

**THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wendall Kessler, Chairman, Mr. Steve Mason, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mrs. Vera Jones, Mr. Reginald Loper, Sr., and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in a special called meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. Eric Gotwalt, County Attorney, Mr. David Crawley, County Administrator,, Mrs. Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk, Mrs. Joanna Wright, Finance Director, and Mr. Steve Liotta, County Engineer.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kessler called the meeting to order.

**WORKSHOP**

**DISCUSSION OF EXISTING IMPACT FEES (01):** County Administrator Crawley gave a brief history of the County's impact fees. It would take one impact fee committee meeting and two readings for an ordinance to move water and sewer impact fees to a capital cost recovery fee. The only issue would be to figure out what is going to be done with the impact fees previously money collected.

Commissioner Jones read from previous minutes that staff recommends proceeding with capital cost recovery fees for the following reasons: reduced reporting requirements, ease of contractibility and calculation of fee structure, and because the County does not currently collect impact fees for roads, recreation or public safety. Steps to abolish or repeal the Impact Fee Ordinance are to repeal the Impact Fee Ordinance, notify DCA of this action, refund of unencumbered impact fees, and submit final CIE annual update to the DCA upon disbursement of all unencumbered Impact Fees.

County Attorney Gotwalt stated that you could reduce the impact fee to \$0, approve a capital recovery ordinance, spend the current money and then repeal the ordinance.

Commissioners asked for staff to take the steps to repeal the impact fee and to create a capital recovery ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:38 p.m., Commissioner Loper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Wendall Kessler, Chairman

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Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk