

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a work session on **March 7, 2019 at 3:25pm**, immediately following the called meeting in the Commissioners Conference Room. Those present were Chairman Walker T. Norman; Commissioner Brian Henderson, District One; Commissioner Cooper Cliatt, District Three; Commissioner Lamar Wade, District Four; Mrs. Penny Arnett, Finance Director; Mr. Roby Seymour, Public Works Director; Mr. Casey Broom, OES Director; Mr. Mike McCombs, Mr. Ben Jackson, County Attorney and Ms. Sherry McKellar, County Clerk. Absent: Commissioner Larry Collins, District Two.

1.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Norman called the meeting to order.

2.

Invocation

Attorney Jackson gave the invocation. At the Called Meeting

3.

Request for Carl Vinson Institute of Government – Annexation Pro’s & Con’s

Commissioner Cliatt asked the Chairman to see if Laura Meadows with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government could come and discuss with the Board the pros and cons of consolidating the City of Lincolnton and Lincoln County. Commissioner Cliatt and the other commissioners attended the consolidation meeting held by Mr. Mike McCombs at the Library on February 25 and would like further information. Mr. McCombs stated that he felt that it went well and there were approximately 46 people in attendance at the meeting.

4.

Georgia Forestry Commission Cooperative Agreement

Chairman Norman stated that this is the annual Cooperative Agreement with the Georgia Forestry Commission and that the dollar amount of \$8,158 is the same as last year.

5.

Alcohol Ordinance Change – Brew Pub

Chairman Norman stated that we will be amending the Alcohol Ordinance to include Brew Pubs. This will require two readings before a vote is taken.

6.

Resolution for State Cable & Video Services Franchises

Clerk McKellar informed the Board that this Resolution for State Cable and Video Services Franchises is due Windstream/Teleview sending a notice to all Georgia counties, advising that the company has applied to the Secretary of State to expand its state franchise to include all counties in their service area. Georgia counties which wish to receive cable franchise fees under a state franchise must have a resolution filed with the Secretary of State establishing its franchise fee rate, up to a maximum of 5 percent of gross receipts.

7.

Annexation of Former OES Building

Chairman Norman is asking the Board to Annex in the former OES building, soon to be Probate/Magistrate Court, as Courthouse Annex B. He asked Attorney Jackson and Clerk McKellar to prepare a resolution for the board meeting next week.

8.

Development Authority Board Appointment

Chairman Norman stated that he is not ready to appoint anyone at this time.

9.

Commissioner's Comments

Director Seymour informed the Board that he will have three items to present at the meeting next week from the Planning and Zoning Board. Chairman Norman asked that he present this at the Work Sessions so the Commissioners have time to review.

At this time the Chairman asked everyone but the Commissioners, Attorney and Clerk to leave in order to discuss legal matters.

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Henderson, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:36pm.

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, Seconded by Commissioner Henderson, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 5:14pm.

There were legal matters discussed and there were no votes or actions taken while in executive session.

10.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the work session was adjourned at 5:15pm.



Walker T. Norman, Chairman

Attest:



Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk