

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

"Work Session Meeting"

January 3, 2014

Troup County Government Center

Troup County Board of Commissioners Chairman Richard Wolfe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Davis led the group in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Richard Wolfe, Chairman
Richard English, Vice-Chairman
Buck Davis, Commissioner
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Claude F. Foster III, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Matt Strother, LaGrange Daily News
Tommy Camp, Troup County News

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk
James Emery, County Engineer
Jay Anderson, Sr Building Official
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk
Suzy Noles, E-911 Director
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director
James Woodruff, Sheriff
Nancy Seegar, County Planner

PUBLIC HEARING:

City of West Point Parking Effect on Troup County:

Sheriff James Woodruff discussed complaints from County residents that Kia employees are parking on their property due to signs posted on roadways in immediate Kia area restricting parking along ROW. Kia employees are banned from smoking on the Kia campus. Several options are being discussed to help with the problem that has been ongoing since Spring of 2013. Commissioner Foster stated he has received numerous calls and would like to see if an ordinance or some type of legal document could be addressed warning the people to stop this issue. The City of West has been contacted but cannot help with the problem because they only have two officers on duty at all times.

Commissioner Foster expressed we needed help from Kia to address this problem.

911 Hiring Request:

E-911 Director Suzy Noles requests to replace a full time employee that changed to part time. This is a budgeted position.

County Shop Hiring Request:

County Shop Director Charles Koone requests to hire a mechanic to lessen any adverse affect on the volume and quality of work. The reclassification from a Foreman to a Mechanic will save \$7,321.60 a year.

State Court DUI/ Drug Court Supplementary Grant Award:

Mr. Scott Smith announced the State Court DUI/Drug Court has been awarded a supplementary grant from the State of Georgia Accountability Court Funding Committee in the amount of \$7k. The grant requires no match from the county and is fully reimbursable. January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, this grant will fund EMDR trauma therapy.

Felony Drug Court Subgrant Award:

Ms. Leann Murphy announced the Felony Adult Drug Court applied for and received a supplementary grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$7,500. This award will go toward the enhancement of treatment services and to purchase treatment manuals. The request is for \$6,242. The difference is \$1,258 is to account for a de-obligation of funds for the first quarter.

State Contract Purchases:

Purchasing Director Diana Evans is requesting approval to make SPLOST purchases and general fund budget purchases off Georgia State contracts. The list is for Allan Vigil Ford \$66,635.85, Lashley Tractor \$48,551.16, Jerry Pate \$98,970.39 and Dudley's Outdoors \$43,593.58 for a total amount of \$257,750.98.

Airport Authority Legislation:

County Manager Tod Tentler reminded the Board that as of 2001 the Airport became totally funded by Troup County, that it was previously a partnership with the city of LaGrange. The Troup County Airport

Authority voted unanimously to dissolve the authority allowing the County make this another department of the county government. After the Board, LaGrange, West Point and Hogansville Councils pass resolutions, it will then go to State Legislature. Commissioner Wolfe expressed concern that the airport will remain grant eligible as a county department. Mr. Tentler advised that this was investigated and that the facility will remain eligible for any grants the authority might have been eligible for, either through the county directly or through a Development Authority.

"Ethel Kight" Annexation:

County Planner Nancy Seegar announced the City of LaGrange received an application to annex approximately 18 acres including part of the Ethel Kight School campus located on Gordon Road. One of the two parcels is bisected by Gordon Road such that .08 if an acre is located on the west side of Gordon Road. In order to annex only part of parcel, the city needs the county's approval by resolution, as well as to allow the Property Appraisal office to 'split' the jurisdiction of the parcel.

Consideration of City of LaGrange Annexation Request- Sandtown Road

County Planner Nancy Seegar announced the City of LaGrange is proposing to annex approximately 300 acres north of Sandtown Road and west of Interstate 85. A letter was sent to the City of LaGrange notifying them of our intent to object based on the General Industrial zoning buffer adjacent to existing residential.

Consideration of January 7, 2014 Agenda Items:

County Manager Tod Tentler discussed agenda items for January 7, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further matters to discuss, Chairman Wolfe made a motion to adjourn.

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk