

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

October 19, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, October 19, 2009 at the West Cobb Senior Center with 56 members in attendance. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

Invocation was given by Billy Pigg followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

New members Mary Turner and Barbara Martin were welcomed.

President Story reported the following members are sick: Kitty Kile (broken leg), Harry Ingram and Carolyn Landers.

PROGRAM: State Senator John Wiles, Attorney with the law firm Wiles and Wiles, spoke on the state of the state. He presented handouts of revenue collections versus estimated revenue collections. FY 09 has a 10.49% shortfall. He spoke about cuts in the state budget. In order to address the shortfall, in addition to across the board cuts in budgeted services, reserve funds have been used, stimulus funds have been used, state employees are taking 12 furlough days this year and teachers are taking 3 furlough days. The state will have \$1.4 billion less to spend this year and there are tough cuts ahead in order to balance the budget.

Other issues addressed in the legislature were open hearings in Juvenile Court and video statements by family members to be shown or read in court hearings.

The General Assembly adopted a resolution concerning healthcare stating that anything not covered in the Constitution is a states' rights issue and should be left to the states to address.

Water and transportation continue to be issues needing to be solved by the state. Sen. Wiles stated that the water issue is economic warfare and should be decided in the Supreme Court. He also stated that Georgia needs to build more reservoirs. On transportation issues, Sen. Wiles said that a transportation SPLOST proposal for a tax increase would probably not pass because of the economy. Also the DOT has been reformed in an effort to solve some of the transportation issues.

Sen. Wiles spoke about crime and budget cuts made to the prison system and

judicial budgets. He further stated that the public defense system has been changed in order to make sure it is being managed properly.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Ruby Lowry. We have \$1908.54 in the treasury. Motion was made by Jo Cunningham with a second to accept the report. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Lynda Edwards with a second to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2009 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

NAME BADGES: If you have not ordered a name badge or have not received your badge, please see Lynda Edwards.

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Election of officers will be held at the November meeting.

NEXT MEETING: November 16, 2009 is the next meeting to be held at 10:30 A.M. at the West Cobb Senior Services Center, Dallas Highway. December will be the annual Christmas lunch. Contact Ruby Lowry or Judy Clark if you want to help.

DRIVER'S TRAINING: Please sign up if you are interested in a driver's training class. Insurance companies offer a discount for those taking the course.

FLU SHOTS: Cobb County will be giving flu shots at the following :

1. Tuesday, October 27 @ Purchasing Bid Room, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
2. Tuesday, November 10 @ Water Systems Operations, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM\Thursday, November 12 @ BOC Meeting Room, 9:30 AM– 3:30 PM

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Martha Watson, Secretary