

**HARALSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

The Special Called Meeting was called to order by Chairman Poole. The Invocation was offered by Greg Dewberry. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Poole welcomed everyone. Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Tarpley were present. Commissioner Bennett was absent. District 3 is vacant.

The following individuals were heading up the representation of their respective cities:

Mayor Johnny Pope – Buchanan

Mayor Sharon Sewell – Bremen

Phillip Eidson, Tallapoosa City Manager

Item #1 – Service Delivery Strategy

County Attorney Julie Cain stated that Bremen City Attorney Sam Price had sent a list of questions regarding the county's SDS proposal that was sent out on Monday.

- A. Community Services – Senior programs. Clarification was made that the county's program is offered county wide and Bremen and Tallapoosa would provide more in depth programs in their cities which would be funded by Municipal funds.
- B. Planning and Zoning – question was regarding the wording of the funding source, *"or from any other unincorporated revenue source as established by General Law by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia where such revenues are established or distributed by on unincorporated population or area."* County Clerk, Alison Palmer, explained that these were the revenues that had been used in SSD's that were received only for unincorporated numbers, such as the county's portion of energy excise tax, Alcohol excise, Bank franchise fees, county portion of Railroad equipment fees, etc. Sam Price asked, So, the revenues that the cities have already agreed for the county to use. Alison stated yes and any future revenues that the county receives solely based on unincorporated population or area. This was clarified for all the Special Service Districts.
- C. Elections – Municipal. Alison stated that this was worded to address any city choosing to have the county take over their municipal elections in the future. Agreement for payment for this service would be through IGA.

- D. Fire and Emergency Rescue – This was clarified to state that Tallapoosa’s current Automatic Aid IGA terminates June 30, 2017, at which time Tallapoosa has decided to become a participant in the Special Service District for Fire and Emergency Rescue effective July 1, 2017. Alison Palmer clarified to City Manager Philip Eidson that this meant Tallapoosa residents would pay the same SSD fire tax for the Automatic Aid that the unincorporated citizens would be paying and that it could change from year to year. Mr. Eidson stated that he understood that point.
- E. Inmate Housing was clarified. The county will house Municipal Inmates per and IGA. Cost will be \$35/day, 1st day free and City will pay Inmate Medical costs. The cities will pay the county for this service using Municipal funds.
- F. Libraries – The cities were asking if there is a funding amount from the county for the Buchanan Haralson Public Library at which point, the funds would then be divided equally among the 3 county libraries. Chairman Poole said, No.
- G. Parks and Recreation – funding phrase was clarified earlier for all SSD’s.
- H. Sanitation – after a discussion, it was decided that this would remain a Special Service District with only the Unincorporated, Buchanan, and Waco participating. Tallapoosa and Bremen residents will have to pay an additional fee to use the convenience centers.

The Board of Commissioners scheduled a Special Called Meeting for Monday, February 27, 2017 at 9:00 AM to vote on the Service Delivery Strategy Plan.

After all questions had been addressed, the idea of quarterly meetings between the cities and the county were discussed. Several people thought this would be a good idea and would help clear up changes or issues early on, instead of only during SDS and Comprehensive Plan update years. The first meeting was set for April 6, 2017 at 4:00 PM at the Commissioner’s Office.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn.

Submitted by Alison Palmer
County Clerk