



**PLANNING RETREAT MINUTES**  
**Carroll County Board of Commissioners**  
**January 31 & February 1, 2023**  
**Callaway Garden**  
**4500 Southern Pine Drive, Pine Mountain, Ga.**  
**Bayberry 3 & 4**

Michelle Morgan, Chairman	P	Stacey Blackmon, County Attorney	Arrived 3:00 pm on 1/31/23
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	Theron Gay, Facilitator	P
Steve Fuller, D-4	P	Ashley Hulsey, Comm. Director	P
Ernie Reynolds, D-5	P	Alecia Searcy, Finance Director	P
Danny Bailey, D-6	P	Dianne Roberts, Deputy Clerk	P

*Present = P      A = Absent*

**WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER- January 31, 2023**

Chairman, Michelle Morgan, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. She introduced Theron Gay as facilitator for the retreat.

**DISCUSSION OF COWETA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

State legislation is proposed for the addition of an eighth Superior Court Judge position for the Coweta Judicial Circuit. The legislation would include an assistant district attorney, public defender, judicial assistant, and law clerk. The positions are intended to alleviate the backlog of cases. A rough estimate of Carroll County's portion for the positions is \$32,400, and will be itemized in the upcoming FY 2024 budget.

**SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY**

Facilitator, Theron Gay, gave a brief history of the Service Delivery Strategy origination. The SDS provides clarity of services rendered and intended to avoid duplication of services. The Commission reviewed components of the current Service Delivery Strategy. Fire Service, Animal Control, Recreation, and Emergency Services were reviewed and discussed. Commissioners will meet with their respective mayors to hear their concerns about SDS.

**ANIMAL SERVICES**

Director of Animal Services, Christy Owens, gave an executive summary of the animal services rendered. Owens reported a 90% no kill rate. Owens discussed tracking services rendered not only by municipality but also by zip code for the purposes of disaggregating data. Owens discussed stressor points in various current practices. Owens discussed the Trap Neuter Release strategy for mitigating the stray numbers.

**INSURANCE CLAIMS**

Newton Jennings of Marsh McLennan Agency gave a recap of current property and casualty insurance claims summary in the county. A Fire Engine claim was discussed, along with a potential solution to prevent future incidences with a proposed emergency vehicle operations center (EVOC).

**DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TOPICS**

Chairman Michelle Morgan discussed the need for a capital expenditure for the Animal Shelter costing approximately \$78,000 and for a generator for the Correctional Institute.

District 1 Commissioner – no concerns

District 2 Commissioner Clint Chance discussed a SPLOST update on current projects and to track usage and needs of each department. Chance discussed the need for a

multifaceted approach to manage the litter issue, including cameras, ticketing, possible task force, and the need for more correctional officers.

District 3 Commissioner Tommy Lee – no concerns

District 4 Commissioner Steve Fuller discussed efforts to oppose proposed legislation to increase the size of transfer truck trailer length and potential road usage spawning from this trailer length increase. He discussed nuisance violations.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion Chairman Morgan adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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#### **WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER- February 1, 2023**

Chairman, Michelle Morgan, reconvened the meeting at 8:15 A.M.

#### **DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TOPICS (CONTINUED)**

District 5 Commissioner Ernie Reynolds discussed the staffing vacancies and employee turn-over and retention, economic forecast prediction, fire staffing, community development communicating development projects to Commissioners, and road shoulder build-up. Chairman Morgan discussed a potential solution for road shoulder build-up by paving fewer miles in order to widen the road for accompanying wider vehicles and increase drivability and safety for citizens, and there was consensus to proceed with this plan.

District 6 Commissioner Danny Bailey discussed potential strategies to increase employee retention and broadband service in rural areas of the county.

#### **INSURANCE RENEWAL-EXECUTIVE REVIEW**

Swede Sullivan and Jared Holley of Marsh McLennan Agency presented the current health benefit data: 81% of Employees completed a biometric screening and 17% of insured population has completed preventative care/well visits.

#### **ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT**

Clay Pilgrim and Julie George of Rushton auditors presented the annual audit summary for FYE 06/30/2022.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion Chairman Morgan adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Lynda Bingham, County Clerk

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Michelle Morgan, Chairman