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Honoring Former County Manager Michael J. “Mike” Dobbs

Troup County, Ga. August 13, 2020 – With great sorrow and heavy hearts, the Troup County Board of Commissioners announces the passing of former County Manager, Michael J. “Mike” Dobbs. Dobbs served the Troup County community for over forty years, ending his career in 2012 as County Manager. During his employment with Troup County, he served in various roles, where he touched many lives and brought joy to those around him.

He joined Troup County staff in 1971 as the County’s first-ever Draftsman, where he was in charge of overseeing all mapping. From there, he transitioned into the role of Property Appraiser in 1974 before advancing to the role of Building and Zoning Administrator in 1978. In 1986, Dobbs was promoted as Troup County’s Assistant County Manager while maintaining the position of building official. For the next two decades, he served as Interim County Manager several times before being named County Manager in 2004.

Under his great leadership, a countywide E-911 system was established; the Troup County Building, Planning and Zoning Department was created, and he assisted in writing the County’s first building codes; Troup County’s mega-boat ramp at West Point Lake was constructed, setting a world record for the largest boat ramp to ever be pushed into place in a body of water; road construction and improvements with bridges and intersections were assembled, including the construction of Pegasus Parkway; various Parks and Recreation improvements throughout Troup County were implemented, including additions to The Active Life centers; and fire department and equipment improvements to include a LEED-certified fire station were executed.

Dobbs was known for his kind, compassionate, and gentle spirit. His motto was, “Treat people how you would like to be treated.” He will be sorely missed by the Troup County community. At this time, the County offers heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. Graveside services will be held on Friday, August 14, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the Shadowlawn Cemetery with Dr. John Beyers officiating. COVID-19 precautions will be in place to include social distancing and the wearing of protective face coverings. The service will be live streamed at www.facebook.com/Higgins-Funeral-Home-at-Hunter-Allen-Myhand-112934447035221/.

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