



**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
TROUP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Troup County Government Center  
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Thursday, March 1, 2018

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Patrick Crews called the meeting to order and asked Commissioner Ellis P. Cadenhead to pronounce the invocation.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
J. Morris Jones III	Commissioner, District 4	Present	
Richard English Jr	Commissioner, District 5	Present	
Patrick Crews	Chairman	Present	
Ellis Cadenhead	Commissioner, District 2	Present	
Lewis Davis Jr	Commissioner, District 3	Present	

**Staff Present:**

Tod Tentler, County Manager  
Eric Mosley, Assistant County Manager  
Buddy Cashwell, Chief Finance Officer  
Mark DeGennaro, Associate County Attorney  
Valerie West, County Clerk  
James Emery, Director of Engineering & Development  
Cajen Rhodes, Parks & Recreation Director  
Jay Anderson, Building Official / Zoning Administrator  
Tracie Hadaway, Senior County Planner  
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director  
Sonya Conroy, Assistant Finance Officer  
Brian Maddy, UGA Extension Service

**Media Present:**

Alicia Hill, LaGrange Daily News  
Jeremy Andrews, Troup County News

**Agenda Items**

**1. Discuss Parks & Recreation Request for Permission to Accept Grant and Future Naming of Facility at McCluskey Tennis Center(Cajen Rhodes)**

Parks & Recreation Director Cajen Rhodes presented a request for the Board to allow his department to accept a grant from the Callaway Foundation for improvements to the McCluskey Tennis Center. The project is in line with the Granger Park Master Plan and will include renovation of the six asphalt tennis courts and Pro Shop with lighting upgrades at both the asphalt and clay court areas. Acceptance of the grant would also give naming rights to the Callaway Foundation. Mr. Rhodes stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission voted in favor of granting naming rights and it would be named the C. Leon Pitts Pavilion at McCluskey Tennis Center. He added that the Board of Education had approved of the project and Diverse Power made a financial contribution of \$10,000.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED AND REFERRED Next: 3/6/2018 9:00 AM**

**2. Discuss Parks and Recreation Request for Permission to Accept Grant/ Pursue Financing for LED Video Display Board(Cajen Rhodes)**

Parks & Recreation Director Cajen Rhodes presented a request for the Board to accept a grant from the Callaway Foundation in the amount of \$75,193 and also allow him to pursue financing of a new LED Video Display at Callaway Stadium. Mr. Rhodes stated that the department is raising \$300,000 privately naming several other sponsors contributing to the project including, the Troup County Board of Education, LaGrange College, Emory Healthcare, WellStar West Georgia Health, LaGrange Toyota, and All-Pro. The new LED video display board will enhance the experience visitors will have at the different events.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED AND REFERRED Next: 3/6/2018 9:00 AM**

**3. Discuss Proposed Community Service Detail(Tod Tentler)**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a proposal for a Community Service Detail to clean county right-of-ways of litter. He stated that Sheriff James Woodruff and State Court Judge Jeannette Little had agreed that people who could not pay their fines be sentenced to community service and with picking up trash in the unincorporated area as the only option for not paying. Mr. Tentler stated that a budget amendment in the amount of \$20,000 would be needed to hire two part-time employees to supervise the activities. This item will be added to the agenda for the Tuesday, March 6, 2018 agenda.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED AND REFERRED Next: 3/6/2018 9:00 AM**

**4. Discuss Bank Account Resolution for SPLOST 5(Buddy Cashwell)**

Chief Finance Officer Buddy Cashwell advised the Board that a checking account for SPLOST V would be needed and that he would prepare a resolution seeking permission to open that account. Assistant County Manager Eric Mosley added that they had been interviewing bond attorneys and were close to making a recommendation to the Board on which to choose. He believes they could help with solutions to lessen the financial impact on the county, but also allow some projects to start very soon. Mr. Mosley also stated that staff was leaning toward a public offering option that may bring in more proceeds from the bonds. A resolution will be prepared for the March 6, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED AND REFERRED Next: 3/6/2018 9:00 AM**

**5. Veterans' Services Update(Sandra Brownlee / WayPoint)**

Ms. Sandra Brownlee of WayPoint, a non-profit organization servicing veterans, addressed the board regarding ways in which the organization assists veterans with housing, employment, and access to benefits. WayPoint serves a 14-county area and helped to establish a veteran's court in Spaulding County. Voted Spaulding County Community Service Organization of the Year, Ms. Brownlee hopes to provide clubhouse services in Troup County citing the possible use of an old school building in Mountville. She added that with alarmingly high suicide rates, PTSD and poor access to care, veterans in transition after returning home had a difficult time and WayPoint addresses those issues with help from the community and volunteers.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION**

**6. Consideration of March 6, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Agenda Items(Assistant County Manager Eric Mosley)**

Assistant County Manager Eric Mosley asked the Board to review the items for the March 6, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting and stated that the since only three members of the Board will be present the staff recommendation is to table the Special Use Permit item until the other members can be present to vote. This can be decided at the meeting.

**RESULT:            REVIEWED**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Patrick Crews adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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Patrick Crews, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie West, County Clerk