

## SPECIAL CITY/COUNTY MEETING

October 22, 1992

A joint meeting was held on Thursday, October 22, 1992, at 5:00 p.m., with the Mayor and Councilmen of Calhoun and the Gordon County Board of Commissioners. The meeting was held in the grand jury room of the Gordon County Annex, located on Piedmont Street.

### Those in Attendance

John D. Meadows, III, Mayor  
Tom Bond, Mayor Pro-Tem  
John D. Shelton, Councilman  
H.A. Oldfield, Jr., Councilman  
Kelly Cornwell, Director

Eddie Peterson, City Planner

Gerald Brown, Chairman  
Joe Powell, Commissioner  
Everett DeFoor, Commissioner  
Milton Stewart, Commissioner  
Bill Anderson, Commissioner  
Elect  
Theresa McDearis, County  
Administrator  
Pat James, County Clerk  
Julian James, Road  
Superintendent  
Media

Mayor Meadows opened the meeting by stating that the County has received plans and designs, from the Department of Transportation, for widening and other improvements on Newtown Road, from SR 156 (Red Bud Road) northeast to the I-75 bridge, and that since both governments were involved in several areas of the proposed project, a joint meeting would be advantageous at this time.

Gordon County Chairman, Gerald Brown, and Commissioner Joe Powell said that the Gordon County School Board had asked the Commissioners to request DOT for plans and designs to upgrade Newtown Road due to the heavy usage by the Gordon Central School complex which has caused safety concerns.

Mayor Meadows agreed that Newtown Road was not adequate to handle the current traffic load, but the City also had concerns that the disjointed intersection of Red Bud Road/Barrett Road/Newtown Road proposed serious traffic safety implications.

The proposed Newtown Road project (PRN 21-1(129)) would be issued as a County Contract with DOT cost estimates of \$90,000 from the County and \$180,000 funded by DOT, for a total project cost of \$270,000. The project would be compromised of widening, base, paving, and drainage. DOT would not participate in right-of-way acquisitions, or utility relocations.

Mayor Meadows explained that the City had the following utilities involved; (1) from Red Bud Road to Jones Road, 8" water and 8" sewer lines on the west side of Newtown Road. From Jones Road to the I-75 bridge overpass an 8" water line. (2) From the raw water intake on the Coosawattee running the entire length of Newtown Road, on the east side r/w, a 30" water main. (3) A 4" line crosses the road and reduces to a 2" line and continues to the Newtown Loop. (4) Some electrical service would be involved.

It was agreed that the ramifications of construction over the utilities would have to be reviewed by City engineering and DOT.

The group reviewed DOT plans (PRN 21-1(129)). The current right-of-way indicated 80' from Red Bud Road northeast to Jones Road, then reducing to 40' from Jones Road to I-75. Several properties

would need to be acquired for right-of-way and construction easement purposes.

Commissioner Stewart remarked that DOT, "was pushing this project", and the Commissioners were asking for assistance from the City of Calhoun.

Mayor Meadows again stated that the project was needed, but the disjointed intersection of Red Bud Road/Barrett Road/Newtown Road was not included in the project plans, and this would have to be addressed before the City could commit to assistance.

Commissioner Stewart made the following motion, that the City would share in the cost of the Newtown Road Project and the various processes (construction cost, r/w, utilities). Joe Powell seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Mayor Meadows stated for the third time that the intersection would have to be included in the total project before the City could assist in this activity. The Commissioners agreed to contact DOT and request that the intersection at Red Bud Road/Barrett Road /Newtown Road be included with the project (PRN 21-1 (129)). The Council asked that two possibilities be studied; (1) the realignment of Barrett Road to the west (2) and the current Barrett Road alignment running straight into Newtown Road.

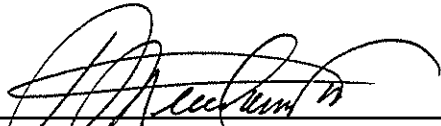
Councilman Bond made a motion, to assist the County with the Newtown Road project if the intersection was included in the total project. Councilman Shelton seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Mayor Meadows asked the Board of Commissioners if the Gordon Central/Curtis Parkway road extension was a dead issue. Commissioner Stewart stated that it was not a dead issue.

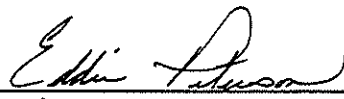
Commissioner Defoor made a motion that the City and County have regular quarterly meetings in the future, for the purpose of "public relations". Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. All voted aye. Mayor Meadows informed the Commissioners that the City has always been ready to meet with the Board at any time to discuss any issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 1992.

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John B. Meadows, III  
Mayor

Submitted:

  
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Eddie Peterson  
Acting City Clerk