

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARION COUNTY, GEORGIA
MARION COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING
January 8, 2020 - 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Those present were Chairman George Neal, Commissioner Steve Young, Commissioner Jody Grimsley, Commissioner Mathew Gunnels, Commissioner Norman Royal, County Manager Justin Strickland and Acting County Clerk Sylvia Russell.

CALL TO ORDER: Acting County Clerk Sylvia Russell called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020

Commissioner Royal made a motion to elect Commissioner Neal as Chairperson and Commissioner Young as Vice-Chairperson. Acting County Clerk Russell noted that some commissioners had asked for a review of the roles before proceeding. County Manager Strickland read an outline of duties (derived from the County's Enabling Acts) for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Gunnels inquired about the county manager role. There was discussion within the group about when/if the role was officially approved. The administrative office does not have a copy of an ordinance designating a county manager and there is no motion of approval in the recorded minutes. Commissioners Young and Neal recall approving the ordinance and commented that it should have been updated at the legislature level as well. County Manager Strickland noted the last update to the Marion County enabling act was in 2005. Commissioner Royal will check his files from that time frame.

Commissioner Young advised that he is not running for re-election due to restrictions on military and civil service personnel (his full-time job). He suggested that another commissioner be nominated for Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Royal withdrew his previous motion.

- a. Chairperson: Commissioner Young made a motion to elect Commissioner Neal as Chairperson. Commissioner Grimsley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Vice-Chairperson: Commissioner Gunnels made a motion to elect Commissioner Royal as Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Neal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Grimsley made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Gunnels seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:57 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION:

The Board came out of Executive Session and Chairman Neal called the Regular meeting back to order at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Grimsley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Royal and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman George Neal, Jr.

Vice-Chairman Steve Young

Commissioner Norman Royal

Commissioner Jody Grimsley

Commissioner Matt Gunnels

Attest:

Sylvia Russell, Acting County Clerk