

**HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER  
PLANNING RETREAT SUMMARY  
8:00 A.M, Friday, January 26, 2024  
Commercial Executive Suites  
241 Larkin St, Cornelia, GA 30531**

The Habersham County Board of Commissioners attended a planning retreat on Friday, January 26, 2024 starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Commercial Executive Suites located at 241 Larkin St, Cornelia, GA 30531. Presentations were held at 8:30 a.m. after breakfast.

Present were Chairman Ty Akins, Vice Chairman Bruce Harknes, Commissioner Bruce Palmer, Commissioner Dustin Mealor, Commissioner Jimmy Tench, County Manager Alicia Vaughn, County Attorney Donnie Hunt, County Clerk Brandalin Carnes, meeting facilitator Bill Stark (LeaderGov), members of the media, the public and staff.

The topics of discussion were as follows:

1. **Financial Update Regarding the Overall Budget:** Presented by Chief Financial Officer Tim Sims
2. **Financial Updates Regarding SPLOST:** Presented by Chief Financial Officer Tim Sims
3. **Status of Current Capital Projects:** Presented by Public Works Director/Capital Projects Manager Jerry Baggett
4. **Projected Capital Needs:** Presented by County Manger Alica Vaughn and Emergency Services Director Jeff Adams
5. **LOST Referendum:** Presented by County Manager Alicia Vaughn and Chief Financial Officer Tim Sims
6. **Text Care Program:** Presented by Human Resources Director Ann Cain
7. **Team Building and Planning:** Presented by LeaderGov Founder and Meeting Facilitator Bill Stark
8. **Landfill & Recycling Financial Update:** Presented by Finance Director Tim Sims
9. **Landfill & Recycling Needs and Challenges:** Presented by Solid Waste Director Johnnie Vickers
10. **Zoning and Unified Development Code:** Presented by County Manager Alicia Vaughn and Planning Director Mike Becham

A quorum of the Commission was present throughout the retreat, and it was thus publicly noticed in advance as an open meeting, however no votes or official actions were taken at this retreat as it was meant to be informative in nature only.

The retreat ended at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Chairman Ty Akins

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk Brandalin Carnes