

COBB COUNTY RETIREE EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2016

The monthly meeting of the CCREA was held on Monday April 18, 2016 at the West Cobb Senior Center. President David Stone called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Invocation was given by Bobby Alexander followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

NEW MEMBERS: Cecil Cahel, Police Dept. and Janice Barbini, Tag Office – Welcome Aboard!

ILLNESS/DEATH: No illness, one death David Hilton, let's keep his family in prayer.

PROGRAM: Tim Lee, Chairman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners our speaker this month. He introduced Kellie Brownlow, his Deputy Chief.

He started out saying that it is an honor and a privilege to be here today and to serve as our Chairman. Despite its challenges, this job is very rewarding and he is grateful and thankful to us for giving him the opportunity to serve this great county.

It is amazing how much has changed since his first State of the County address 5 years ago. We were in one of the worst economic times of our lives. The Board of Commissioners faced some of the toughest decisions in Cobb County history. Position and services were cut and we were forced to raise the property tax millage rate in order to balance the budget.

He was proud today to report just 5 short years later that the State of Cobb County is **STRONG** and getting stronger. Within 5 years we have cut millage rate on property taxes to pre-recession levels.

Public Safety is paramount in every community and of the wisest investments a local government can make with its resources. The 2016 budget, he presented and that was approved by the Board included a \$196 million investment in Public Safety.

Infrastructure is another wise investment in the future of Cobb. The SPLOST program is Cobb County's primary financing tool for infrastructure improvement.

The relocation of the Atlanta Braves to Cobb County is the largest and most anticipated project in the history of our community. And, our partnership with the Braves is a homerun for Cob County. Many criticized how I handled the Atlanta Braves project. I can tell you that I sleep well at night knowing that he did the right thing for Cobb County.

TREASURE REPORT: As of April 18, 2016 we have \$8,163.48 in the checking account. A motion was made and second to accept the report. Motion carried

SECRETARY: March 21, 2016 minutes were printed and distributed. A motion was made and second to accept the minutes. Motion carried

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Annual Cook-out will be on May 16, start at 11 a.m. and lunch 11:30a.m. All caller need to start calling and report to JoAnn Mann by the 6th of May.

DOOR PRIZES: HR donated 2 gift certificates and Chairman donated 4 Braves tickets: Winners – Frank Hatch, Bob Galanti and Tyna Knight and Wayne Bridges won the 4 Braves Tickets.

Tressie Bloodworth HR representative in attendance to answer any concerns we have.

Thanks to Cindy for taking March minutes.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!

DON'T FORGET DUES!

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned 12 noon.

JoAnn Mann, Secretary

“Have a blessed day!”