

**HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' CALLED MEETING  
6:30 P.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017  
HABERSHAM COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CLARKESVILLE, GEORGIA**

A Called Meeting of the Habersham County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, October 2, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Conference Room at the Habersham County Administration Building in Clarkesville, Georgia.

Present: Chairman Victor Anderson; Commissioners Natalie Crawford; Stacy Hall, Andrea Harper, and Ed Nichols; County Attorney Ralph Taylor; County Manager Phil Sutton; Director of Public Works Derick Canupp; and County Clerk Lindsay Underwood.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Chairman Anderson led the Invocation.

Chairman Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and voted unanimously to adopt the Agenda with the following changes:

**Add item d. to Commission Discussion:**

- d. Administration Building Funding

**Add item 1. To Public Comments**

- 1. Mr. Stover: CU-17-03

**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.**

- 1. Mr. Stover: CU-17-03 **(Added During Adoption of Agenda)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:43 p.m.**

Motion by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and voted unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss Property Acquisition and Personnel

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**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Chairman Anderson- yay  
Commissioner Crawford- yay  
Commissioner Hall- yay  
Commissioner Harper- yay  
Commissioner Nichols- yay

*Present: Chairman Victor Anderson; Commissioners Stacy Hall, Ed Nichols, Andrea Harper; and Natalie Crawford; County Attorney Ralph Taylor; County Manager Phil Sutton; County Clerk Lindsay Underwood*

Motion by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, and voted unanimously to come out of closed session. **(7:19 p.m.)**

County Attorney Ralph Taylor reported that all matters discussed in Closed Session were limited to those matters allowed by the laws of the State of Georgia and asked for a motion authorizing the Chairman to make such a representation under oath on the affidavit.

Motion by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, and voted unanimously to adopt the representation authorizing such affidavit as per the Attorney's recommendation.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

1. Kim Crawford: Commissioner Crawford
2. Stuart Sanders: At Large

***\*Note: Tabled indefinitely at the March 20, 2017 Commission Meeting\****

1. Joseph J. "Jack" Fulbright: At Large

***\*Note: Tabled indefinitely at the June 19, 2017 Commission Meeting\****

Motion by Commissioner Harper, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, and voted unanimously to remove the appointment of Stuart Sanders from the table.

Motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, and voted unanimously to suspend the rules so that another appointment could be removed from the table and slates of names could be considered together rather than separately as typically practiced.

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Discussion ensued on which slate(s) of names to present. Three slates were considered. One slate included Tricia Hise, however, Commissioner Crawford and Commissioner Nichols had concerns with the level of time Ms. Hise could commit to the Hospital Authority.

Discussion ensued on how to proceed with these appointments, whether candidates' names had to be considered as slates, or if they could be voted on individually.

Motion by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, and voted unanimously to nominate the following to serve in the position formerly held by Stuart Sanders:

James Carboy  
William Gaik  
Matt Hayes

Motion by Commissioner Harper, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, and voted unanimously to nominate the following to serve in the position formerly held by Joseph J. "Jack" Fulbright:

Michael Ferguson  
Donald Fordham  
Don Fraser

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION:**

**a. Gumpster "Pay As You Throw"**

Public Works Director Derick Canupp and County Manager Phil Sutton addressed the Board concerning Gumpster. An extensive survey and pay-off analysis have been completed, and the pay-off from initial investment in the Gumpster could occur anywhere from 15-18.5 years based on the way Habersham County collects taxes in comparison to neighboring counties that have similar systems that work. Discussion on whether this could simply be a service provided, without any expectation on returns ensued. Additionally, different locations throughout the County were considered. The Commission will continue to consider this item.

**b. City of Baldwin Road Maintenance Resolutions**

Public Works Director Derick Canupp and County Manager Phil Sutton addressed the Board concerning the City of Baldwin's request for the County to take over the maintenance of several City roads that have been annexed in the past. After discussion of the possible options, as well as what work is needed on certain roads, the Commission agreed that a revised resolution needed to be presented to Baldwin.

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**c. Donation of Carving to Gazebo in Clarkesville**

County Manager Phil Sutton stated that he had received a verbal request from the City of Clarkesville for the Commission to approve a carved bench donated by a local artist on the condition it be placed on the lot the gazebo is on in downtown Clarkesville. After discussion, a consensus was reached that Phil give verbal notice to the City that due to relocation, space issues, and the potential sale of the Administration Building Property, the carving should not be placed near the gazebo. However, other locations may be considered.

**d. Administration Building Financing (Added During Adoption of Agenda)**

County Manager Phil Sutton addressed the board regarding three financing options Andrew Tritt had provided for funding towards the Administration Building. A consensus was not reached among members of the Board, and it was requested that Andrew be present at the next work session the Commission may hold on October 16, 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Consider/Approve Banks County's Request to Join the Mountain Judicial Circuit and Authorize Chairman Anderson to Sign a Letter of Endorsement**

In late August 2017, Banks County formally requested that we endorse their efforts to join the Mountain Judicial Circuit. While we cannot approve their joining, an endorsement letter makes the legislative process smoother in some instances. County Manager Phil Sutton presented a memorandum that overviewed the cost projections of Banks County joining the Mountain Judicial Circuit. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, and voted unanimously to table this item until the October 16, 2017 Commission meeting so that further research can be done and the endorsement letter can be revised.

**b. Consider/Approve Senior Center CDBG Funded Addition-Full Design Services Proposal and Scope of Service from Precision Planning, Inc.**

Motion by Commissioner Harper, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, and voted unanimously to approve Senior Center CDBG Funded Addition-Full Design Services Proposal and Scope of Service from Precision Planning, Inc.

**ADJOURN: 8:38 p.m.**

Motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, and voted unanimously to adjourn

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Respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Victor Anderson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk Lindsay Underwood

**Posted by:** County Clerk Lindsay Underwood, October 3, 2017