#### MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PLANNING RETREAT Lyndon House Art Center 211 Hoyt Street, Athens, GA 30601 May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

### **RETREAT SUMMARY MINUTES**

# Participants:

Ron Milton, Chairman Philipp Von Hanstein, Vice-Chair Donald Harris, Commissioner Andy Ainslie, Commissioner Ben Riden, Commissioner Adam Mestres, County Manager Mark Williams, Assistant County Manager Leslie Brandt, County Clerk Chuck Jarrell, Planning Director Tara Cooner, Senior Planner Tom Wooten, Public Works Director Karen Rago Lance Alexander, Recreation Director Drew Torok Jeff Stone, Fire Chief Cindy Williams

# **Facilitator:**

Adam Mestres, County Manager

Mr. Mestres opened the meeting and Department Heads then led a discussion on various topics. Highlights from the discussion of each topic are noted below.

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**Planning & Development** 

o Comprehensive plan

- Current and future growth/development
- o Water supply
- o Affordable housing
- o Enforcement of regulations

## **Public Works**

- o TSPLOST
- o Recycling education
- Solid waste operations
- o Staffing levels and recruitment
- Aged equipment
- o Dumpsite monitoring
- o Illegal trash dumping

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#### Recreation

Volunteers

- o Growth-new facilities
- o Upkeep of facilities
- o Potential for new activities/events
- o Aging infrastructures

- Fire Department

  O Working with decreased funding
  - o Declining membership
  - o Aging fleet and equipment
  - Lack of water
  - Outreach programs
  - o Community involvement and education

| County Manager Adam Mestres closed the meeting. |
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| Ronald H. Milton, Chairman                      |
| ATTEST:                                         |
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| Leslie Brandt, County Clerk                     |