



PLANNING RETREAT MINUTES
Carroll County Board of Commissioners
March 18 & March 19, 2025
Callaway Garden
4500 Southern Pine Drive, Pine Mountain, Ga.
Bayberry 3 & 4

Michelle Morgan, Chairman	P	Stacey Blackmon, County Attorney	P
Montrell McClendon, D-1	P	Avery Jackson, County Attorney	P
Clint Chance, D-2	P	Lynda Bingham, County Clerk	P
Tommy Lee, D-3	P	Alecia Searcy, Finance Director	P
Steve Fuller, D-4	P	Ashley Hulsey, Communications Director	P
Ben Hicks, D-5	P	Bill Twomey, ACCG Facilitator	P
Danny Bailey, D-6	P	Alicia Vaughn, ACCG Facilitator	P

Present = P A = Absent

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER- March 18, 2025

Chairman, Michelle Morgan, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. She introduced Bill Twomey and Alicia Vaughn as facilitators for the retreat.

DISCUSSION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Public Works Director Danny Yates presented the existing waste management agreement and projected fee adjustments for Commission review. The Commission engaged in a deliberative discussion regarding potential cost mitigation strategies while maintaining current service levels. Consensus was reached to pursue the following cost savings:

- Contract with SLM for metal hauling services
- Install cardboard compactors at the Newnan Road, Dyer Road, and Temple convenience centers and limit cardboard recycling to these centers; cardboard will still be taken in regular trash bins at the other centers; funding for the Dyer Road and Temple compactor acquisitions will be allocated from General Fund balance. The Newnan Road compactor will be funded through the previously Board-approved RWD grant from the March 4th Board of Commissioners meeting.
- Eliminate all front-load waste receptacles and implement a system of roll-off containers.
- Trash compactors will be installed at the Lowell, Tyus, and Kansas Jake convenience centers.
- Explore options for an annual pass / user fee, including enforcement
- Explore the feasibility and potential benefits of transitioning to an in-house waste management system (self-hauling).

HB 85

The Commission engaged in a review of the status of House Bill 85 within the legislative process, acknowledging its potential implications for judge salary.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff, Terry Langley joined by Chief Deputy Brad Robinson, gave a brief history of the current Sheriff's Office building located at 1000 Newnan Road. The new Program Manager, CPS, is evaluating Capital improvement projects needed, specifically encompassing the plumbing, HVAC, and security camera systems in jail tower.

These minutes were approved by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners on April 1, 2025.

Furthermore, a substantial need exists for the replacement of the female detention facility to meet current and projected demands. The Commission reviewed components of the current Sheriff's Office. The Commission agreed to have Alecia Searcy, Finance Director, explore bonding this project.

SPLOST

The Commission discussed possible SPLOST projects and distributions.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TOPICS

District 2--Commissioner Clint Chance explored the feasibility of utilizing SPLOST funds for a potential project involving the creation of a County fuel station serving the northern portion of the County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion Chairman Morgan adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER- March 19, 2025

Chairman, Michelle Morgan, reconvened the meeting at 8:00 A.M.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TOPICS (CONTINUED)

District 4--Commissioner Steve Fuller:

- **ACEP/ALE Funding:** continuation of SPLOST funding
- **Clem Fire Station Renovation:** Consider SPLOST funding allocation for renovations at the Clem Fire Station.
- **Clem Community Foundation – Passive Use Park:** The Foundation is requesting the County to contribute 50% of the purchase of land for a passive park on Clem Lowell Road. Alicia Vaughn suggested exploring potential grant funding opportunities.
- **Road Striping Quality:** Chairman Michelle Morgan will follow up with the Public Works Director to address concerns about road striping quality.
- **Small Business in Residential Districts:** There was not a consensus to pursue amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to allow small businesses operating in residential districts.
- **Planning & Zoning Plats Review:**
 - Planning & Zoning Board members have expressed interest in receiving copies of all plats.
 - Commissioners requested that plats specific to their respective districts be shared directly with them.
- **Annexation Oversight:** Monitor and assess ongoing annexation efforts and impacts.
- **Bethany Church Property:** New ownership plans are under review for compliance.

District 3--Commissioner Tommy Lee

- **Temple Museum/Welcome Center Proposal:** Temple has requested \$200,000 in SPLOST funding to establish a museum and welcome center in Temple. Commissioner Chance mentioned grant funding might be available for the County's official welcome center.

- **Historical SPLOST Allocation Review:** The Commission has requested a 5-year historical report detailing SPLOST funding allocations across all cities within Carroll County. The Finance Director will compile and provide this data.

District 5--Commissioner Ben Hicks:

- **Hulett Community Center:** Explore potential funding and upgrades for the Hulett Community Center.
- **Fire Rescue Dive Team:** Review the need for upgrades and equipment enhancements for the Fire Rescue Dive Team; to be discussed with Fire Chief so he can determine priority of projects.

District 1--Commissioner Montrell McClendon:

- **Outdoor Lighting at Carrollton Recreation Center:** Outdoor lighting at the Carrollton Recreation Center has already been budgeted.

District 6--Commissioner Danny Bailey:

- **Broadband Company Safety in Right-of-Way:** To enhance safety and reduce potential hazards, Public Works has limited the issuance of permits to one at a time. Avery Jackson will research possible reasonable restrictions to improve right-of-way safety during broadband installations.
- **Victory Church Road Bridge Replacement:** Move forward with plans for the replacement of the bridge on Victory Church Road.
- **John Tanner Park Property Boundary:** Mentioned neighbor's concerns with John Tanner Park's RV campsite.

Chairman Michelle Morgan:

- With the addition of the new parcels at McIntosh Reserve, the Fairgrounds, and Moss Ferry, the need to fund the separate Park Director position has become critical.
- There was a consensus among the Board to move forward with implementing this position in the upcoming budget cycle.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion Chairman Morgan adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Lynda Bingham
Lynda Bingham, County Clerk

Michelle Morgan
Michelle Morgan, Chairman