EFFINGHAM CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BOARD RETREAT MINUTES
February 3-4, 2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024, SESSION

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia met along with Staff at a retreat Saturday, February 3, 2024 in the Committee Room at the Ritz Carlton Atlanta located at 181 Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30303

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, 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, Mrs. Marie Todd – Executive Assistant, and Mr. Mike Vaquer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by Chairman Corbitt and followed by an invocation.

DISCUSSION

Finance Director Barnes gave a recap of accomplishments and remaining open items from the 2023 Summer Retreat. Other content discussed related to the fiscal year 2023 audit update, the fiscal year 2024 performance, general and special fund expenses. Also provided were details sales tax actuals and projections, property taxes and fees, and cost recovery fees.

At 1:13 pm, Commissioner Deloach made a motion to enter executive session to discuss Property, Personnel and Pending Litigation. Vice Chair Burdette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 3:07 pm, Commissioner Deloach made a motion to reconvene to regular session. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular session of the retreat resumed with a current project overview presented by County Manager Callanan. This discussion involved various parks – Baker, Atlas, Clarence E. Morgan, Pineora, Meldrim, Clyo and the Hwy 119 S recreational complex.

Further discussion continued related to the improvements at other county facilities and grounds: judicial complex and Pine Street parking, Administration Complex renovations and parking, Central School, and Public Works

ADJOURNMENT

This session adjourned, at 4:31 pm.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024, SESSION

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia met in a retreat Saturday, February 4, 2024 in the Committee Room at the Ritz Carlton Atlanta located at 181 Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30303

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, 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, Mrs. Marie Todd – Executive Assistant and Mr. Mike Vaquer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 9:05 and shared a devotional message and invocation before the group present.

DISCUSSION

As part of a recap from the 2023 summer retreat Development Services Director Candler discussed revisions to the following ordinances: buffers, agritourism, nuisance, zoning, animal, and firearm. Candler continued with an outline of the current Development Services staff.

County Manager Callanan elaborated on the establishment of a Solid Waste Coordinator position which serves as a liaison and point of contact between the customer and service vendor as associated to litter and solid waste.

Candler proceeded to explain new policy changes pertaining to subdivision ordinances, (i.e. infrastructure repairs, stormwater inefficiencies). Resources are being provided to aid the customer (in-house stormwater review).

Callanan spoke on an overview of the Commercial Corridor Overly Map which depicts areas for proposed land uses.

Candler explained other projects in the queue, such as ordinances related to sketch plans, business licenses, addressing and zoning. Mr. Candler advised the board of the Community Rating System (CRS) which can allow for a flood rate reduction for citizens upon meeting required criteria.

Mr. Callanan offered a county update to include discussion pertaining to impact fees, rate study and cost recovery fees for water and sewer. This topic was an extensive productive discussion and included questions from the board.

The retreat discussion wrapped up with Callanan presenting an idea to implement a strategic planning process.

ADJOURNMENT

The session was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

R Burdette

Roger Burdette, Vice Chairman

S Johnson

Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk