

MINUTES GEORGIA COUNTY CLERKS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING Monday, February 6, 2017 Jekyll Island Conference Center Jekyll Island, Georgia

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Call to Order

The Georgia County Clerks Association Business Meeting was called to order on February 6, 2017 at 12:11 p.m. by President Danielle Austin (Barrow County). (Copy of the agenda made a part of the minutes.)

Invocation

The invocation was given by Vice-President Lisa Ritchie (Hall County).

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tameca White (Fayette County).

Door Prize Drawings

Tickets were given out as clerks arrived at the meeting. President Danielle Austin (Barrow County) distributed a door prize to a lucky recipient.

Recognition of Special Guests

Vice-President Lisa Ritchie (Hall County) recognized special guests in attendance, which included any Vendors present, as well as Joe Dan Thompson, ACCG, Ryan Reynolds, GEB Corp, and Susan Maxwell, CVIOG.

Recognition of New Clerks, First Time Attendees, Retiring Clerks, and Promotions

Natasha Kennedy (DeKalb County) asked new clerks, first time attendees, retiring clerks, and anyone who received a recent promotion to stand and be recognized. Several clerks from the various categories stood to be recognized.

By-Law Amendments

A motion was made by Natasha Kennedy (DeKalb County) to approve the separation of the Hospitality / Awards Committee to create the Hospitality Committee and the Clerk of the Year Committee. Paige Dukes (Lowndes County) seconded and the motion passed.

Paige Dukes (Lowndes County) made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. Nancy Livingston (Telfair County) seconded and the motion passed.

Consideration to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 GCCA Meeting

Secretary Katie Bishop (Camden County) presented the minutes from the September 12, 2016 GCCA Meeting held in Athens. A motion was made by Nancy Livingston (Telfair County) to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 GCCA Meeting. Barbara Sanders (DeKalb County) seconded and the motion passed.

Consideration to approve the Treasurer's Report

Treasure JoAnn Wyre (Pike County) presented the Treasurer's Report citing that the total to \$8,232.75 with \$1,000.00 for the Scholarship fund. She reported that as of February 1, 2017 the Certificate of Deposit was \$20,617.32, accrued interest for 2017 totaling \$9.43 (paid at maturity) with the maturity date being September 28, 2017. A motion was made by Jawahn Ware (Dougherty County) to approve the Treasure's Report as stated. Kathy Hayes (Oconee County) seconded and the motion passed. (Copy of Treasurer's Report will be made a part of the minutes.)

President Danielle Austin (Barrow County) gave an update regarding the recent electronic bank theft that took place. She advised that the authorities are working to track down the person responsible and Treasurer JoAnn Wyre (Pike County) is working with the bank to investigate restoring the stolen funds.

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee:

Don Townsend (Dade County) gave a Budget report and recommended researching to get a better interest rate on funds held in CD. A motion was made by Jawahn Ware (Dougherty County) to begin researching possible solutions to getting better CD investments, and bring this item back during the September 2017 Business Meeting for further discussion, as well as possible action at that time. Paige Dukes (Lowndes County) seconded and the motion passed. No other reports were offered during this time.

New Business:

Paige Dukes (Lowndes County) presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the campaign "LES is more", which is a joint effort of the County and City Clerks to promote Leadership, Education and Service. She explained that this campaign was a result of the recent City / County Clerk Board of Directors Retreat sponsored by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG).

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Announcements/Upcoming Trainings

President Danielle Austin (Barrow County) went over the packet of material provided to each clerk at their table. She stated that the packet details upcoming training opportunities, the "LES is More" t-shirt design, volunteer opportunities on various committees / district director positions, upcoming Clerk's Day at the Capital, the ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy event held in Savannah, and a reminder of GCCA dues.

Adjournment

With no other business to come before the GCCA membership, Tameca White (Fayette County) made a motion for adjournment. Kathy Hayes (Oconee County) seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Katie Bishop, Camden County Secretary, Georgia County Clerks Association