

MINUTES
GEORGIA COUNTY CLERKS ASSOCIATION
Monday, February 6, 2012, 11:45am – 1:15pm
Georgia Center for Continuing Education (Banquet Area)
Athens, Georgia

Call to Order/Welcome – GCCA President Ms. Paige Dukes, Lowndes County, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

Invocation – Mr. Don Townsend, Dade County Clerk/Finance Director, offered the Invocation.

Recognition of Officers – President Dukes recognized the officers of the Georgia County Clerks Association: Vice President Don Townsend, Dade County; and Secretary Mark Massey, Fulton County. (Treasurer Jennifer Rutledge, Rockdale County was absent)

Greetings – After the recognition of officers, President Dukes recognized Catherine Bennett from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and Ben Pittarelli from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia to make announcements and bring greetings to the body.

Recognition of New Clerks & First Time Attendees – President Dukes requested new clerks and first time Clerks to be recognized by a show of hands.

New Business – The following matters were discussed by President Dukes:

-Booth at ACCG Annual Conference in Savannah (need for volunteers to work the GCCA booth, in 30-minute increments)

-Legislative Update

- **HB 811 Budgetary and financial affairs; automatic fee adjustment in certain cases; provide**

(1) Powell, Jay 171st(2) Meadows, John 5th(3) England, Terry 108th

(4) Hamilton, Mark 23rd(5) Nix, Randy 69th(6) Ehrhart, Earl 36th

HC: GAffSC: APPROP

Status: Feb/23/2012 - Senate Read and Referred

- **HB 397 State government; open meetings and records; revise provisions**

(1) Powell, Jay 171st(2) Bearden, Timothy 68th(3) Powell, Alan 29th

(4) Greene, Gerald 149th(5) Baker, Glenn 78th(6) Burns, Jon 157th

HC: JudySC: JUDY

Status: Mar/07/2012 - Senate Read and Referred

- **HB 717 Dogs; criminal penalties for certain owners failing to secure; provide**

(1) Houston, Penny 170th(2) Carter, Amy 175th(3) Purcell, Ann 159th

(4) Meadows, John 5th(5) Drenner, Karla 86th

HC: JudyNCSC:

Status: Mar/07/2012 - House Reconsidered

- **HB 291 Ad valorem property tax; not include nontax fees or assessments; provide**

(1) Harrell, Brett 106th(2) England, Terry 108th(3) Powell, Jay 171st

- Sales tax on energy
- Juvenile justice re-write
- Population acts affected by the new census count

-Dues invoice available, www.georgiacca.com, Mail to: Jennifer Rutledge, Rockdale County, P.O. Box 289, Conyers, Georgia 30012, phone 770-278-7001

-Future Training possibilities

- E-verify and SAVE
- Ethics (new rules)
- Legislative updates

Consideration to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting & Consideration to approve the Treasurer's Report – President Dukes indicated that the meeting minutes and the treasurer's report would be provided at the next meeting in April (Savannah).

Committee Reports – President Dukes called on each committee chair to make their report:

• Executive Committee – On behalf of Chairperson Christi Dockery, Lee County, President Dukes indicated that there was nothing to report.

• Education Committee – Don Townsend, Chairperson, Dade County
and

• Membership Committee – Don Townsend, Chairperson, Dade County, requested fellow Clerks to sign-up for committees. He also spoke about future training topics and the website.

• Nominating Committee – Nancy Livingston, Telfair County, nominated Lisa Ritchie, Habersham County, to become the next Treasurer of the association. Her motion was seconded by Pam Gibson, Ware County. No other nominations were made and by consensus, Lisa Ritchie was elected Treasurer.

• Benevolent Scholarship Committee – Jackie Smith, Chairperson, Newton County (No report was made.)

• Recognition/Awards Committee – On behalf of Chairperson Susan Mabry, Carroll County, President Dukes indicated that the "2011 Clerk of the Year" forms/nominations are on the website and the announcement of the winner will occur in May.

Announcements – President Dukes announced the following:

- ACCG Annual Meeting – Savannah – April 28-May 1, 2012

Adjournment – President Dukes opened the floor for any questions. One of the new Clerks requested an explanation of the committees and President Dukes indicated that they are described in the by-laws document which can be found on the www.georgiacca.com website. She also encouraged all attendees to complete the Training survey's truthfully, so that the Carl Vinson Institute could receive qualitative responses to make improvements. She then entertained a motion to adjourn. Donna Studstill (Lanier County) made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Nancy Livingston (Telfair County).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.