



**Minutes
ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE**

Held Virtually via Zoom

February 9, 2024

2:00 P.M.

STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda Wallace, Committee Chair, Board of Commissioners
Jamie McCord, County Manager
Judge Jack Niedrach, Chief Superior Court Judge
Judge Kay Ann King, Superior Court
Judge Billy Sparks, Superior Court
Leigh Patterson, District Attorney
Judge Gene Richardson, Chief Magistrate Judge
Kristy Coogler, Magistrate Clerk of Court
Gene Proctor, Coroner
Erin Elrod, County Clerk
Lauren Chumbler, Committee Secretary, County Manager's Office

NOT PRESENT:

Barbara Penson, Superior Court Clerk
Judge Steve Bennett, Juvenile Court Judge
Judge Steve Burkhalter, Probate Court
Dave Roberson, Sheriff
Kevin Payne, Tax Commissioner

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Rhonda Wallace called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. Public Participation

None.

III. Review of the Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from the August 11, 2023 Elected Officials Committee meeting.

The minutes from the August 11, 2023 meeting were approved by common consent.

IV. Clerk of Superior Court

Not present.

V. Superior Court

Judge Niedrach stated he spoke with Probate Judge Steve Burkhalter regarding Probate Court needing more court space. Judge Niedrach also informed the committee about recent legislature that was passed that bans no-cash bail for multiple offenses. Judge Sparks stated it covers more than nonviolent offenses, which is most cases. Mr. McCord stated it is on his radar and he will speak with Sheriff Roberson and John Blalock as it will create issues. Judge Niedrach reminded everyone that qualifying begins soon for all that are running for reelection.

Mr. McCord discussed space needs and the current process. Mr. McCord stated after the Police Department moves to Glenwood, then they will begin renovations for the Law Enforcement Center. He stated that Lily Berrios with the Sizemore Group is currently doing a test fit for the LEC and he would like the judges to talk with her about needs. Commissioner Wallace stated the Commission is hoping for a quick move for everyone.

VI. Juvenile Court

Not present.

VII. Probate Court

Not present.

VIII. District Attorney's Office

No report.

IX. Sheriff's Office

Not present.

X. Magistrate Court

Chief Magistrate Judge Gene Richardson thanked Magistrate Court Clerk Kristy Coogler for her 22 years of service in the County. Judge Richardson went over their stats from 2023 and stated January 2024 was the busiest month in a long time. Judge Richardson thanked the Commissioners and Mr. McCord for all their assistance.

XI. Tax Commissioner's Office

Not present.

XII. Coroner's Office

No report.

XIII. Chair's Report

No report.

XIV. Chief of Staff's Report

No report.

XV. Manager's Report

Mr. McCord went over the budget that was recently approved. Stated 2023 SPLOST collection will begin April 1 and they are still debating using bonds. Mr. McCord stated there is no hiring freeze currently.

XVI. Other Business

County Clerk Erin Elrod updated the committee on an upcoming pay study that will be conducted for employees county wide. Ms. Elrod explained this is something the Commissioners have asked for and that this will take at least two years to accomplish. She stated they will be taking it series by series, but this will require JAQs from all employees. Ms. Elrod explained there are no pay increases or decreases with this study, it is simply to evaluate the jobs and paygrades. Ms. Elrod also explained that when a certain series is being evaluated, there will be a freeze on job classification changes.

XVII. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

***Next meeting, May 3, 2024*