North requested better communication about the Development Authority's projects and partnering with them to bring more people into the know about upcoming projects. The Board and Mr. Warren agreed to have the Development Authority update the public on projects at upcoming Work Sessions throughout the year.

**JAIL SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM**

Sheriff Terry Langley accompanied by Major David Jordan, Captain Shane Taylor and Lieutenant Frank Moody provided an overview of why the jail is in need of a new security camera system. Sheriff Langley stated when the jail was built there was approximately 250 inmates and how at that time the camera system was not sufficient. He explained how the cameras were more focused on the employees rather than the inmates. Now the jail houses nearly 600 inmates on average and the need for better security is greater now than ever before. The new camera system would create better protection for the employees and inmates during daily operations. The Board discussed similar needs at the prison and the sheriff confirmed the system at the prison was more outdated than that at the jail. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with both projects.

## **PRESENTATION BY RUSHTON AND COMPANY**

Clay Pilgrim of Rushton and Company gave the Board an overview of the FY2016 audit and explained the breakdown of the different types of financial statements within the audit report and where to find them. Mr. Pilgrim complemented the Board on their financials and record keeping.

## **FINANCE 101**

Leamon Stephens, Finance Director reviewed the December 2016 Financials and gave the Board a mid-year update. Mr. Stephens discussed several opportunities to generate revenue and expense reduction in the upcoming year. He also updated the Board on the 2008 and 2013 SPLOST accounts. Mr. Stephens advised the Board that collections for the 2013 SPLOST were meeting projections. In closing Mr. Stephens stated for future SPLOST reports there will be an additional line for Board approved items.

## **UPDATE AND REVIEW OF SPLOST**

Gerald Pilgrim, Operations Director reviewed and updated the Board on the need for renovations to the DFACS building. Mr. Pilgrim also discussed the need for an addition to the gym at the Carroll County Recreation Department to be able to house the growing number of participants in basketball and gymnastics. It was the consensus of the Board to commit the remainder of the 2008 SPLOST funds to finance the Jail and Prison Security Camera System. It was also the consensus of the Board to proceed with preliminary pricing and scope of projects for the DFACS Building and the Gymnasium at the Recreation Department. It was the recommendation of Commissioner Trent North that the facility be designed so as to incorporate sufficient space for seating, concessions and bathrooms to hold quality events (i.e.: gymnastic meets) which will bring more people into the community and contribute to the local economy. It was also discussed the need for additional funding for Public Works due to the matching requirements for the State Trans projects.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **❖ Tax Assessors/GMASS Update**

Chairman Marty Smith updated the Board on where the Tax Assessors were on appeals, reviews and qualifying sales. Chairman Smith stated that he was working closely with Ed Federer; Chairman of the Board of Assessors to make sure everything gets completed on time. The Board also discussed increasing the Board of Assessor's from a three member board to a five member board. The consensus of the group was for this item to be added to the February 7, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

### **❖ Charitable Contributions**

After review of the County's mid –year financial statements the consensus of the Board was that no funds were available for any additional charities.

❖ **Parks Update**

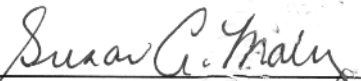
Chairman Smith updated the Board on Ben Skipper's position move from Interim Director of Parks to Director of Parks. Mr. Skipper will also remain as Director of Community Development. There will be an update on what is currently going on in the Parks and what is to come for 2017 at the February 2, 2017 Work Session Meeting. Commissioner Trent North requested that Mr. Skipper get the Board quotes on how much it would cost to replace the paddle boats, putt putt golf course and have a lake management service performed on both the upper and lower lakes at John Tanner Park.


❖ **McIntosh Reserve Conference Facility**

Commissioner Lee Powers presented a proposal for partnering with the Friends of McIntosh for a joint venture to raise money to build a meeting facility at McIntosh Park. The Board requested further details on the proposal.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

  
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Susan A. Mabry, County Clerk

  
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Marty W. Smith, Chairman

**These minutes were approved by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners on  
March 7, 2017.**