

MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
BARTOW COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
February 8, 2017

After calling the public meeting to order, Commissioner Taylor approved the minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting and presented the following items of business for consideration:

**Contracts/Agreements:**

- 1) Mr. Rip Conner, Bartow County Solid Waste Director presented a Resolution to amend the Solid Waste Landfill fees. Mr. Conner stated that the C&D (Construction & Demolition) section of the landfill is charged out at a lower rate than the MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) section. The goal is to increase the C&D disposal fees to the same rate as the MSW. The increase will be implemented in two steps, with the first increase starting on March 1, 2017, the second on September 1, 2017. An additional 5% increase will be implemented on all disposal fees beginning March 1, 2018 and again by 5% on March 1, 2019, and again by 5% on March 1, 2020. Commissioner Taylor approved the amendment to the Solid Waste fees as presented.
- 2) Mr. Conner also presented a Resolution to amend the agreement with Republic Services to adjust their fees, adding that the larger debris hauling companies have been offered a discount for several years. The amendment will adjust the discounted fee according to the rate adjustments approved by the Commissioner. Commissioner Taylor approved the resolution to amend the Republic Services fees as presented.

**Property:**

- 3) Peter Olson, County Administrator, presented a Resolution to authorize a Quitclaim Deed to the Georgia Dept. of Transportation for property at Highland 75 Industrial Park. DOT plans to construct a new District Office on the 5.467 acre tract, which will replace their old facility on SR 41 south of Cartersville. Commissioner Taylor approved the property transfer, adding that he is happy that DOT has decided to remain in Bartow County.

**Regulations:**

- 4) A Resolution exempting County vehicles from the requirements of HB 648 was approved as presented. The House Bill requires counties to display decals on county owned/leased vehicles identifying the governing authority. Bartow County implemented its own regulations for county decal display several years prior to the House Bill being passed and therefore they can exempt themselves from the state's requirements.

**Budget:**

- 5) Commissioner Taylor executed a Resolution authorizing amendments to the 2016 General Operating Budget. While the overall budget expenditure total did not change, line items and department totals within the budget had to be adjusted. The County expects to add \$1 million to its contingency fund.
- 6) The 2017 General Operating Budget was also approved and adopted by Resolution. The 2017 General Operating Budget was set at \$73,356,900.00, representing a 4.2% increase over last year's budget. The increase reflects the general cost of doing business, an increase in insurance premiums and the purchase of some much needed new vehicles to be added to the fleet.

**Surplus Property:**

7) Commissioner Taylor authorized the surplus of three county owned vehicles to be sold on GovDeals Internet Auction Service or otherwise disposed of as provided by law:

- 1) 1996 Mercury Marquis from Senior Center
- 2) 1997 Aerostar Van from Senior Center
- 3) 2000 Buick Century from Car Pool

8) Mr. Tom Sills from the County's Community Development Office presented a Resolution to authorize an agreement with CJ Relocation Services, LLC to negotiate property relocation for the Glade Road project. Commissioner Taylor approved the agreement as presented.

There was no other business to address. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

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On File  
Kathy Gill  
County Clerk  
Bartow County, Georgia

APPROVED:

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On File  
Steve Taylor  
Commissioner

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3/8/2017  
Date