EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RETREAT

January 22, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia met in a Retreat Friday, January 22, 2021 at the Administrative Complex in the Large Conference Room at 601 North Laurel Street Springfield, GA 31329.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Wesley Corbitt – Chairman, Mr. Roger Burdette – Vice Chair, Mr. Jamie Deloach, and Mr. Phil Kieffer, Mr. Tim Callanan – County Manager, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mr. Lee Newberry – County Attorney and Mrs. Christy Carpenter – Finance Director, Mr. Eric Larson – Asst. County Manager and Mrs. Vicki Dunn – HR Director

Mr. Reginald Loper was not present for the meeting.

Other attendees for a portion of the session were: Kristen Achtziger, Charlie Heino, Liberto Chacon and Clyde Dyson.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer at 9:12 am.

The Board and Staff retreat opened with County Manager Callanan discussing General Fund revenues and expense comparisons. Both areas are performing well. Other topics discussed during this session were: TAVT, LOST and SPLOST revenues and permitting data for the Development Services office.

Later in the session, Assistant County Manager Larson provided statistics related to the Transportation Master Plan to include the east/west connector, the renovated Administrative Building and the Stormwater Feasibility Study.

County Manager Callanan shared that the recent salary and compensation study results are expected to come in by the end of March. Other discussion was regarding options for TSPLOST borrowing.

Assistant County Manager Larson provided details related to countywide drainage improvements, resurfacing projects and Effingham Parkway plans.

County Manager Callanan discussed the intended funding sources component of the conversation.

Commissioner Burdette started a discussion about private roads which have aged and are in poor condition and options for aiding citizens to have the roads conveyed to the County. There was a productive discussion amongst the attendees about creating a policy for a special tax district, acquiring a list of private roads, enacting an ordinance to disallow a corporation from continuing to obtain building permits when deficiencies occur with prior projects and how to improve upon our current compliance.

County Manager Callanan engaged a discussion on SPLOST, which is tentatively slated to be on the November 2021 ballot as a special election. Further dialogue included potential Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects and other potential projects to include expanded parking areas, judicial renovations, park restorations and performing a facilities assessment study.

Continued discourse was conveyed facilities planning and available campuses to utilize.

The next topic was surrounding Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quality contracts and how it relates to operations for the recommended cost savings and efficiencies.

A presentation on fleet management to include our current fleet, vehicle lifecycle, cost comparisons and resources was overviewed by County Manager Callanan.

The final topic of discussion for the day was centered around water and sewer. County Manager Callanan provided an overview of customers, fees and current projects. Members of EOM Operations gave a more extensive outline of current and future projects.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion. This session was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am, by Chairman Corbitt; followed by the invocation by Commissioner Deloach.

The session was kicked off with a summation of action points from the previous day's topics. Additional action points were derived related to the earlier water and sewer discussion.

Assistant County Manager Larson gave an outline of a work plan for Development Services to include ordinance revisions and Planning Board schedule changes.

There was an extended discussion about amending the permitted uses under agricultural residential districts. A good dialogue and pertinent questions were identified during the conversation.

This session concluded with a final recap.

ADJOURNMENT

The session was adjourned at 1:27 pm.

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