

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER
PLANNING RETREAT MINUTES
8:30 A.M, Thursday, February 13, 2025
Commercial Executive Suites
157 Mary St, Clarkesville, GA 30523

The Habersham County Board of Commissioners attended a planning retreat on Thursday, February 13, 2025 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Clarkesville Community House located at 157 Mary St, Clarkesville, GA 30523. Presentations were held at 9:00 a.m. after breakfast.

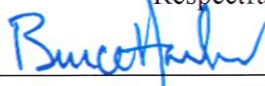
Present were Chairman Jimmy Tench, Vice Chairman Bruce Harknes, Commissioner Kelly Woodall, Commissioner Dustin Meador, Commissioner Ty Akins, Interim County Manager Tim Sims, County Attorney Donnie Hunt, County Clerk Brandalin Carnes, meeting facilitators Faith Bryan and Patrick Larson (GMRC), members of the media, the public and staff.

The topics of discussion were as follows:

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
1. Financial Update	
a. Financial Update	Kiani Holden, Financial Administrator
b. SPLOST: Financial	Kiani Holden, Financial Administrator
c. Budget Process & Goals	Kiani Holden, Financial Administrator
2. Status of Current SPLOST Projects:	
a. Radio System	Lynn Smith, EMA/E911 Director
b. Fire/EMA/E911 Headquarters	Jerry Baggett, Capital Projects Manager
c. Animal Control Facility	Jerry Baggett, Capital Projects Manager
3. Projected Capital Needs:	
a. Firehouse Renovations	Jeff Adams, Emergency Services Director
b. Recycling	Johnny Vickers, Solid Waste Director
4. Future Capital Funding Options:	
a. HB 581 & FLOST	Phil Sutton, Rochester Consulting
b. SPLOST 8	Tim Sims, Interim County Manager
5. Fire Consolidation:	Jeff Adams, Emergency Services Director
6. Strategic Planning:	
a. Economic Outlook	Rope Roberts, Partnership Habersham
b. Commissioner Request/Goals	Tim Sims, Interim County Manager
7. Zoning and Unified Development Code:	Mike Beecham, Planning Director

A quorum of the Commission was present throughout the retreat, and it was thus publicly noticed in advance as an open meeting, however no votes or official actions were taken at this retreat as it was meant to be informative in nature only.

The retreat ended at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
By: 
Bruce Harkness, Vice Chairman

Attest: 
Brandalin Carnes, County Clerk

