



**Columbia County Hospital Authority
Minutes of Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 4:00 PM
Commissioners Conference Room
2nd Floor Building B, Evans, Georgia**

Chairman James Allen, III
Vice Chairman Dewey Galeas
Secretary Ronnie Kurtz
John Richards
County Attorney Chris Driver
County Manager Scott Johnson
County Clerk Patrice Crawley

Commission Chairman Doug Duncan
Commission Vice Chair Gary Richardson
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
Assistant to the County Manager Janeabeth Wells
Public Relations Manager Cassidy Harris
Attorney Mills Fleming by phone

Walter Massingale was not present.

A. CALL TO ORDER

County Manager Johnson opened the meeting.

B. ROLL CALL/QUORUM

County Manager Johnson declared a quorum with four members present.

C. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

County Manager Johnson presented the agenda.

D. NEW BUSINESS

(D1) Election of Officers

County Manager Johnson opened the floor for nominations for the Chairman. Member Richards nominated Member Allen as the Chairman. Member Kurtz seconded the nomination. All were in favor of Member Allen being the Chairman.

Chairman Allen called for the nomination of the Vice Chairman. Member Richards nominated Member Galeas as the Vice Chairman. Chairman Allen seconded the nomination. All were in favor of Member Galeas being the Vice Chairman.

Chairman Allen called for the nomination of the Secretary. Member Richards nominated Member Kurtz as the Secretary. Chairman Allen seconded the nomination. All were in favor of Member Kurtz being the Secretary.

Chairman Allen called for the nomination of the Treasurer. Member Richards was not interested in being the Treasurer. Vice Chairman Galeas nominated Member Massingale as the Treasurer. Chairman Allen seconded the nomination. All were in favor of Member Massingale being the Treasurer.

(D2) Approval of Bylaws

County Manager Johnson explained that the bylaws sent via email to the Hospital Authority members was a draft created by staff. The set of draft bylaws that was passed out during the meeting have gone through legal review. After a quick review and questions, the following changes were suggested:

- 1. The name will be changed to Columbia County Hospital Authority*
- 2. Secretary will be added to Section 3.1 Officers*
- 3. September will be changed to Second Quarter in Section 3.1 Officers*
- 4. October will be changed to Third Quarter in Section 3.1 Officers*

Vice Chairman Galeas made a motion to approve the bylaws with suggested changes. Member Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(D3) General Discussion Concerning the Issuance of Bonds

County Attorney Driver stated that this would be a property matter that needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(E1) Property

Vice Chairman Galeas made a motion to go into Executive Session at 4:36 p.m. Secretary Kurtz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 5:09 p.m., Member Richards made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Vice Chairman Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Allen called the meeting back to order at 5:12 p.m. County Attorney Driver stated that a property matter was discussed and no action is needed.

F. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:13 p.m., Member Richards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



James Allen, III, Chairman

Ronnie Kurtz, Secretary