

# EFFINGHAM CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA



BOARD RETREAT MINUTES  
AUGUST 25 – 27, 2023

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023 SESSION**

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia met along with Staff at a Retreat Friday, September 9, 2022 at the Courtyard Residence Inn –Oceanside I meeting room located at 178 Beach view Drive Jekyll Island, GA 31527.

## **PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer, Mr. Tim Callanan– County Manager, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mr. Lee Newberry – County Attorney, Mr. Steve Candler – Development Services Director, Mr. Mark Barnes – Finance Director and Mrs. Sarah Mausolf- Human Resources Director

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Chairman Corbitt and followed by an invocation.

Chairman Corbitt began with a discussion about incorporating a Vision Statement which supports the image for our county’s landscape. He asked staff to ponder on the topics discussed during the retreat to create ideas about what the county’s statement should look like.

County Manager Callanan provided a financial analysis which encompassed population growth, county digest and Maintenance and Operations (M & O) along with an overview of Capital Projects related to water and sewer, facilities enhancements and expansions, stormwater study, parks and TSPLOST road improvements. The projects were individually supported with comprehensive details and plans on how each would progress.

The Board and Staff engaged in an in-depth conversation related to revisions to the Code of Ordinances (*chapters 1 -11 of the zoning ordinance*) as presented by Development Services Director Candler. The highlights of the revisions related to Article II, Article III and Article X. Other subject matters surrounded the future land use map, and amendments or proposal of the following ordinances: agritourism, farm land conservation, tree preservation, nuisance, fire arm discharge and a commercial corridor overly ordinance.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

This session adjourned at 5:37 pm.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023 SESSION**

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia met in a Retreat Saturday, August 26, 2023 at the Courtyard Residence Inn – Oceanside I meeting room located at 178 Beach view Drive Jekyll Island, GA 31527.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer, Mr. Tim Callanan– County Manager, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mr. Lee Newberry – County Attorney, Mr. Steve Candler – Development Services Director, Mr. Mark Barnes – Finance Director and Mrs. Sarah Mausolf- Human Resources Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am by Chairman Corbitt. The invocation was offered by Commissioner Deloach.

Human Resources Director Mausolf provided specifics associated with the following subjects: tuition reimbursement program, outside employment policy, per diem rates, open enrollment, wellness program, insurance, workers' compensation, property casualty and volunteer paid time off and admin leave policy updates.

Finance Director Barnes, supported by County Manager Callanan provided an extensive financial update connected to sales tax actuals, annual expenses (general fund), annual expenses (special funds), non-property tax prelim revenues, general fund and water system fund preliminary results, special tax district (general fund).

County Manager Callanan expounded on funding for various capital projects and capital needs. Additional discussion included initiation of a public facility authority, TSPLOST, Coastal Empire Traffic Study, parks and facilities, water and sewer authority.

Development Services Director Candler detailed proposed changes to *Appendix B – Subdivision Regulations* of the Code of Ordinances. Further collaborative discussion included private roads.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The session was adjourned at 4:50 pm.



**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer, Mr. Tim Callanan- County Manager, Ms. Stephanie Johnson - County Clerk, Mr. Lee Newberry - County Attorney, Mr. Steve Candler - Development Services Director, Mr. Mark Barnes - Finance Director and Mrs. Sarah Mausolf- Human Resources Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Chairman Corbitt. Chairman Corbitt shared a devotional message from the book of Deuteronomy and a prayer.

The final sessions of the retreat's successful discussions included tattoo parlors as it pertains to recently enacted state law, speed limit reduction in particular areas along certain roads, senior school tax exemption (age 65 and over).

The Board and Staff highlighted and prioritized the topics of dialogue by developing a list of action points. The productivity will be examined at a later date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The retreat was adjourned at 11:15 am.



~~Wesley M. Corbitt, Chairman~~

*Phil Kieffer, Vice-Chairman*



Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk

APPROVED BY THE BOC SEPTEMBER 5, 2023