

Stewart County Board of Commissioners

Workshop Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2019

4:30PM

A county commissioner workshop meeting of the Stewart County Board was held on October 1, 2019. The meeting convened at 4:30PM at the Stewart County Courthouse with Chairman Joseph B. Williams presiding.

Roll Call - All commissioners, (Chairman Joseph Williams, Vice-Chair Arcola Scott, Commissioner Tyrone Nelson and Commissioner Joe Lee Williams) were present except Commissioner Ernie Brown.

Other Staff in Attendance: Jacqueline Sutton Ball (County Clerk) and Matthew "Mac" Moye (County Manager)

Public Appearance

- A. Lisa Fort – Georgia DBHDD Survey Results - Reviewed

Reports

- A. Road Superintendent - Eugene Haynes – Discussed and Reviewed
B. EMS Director – Ed Lynch – Discussed and Reviewed
C. Water Authority – Marcus Horne – No Show
D. County Manager - Mac Moye – Discussed and Reviewed

Items Discussed

- A. Audit Progress - Discussed
B. 2020 Budget – Discussed – 1st Workshop in November will be a Budget Workshop only.

Commissioner's Comments

- Commissioner Joe Lee Williams – None
- Vice Chair Arcola Scott – None
- Commissioner Tyrone Nelson – None
- Chairman Joseph B. Williams – There is some hesitation among some members of the Development Authority about Silicon Ranch's request that the Development Authority grant a 60% tax abatement for their planned solar project. Silicon Ranch asks for a 60% tax abatement on the value of the solar panels. In return for the abatement, they will provide the County Commission with \$63,133 and \$81,811 to the Board of Education each year for the next 25 years. They also will pay the remaining 40% ad valorem tax on the panels (which is new revenue as well). They will pay for insurance for the authority members and contribute \$5,000 a year to a charity or scholarship. On October 24, 2019, a group will be leaving Lumpkin at 11:00am to tour the new Silicon Ranch facility in Arlington, Georgia. The purpose is to see their operations and to talk with any commissioners, development authority members, and citizens of Early County about their experiences with Silicon Ranch.

Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to adjourn and Commissioner Tyrone Nelson seconded. All were in favor and motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:52 PM.


Jacqueline Sutton Ball, County Clerk


Joseph B. Williams, Chairman

Stewart County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019 – 4:30PM

The Stewart County Commission held a regular meeting on October 8, 2019. The meeting convened at 4:30PM at the Stewart County Courthouse with Chairman Joseph B. Williams presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance – in unison

Roll Call – Chairman Joseph B. Williams, Vice Chair Arcola Scott, and Commissioner Tyrone Nelson were present. Commissioner Joe Lee Williams and Commissioner Ernie Brown were absent.

Other Staff in Attendance: Jacqueline Sutton Ball (County Clerk), and Matthew “Mac” Moye (County Manager)

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Tyrone Nelson moved to approve all minutes for September 2019 meetings; seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.

Public Appearance

- A. Suzanne Broussard – New Financial Software and 2019-20 Quarterly Bookkeeping Audits – Ms. Broussard is currently researching new software to process financial management, payroll, HR and Budget Processing in comparison to our current software program (RDA). Also, Ms. Broussard has offered to perform a quarterly review of bookkeeping records for 2019-20 and train clerk on any new proposed software program. She is available to do a “beginning balances” function for 2019 as she did for 2018. The Commissioners suggested that refunds due from the State of Georgia for overpayment of taxes of over \$30,000 can be considered for use to purchase new software programs.

Reports

- A. County Manager’s Report – Reviewed and Discussed

Administrative Matters

- A. Head Start Awareness Month - Commissioner Tyrone Nelson moved to approve the proclamation for October as Head Start Awareness Month in the County of Stewart and call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens and seconded by Vice Chair Arcola Scott. All were in favor and motion carried.
- B. 2020 Budget - Budget Review will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 4:00PM.
- C. EMS Building – Discussed (Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 09, 2019 at 4:00PM).
- D. Silicon Ranch – We will be traveling to Early County on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 1:00PM to review the process and experiences of the Silicon Ranch project in Early County. Anyone interested in traveling with us may do so.

Commissioner’s Comments

Chairman Joseph Williams – None

Vice Chair Arcola Scott – What’s going on with the Silicon Ranch Project? Chairman Williams and Manager Moye discussed.

Commissioner Tyrone Nelson – None

Vice Chair Arcola Scott moved for adjournment and Commissioner Tyrone Nelson seconded. All were in favor and motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:13 PM.


Jacqueline Sutton Ball, County Clerk


Joseph B. Williams, Chairman

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Called Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2019 – 4:00PM

The Stewart County Commission held a Called Budget Workshop meeting on October 15, 2019. The meeting convened at 4:19PM at the Stewart County Courthouse with Chairman Joseph B. Williams presiding.

Roll Call – Chairman Joseph B. Williams, Vice Chair Arcola Scott, and Commissioner Joe Lee Williams were present. Commissioner Tyrone Nelson and Commissioner Ernie Brown were absent.

Other Staff in Attendance: Jacqueline Sutton Ball (County Clerk), and Matthew “Mac” Moye (County Manager)

Items to Be Discussed:

- A. 2020 Budget - Budget Reviewed and Discussed

Commissioner's Comments

Chairman Joseph Williams – None

Vice Chair Arcola Scott – None

Commissioner Joe Lee Williams – Do we have any areas of the Stewart-Quitman School Building open? Yes. The gym or library will be used as a safe haven for disasters and storms. We are planning to open other areas for events and office spaces.

Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved for adjournment and Vice Chair Arcola Scott seconded. All were in favor and motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:41 PM.


Jacqueline Sutton Ball, County Clerk


Joseph B. Williams, Chairman