



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

Troup County Government Center  
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LaGrange, GA 30240  
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Thursday, April 12, 2018

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
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  
Jay Anderson, Building Official / Zoning Administrator  
Tracie Hadaway, Senior County Planner  
Sonya Conroy, Assistant Finance Director  
Shane Morris, Convenience Center Coordinator  
Shane Frailey, Tax Commissioner

**Others Present:**

District Attorney, Herb Cranford  
Dawn Broome, Public Defender's office  
MaryEllen Simmons, Public Defender  
Jane Cirillo, Public Defenders's Office  
Eddy Cosby, Public Defender's Office  
Kenneth Cook, Public Defender's Office  
Bridget Smith, District 4 Public Health  
Leslie Leonard, District 4 Public Health  
Melinda Bailey, District 4 Public Health  
Henry Jacobs, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper  
Kathy Carlisle, THINC College and Career Academy  
Bill Stump, THINC Board Member  
John Asbell, THINC Board Member

**Media Present:**

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

**Agenda Items**

Assistant County Manger Eric Mosley introduced Jason Lawson as the new Troup County E-911 Director.

**1. THINC College and Career Academy Update(Dr. Kathy Carlisle)**

Kathy Carlisle presented an update on THINC College and Career Academy. A Charter Program of the Troup School System, THINC prepares students for careers in mechatronics, engineering, business, energy, healthcare, marketing, and game design. Currently, there are over 400 students on campus with the capacity for 600. Ms. Carlisle added that they are taking a regional approach to serving students and have recently been approved to accept home schooled and private school students from Troup and surrounding counties.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION**

**2. Overview of Sanitation(Shane Morris)**

Shane Morris, Convenience Center Coordinator, reported that things were going well at the convenience centers since the hours of operation were increased. The exception has been in the past three weeks since the City of LaGrange has had a driver shortage on the trucks hauling the trash to the landfill, which has caused some backlog at the centers. County Manager Tod Tentler stated that staff is looking into a possible ordinance that would fine persons dumping construction debris at the centers. Sheriff James Woodruff added that a place to bring tires would be helpful to keep people from throwing those out as well.

**RESULT: REVIEWED**

**3. FY19 Budget Update(Buddy Cashwell)**

County Manager Tod Tentler stated that staff was two months into the budget process for the upcoming fiscal year and that Assistant County Manager Eric Mosley and department heads are still trying to get the budget under control. Chief Finance Officer Buddy Cashwell updated the board on the calendar for the budget process. He said that the budget would be distributed to the Board on May 8th, with a public hearing on May 15th and potential approval on May 22nd. Mr. Cashwell invited department heads from the following departments to speak about their budgets:

Libraries - Keith Schuermann requested \$23,000 each for the Hogansville Library and LaGrange Memorial Library. He cited the additional operating costs in Hogansville due to the new building's increased size. The LaGrange Library was last renovated in 1996 before the internet growth and needs to be upgraded and improved.

District Attorney - Newly appointed District Attorney Herb Cranford requested \$56,505 for retention and recruitment of attorneys. He spoke about the need to hire experienced personnel to handle the high case load in Troup County, especially relating to gangs.

Public Defender - MaryEllen Simmons requested \$128,016 for staff retention. She thanked the Board for additional funding last year to help her recruit and retain attorneys and emphasized the cost savings from getting people out of the jail.

District 4 Public Health - Bridget Smith, who is the District Administrator, updated the Board on the many programs that they provide and stated that she was not asking for an increase in their allocation.

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper - Henry Jacobs requested \$10,000 to support their floating classroom program, along with water and nutrient monitoring of West Point Lake and the Chattahoochee River. He said that his organization is committed to raising 100% of funding from the local community.

**RESULT: REVIEWED**

**4. Consideration of April 16, Regular Board Meeting Agenda Items(County Manager Tod Tentler)**

County Manager Tod Tentler previewed the agenda for next Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

**RESULT:            REVIEWED**

**5. Commissioners Tour Great Wolf Resort - 11 a.m.**

The Commissioners announced they would be touring the Great Wolf Resort after the meeting is adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Patrick Crews adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

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Patrick Crews, Chairman

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