

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024
HABERSHAM COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM
130 JACOB'S WAY, CLARKESVILLE, GA 30523

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

COMMISSION OFFICER ELECTION FOR 2024

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice Chairman

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Employee Spotlight & Citizen Recognition
 1. Sonya Turgeon, Senior Center Transportation Administrative Assistant
 2. Laureen Pemberton, Senior Center Program Coordinator
 3. Joshua Haynie, Legacy Link Care Provider
- b. Outcome of 2023 Audit: Rushton & Co
- c. Commission Planning Retreat Scheduled for January 26, 2024

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

By permitting opponents or speakers to present public comment to the county, the county does not acquiesce or waive its ability to challenge to the legal standing of the speaker(s) in the event of litigation.

1. CU-24-01- Application By Mark Hagen for Conditional Use of Property at 1651 Double Bridge Road (Parcel#108 004A) for Small Welding Shop

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

During this time, members of the public are invited to address the Commission on any Agenda item other than those listed as Public Hearing. If you signed up to speak at the meeting tonight, you will have three minutes. If your name is listed on the Agenda, you will have five minutes.

- a. Peggy Fortson: Review of 2023 Accomplishments of Habersham County Pickleball Club, Inc.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consider/Approve Minutes for December 18, 2023 Commission Work Session
- b. Consider/Approve Minutes for December 18, 2023 Commission Meeting
- c. Consider/Approve Transfer and Assignment of Airport Hangar H-1 Lease

- d. Consider/Approve Ratification of Purchase of 2017 Ford F-250 For Animal Control
- e. Consider/Approve Ratification of Purchase of 2016 Ford E-350 Bus for Senior Center
- f. Consider/Approve Alcohol Sales Application/Renewal for:
 - 1. The Orchard Golf and Country Club LLC located at 1057 Orchard Drive, Clarkesville- Malt Beverage, Wine and Distilled Spirits Consumption on Premises
 - 2. Leo Das LLC dba A to Z Grocery located at 1723 Crane Mill Rd, Alto- Malt Beverage Package Sales
 - 3. Old Batesville Store Restaurant located at 11801 Hwy 197N, Clarkesville- Malt Beverage and Wine Consumption on Premises

REPORTS:

- a. Planning Commission: D. Higgins, Chairman
- b. Board of Tax Assessors Report: Michael Larson, Vice Chairman
- c. County Manager’s Report: Alicia Vaughn

APPOINTMENTS:

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION

1-Year Term Expiring 01/31/2025

Note: Must be Commission Chair or other Commission Member if Chair Cannot Serve

- 4. Bruce Palmer (Term Expiration): At-Large Appointment

CHESTATEE CHATTAHOOCHEE RC&D

1-Year Term Expiring 12/31/2024

- 1. John Hendrix (Term Expiration)-At-Large Appointment

LIBRARY BOARD

2-Year Term Expiring 6/30/2025

- 5. Jennifer Garrett- At Large Appointment

RECREATION BOARD

Appointments Will Serve Remainder of 5-Year Terms

- 1. Andrew Gailey (Resignation-Term Expires 12/31/25)- Commissioner Palmer’s Appointment
- 2. Alan Irvin (Resignation-Term Expires 12/31/25)- Commissioner Meador’s Appointment
- 3. Darrell Jones (Resignation-Term Expires 12/31/24)- Commissioner Harkness’ Appointment

AIRPORT COMMISSION

3-Year Term Expiring 2/1/2027

1. Ken Schubring (Term Expiration)- Commissioner Tench's Appointment
2. Justin Schapansky (Term Expiration)- Commissioner Akins's Appointment
3. Christopher Limbach (Term Expiration)- Commissioner Mealor's Appointment

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

6-Year Term Expiring 02/19/2030

1. Gail Thaxton (Term Expiration)- Commissioner Palmer's Appointment
2. Sidney Roland (Term Expiration)- At Large Appointment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. First Reading of Amendment to Article II ("Open Burning") of Chapter 30 ("Fire Prevention and Protection") of the Habersham County Code of Ordinances
- b. Consider/Approve IGA with Tallulah Falls for Donation of Drone for Emergency Services
- c. Consider/Approve Design Change Order for Fire/EMS Headquarters Administration Facility
- d. Consider/Approve Task Order #9 With Lead Edge Design Group for Airport ROFA Project
- e. Consider/Approve Amendments to Resolution 2023-12-001 Setting 2024 Qualifying Fees for Election
- f. Consider/Approve IGA with City of Alto for Animal Control Administration & Enforcement
- g. Consider/Approve IGA with City of Baldwin for Animal Control Administration & Enforcement
- h. Consider/Approve IGA with City of Clarkesville for Animal Control Administration & Enforcement
- i. Consider/Approve IGA with City of Cornelia for Animal Control Administration & Enforcement
- j. Consider/Approve IGA with City of Mt. Airy for Animal Control Administration & Enforcement

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel, pursuant to O.C.G.A § 50-14-3(b)(2)

ADJOURN

Posted: January 11, 2024

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