



# MURRAY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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## Minutes Murray County Public Hearing November 1, 2022

The Sole Commissioner of Murray County, Greg Hogan, called the meeting to order at 9:15A.M., November 1, 2022 in the Hearing Room of the Murray County Annex. In attendance were Greg Hogan, Sole Commissioner, Tommy Parker, County Manager, Dick Barnes, Edward Dunn, Gretchen Lugthart, Senior Planner at N.W. GA Regional Commission, Julianne Meadows, Planning Director at N.W. GA Regional Commission, and Tina Choate, County Clerk.

The Sole Commissioner of Murray County, Greg Hogan, called the meeting to order. The Commissioner announced the public hearing notice for today was published in the October 12, 2022 edition of The Chatsworth Times Newspaper. Commissioner Hogan then informed those in attendance, the facilitator of the meeting today is Gretchen Lugthart, Senior Planner at N. West Georgia Regional Commission. The Commissioner then turned the meeting over to Gretchen Lugthart.

Mrs. Lugthart began by explaining Murray County, Chatsworth, and Eton share a comprehensive plan, the Murray County Joint Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will allow the affected governments to extend their Qualified Local Government status, and each will therefore be eligible for State loans, grants, and permits for another 5 years. The purpose of the meeting today is intended to explain the process for plan preparation and the opportunities for public participation in the development of an updated plan. Under planning rules set forth by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (effective October 1, 2018) it is time for a five-year update of the Plan document. As part of the process the Report of Accomplishments will be updated and Gathering of Stakeholders. The affected governments intend to appoint citizens to participate as part of a Stakeholder Committee to work with the planners for the plan preparation. There are 3 upcoming meetings to be scheduled in January 2023, February 2023, and March 2023. In addition, broad citizen participation at every meeting related to the plan preparation is encouraged and recommended. Information will be taken from both the Stakeholder Committee and Administration and come up with updated Work Program items. Outdated Land Use maps will be updated to reflect current land topography during the Comprehensive Plan update. N.W. GA Regional Commission is working with Richard "Dick" Barnes, Director of Murray County Land Use & Zoning Department (and others) to get the maps where they need to be.

Currently, a draft of the plan document is estimated for completion by July 2023. The plan document will be submitted for review to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Plan approval by October 31, 2023 will extend Murray County, City of Chatsworth, and City of Eton their 'Qualified Local Government' status to ensure the eligibility of State loans, grants, and permits. The process awards 5 years of eligibility.

The Sole Commissioner of Murray County Adjourned the meeting.

All supporting documents are in Minutes Book #12.

ATTEST:

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Greg Hogan, Sole Commissioner

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Tommy Parker, County Manager