

Georgia Coroner's Association

Spring Meeting – April 5, 2016

Jekyll Island Club

16:30hrs

Called to order: Hon Susan Salemi

Invocation: Hon. Chris Stephens

Secretary's Report: Hon. Becky Callihan- Minutes read by members. Hon. Danny Galpin made motion to except minutes seconded by Hon David Exley, motion carried.

Communication: Hon. Gary McElhenney and family, Holy Trinity Evangelical in memory of Mrs. Ellen Exley, First Baptist church in memory of Grace Davis, American kidney fund in memory of Kara McLeighon, Geneva Baptist Church in memory of Mr. Henry Cosby, Limestone activity department in memory of June Zinskie, Georgia Baptist Children's home and family ministries in memory of Elise Strickland, Hon. Ted Mathis and family.

Treasurer's Report: Hon. Gary McElhenney- As of March 29th 2016 GCA has 82,832.91 in the bank. Bills have not been paid for this meeting so total will change. Member ship for the GCA is 392 members with 6 counties that did not join the association; they are Douglas, Evans, Fayette, Habersham, Twiggs and Washington counties. Hon. Ralph Wilson made motion to except minutes and Hon. Ted Mathis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Legislative Report: Hon. Ted Bearden, Bill 860 and House Bill 318 did not pass

By Laws: Hon. L W Bruce. There is some changes to be made to the bylaws such as the GCA website will be added to the bylaws for all notification, Hon. L W Bruce with be making these changes and bringing them to the fall meeting.

Legislative: Hon. Ted Bearden stated that House Bill 860 and Senate Bill 318 were both dropped.

Training Council: Hon. Ralph Wilson stated that a Deputy Coroner has no age restrictions. A Coroner cannot work as a Deputy Sheriff and be Coroner. There were several Coroners' and Deputy Coroner's that were decertified due to not attending training for the mandatory 24 hours of training.

Emergency response team: Hon. Susan Salemi stated the trailer is in Richmond County because it can be monitored at all times. The trailer has a very limited amount of supplies. The padlock had to be replaced.

Old business: No old business

New business: Special Ethics Committee. Also Gordy Powell addressed the association concerning new legislation on bio hazard cleanup, asking for Coroner's association's support. Dr. Jonathan Eisenstate, Chief Medical Examiner addressed the members in regards to a letter that was drafted , should be sent to all Hospice centers in your area in reference to Coroner's not being called. Hon. Ralph Wilson stated that the GCA has a 6 year contract with the Macon Marriott City Center starting with 2017. The dates for the meeting will be September 21, 22 and 23rd 2017, September 27, 28, and 29th 2018, September 12, 13, and 14 2019, November 19, 20, and 21 2020, September 23, 24, 25, 2021, and September 22, 23, 24,

2022, with a \$2.00 increase for each year for the guest rooms and a \$100.00 increase for the assembly room. For Jekyll Island we have a 3 year contract with the dates being April 23, 24, 25 2017, April 22, 23, 24, 25 2018, and April 14, 15, 16, 17, 2019.

Hon Ted Bearden stated that the GCA needs a executive director to help with running the day to day operations and that we will need to increase the dues to \$200.00 a year to make this happen. This will be voted on in the fall meeting.

Hon. Mike Adams made the motion to adjourn with Hon. Ted Mathis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be November 10-11-12 at the Macon Marriott city center.