



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

Troup County Government Center  
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LaGrange, GA 30240  
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Thursday, February 15, 2018

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Patrick Crews called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He asked those in attendance to join him in a moment of silence for the 17 victims of the school shooting in Florida that occurred yesterday. Chairman Crews then pronounced 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  
Jerry Willis, County Attorney  
Valerie West, County Clerk  
James Emery, Director of Engineering & Development  
Dexter Wells, Airport Director / Division Director  
Cajen Rhodes, Parks & Recreation Director  
Jay Anderson, Building Official / Zoning Administrator  
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director  
Shane Frailey, Tax Commissioner  
James Woodruff, Sheriff  
Shane Butler, Captain - Sheriff's Office

**Media Present:**

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

**Agenda Items**

**1. Discuss Maintenance- Request to Lift Hiring Freeze(Dexter Wells)**

Division Director Dexter Wells presented a Maintenance Department request to lift the hiring freeze to replace a building maintenance technician to perform electrical and general maintenance tasks. The position is budgeted and will fill the vacant position.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED AND REFERRED**

**Next: 2/20/2018 9:00 AM**

**2. Parks & Recreation-Lift the Hiring Freeze for Part -Time Van Driver- Transit(Cajen Rhodes)**

Parks & Recreation Director Cajen Rhodes presented a request to replace a Troup Transit van driver due to a recent resignation. The position is one of eleven part-time drivers that the program uses and is budgeted.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED AND REFERRED**

**Next: 2/20/2018 9:00 AM**

**3. Tax Commissioner to Discuss DRIVES Program(Shane Frailey)**

Tax Commission Shane Frailey explained to the Board that the Georgia Department Revenue is retiring its GRATIS System for car tags and titles after eighteen years of use and will be switching to DRIVES (Drive Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System). This upgrade is mandated by the State and will cost approximately \$17-\$20,000 to integrate into the system. The IT Department may be able to beef up the thin clients currently in use, however scanners will be needed, and the Georgia Department of Revenue will provide the printers. Mr. Frailey also stated that both the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) and the Georgia Association of Tax Officials (GATO) have met with the Governor to request funding for the upgrade but were turned down.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION**

**4. Update on Jail Annex(Sheriff James Woodruff)**

Sheriff James Woodruff presented information on the inmate detail that picked up litter during the month of January and commended Captain Shane Butler for his work with that detail. The group picked up 725 bags of loose litter and many other miscellaneous pieces of trash from 24 county roads. Sheriff Woodruff emphasized the need to change the mindset of the community about litter. An anti-litter video featuring Chairman Patrick Crews and LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton was shown and many ideas were shared regarding ways to get the community involved in keeping the roadways of Troup County free of litter.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION**

**5. Financial Update 12/31/17(Buddy Cashwell)**

Chief Finance Officer Buddy Cashwell presented a budget report and expressed that the County is in good financial shape. He made comparisons across many areas of the prior year and year-to-date figures to show the budget status.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION**

**6. Update on Bridge Replacement(James Emery)**

Director of Engineering and Development James Emery reported on the status of three bridge replacements currently underway. He stated that his goals in the project are to complete the work as soon as possible to minimize the time length of the road closure and to perform high quality work so that the result is permanent or lasts a long time. The three bridge projects, Mountville-Hogansville Road, Stewart Road, and Hunt Road had in common unusual weather delays especially in January and after reviewing the 10-day forecast, there is a high probability of rain each day. However, each should reopen as soon as they possibly can.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION**

**7. Consideration of February 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Agenda Items(County Manager Tod Tentler)**

County Manager Tod Tentler reviewed items for consideration at the February 20, 2018 Board of Commissioner 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