

## 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**

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

#### **Public Works**

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

- Volunteers

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

**Fire Department**

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

County Manager Adam Mestres closed the meeting.

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Ronald H. Milton, Chairman

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Leslie Brandt, County Clerk