

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

January 14, 2009

Troup County Government Center Building

Troup County Board of Commissioners Chairman Richard Wolfe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Richard Wolfe, Chairman
Richard English, Vice-Chairman
Ken Smith, Commissioner
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Buck Davis, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Joel Martin, LaGrange Daily News
Judy Murphy, Troup County News
Trey Wood, Valley News

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager/ Parks & Recreation Director
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Andy Harper, Building & Zoning Technician
James Emery, County Engineer
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Scott Turk, Zoning Administrator
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director
Lavelle Barnes, Human Resources Director

Others Present:

Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Libby Willingham, Mallory Insurance
Rick Mallory, Mallory Insurance
Wesley Smith, Hutchinson Traylor Insurance
Edward Smith, Hutchinson Traylor Insurance
Charles Smith, Concerned Citizen

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Commissioner Ken Smith:

Commissioner Ken Smith was recognized by Chairman Wolfe and asked to pronounce the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Commissioner Davis led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES:

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve minutes of the January 6, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Review of Insurance Bid Awarded at January 6, 2009 Commission Meeting:

County Manager Mike Dobbs reviewed the bid process for the county's property/casualty insurance contract which had been awarded at the January 6, 2009 board meeting to Mallory/Argonaut with a bid of \$349,901. Representatives of Mallory Insurance and Hutchinson Traylor Insurance were allowed to make statements on their own behalf relating to the bid results. Mr. Wesley Smith of Hutchinson Traylor stated the Hutchinson Traylor/Travelers bid of \$349,785 was actually the low bid and the contract should have been awarded to Hutchinson Traylor/Travelers if the commissioners intended the business go to the low bidder. He also indicated that all parties received the same bid package so there was no reason any bidder should have been allowed to modify his bid. Mr. Rick Mallory of Mallory Insurance gave a chronology of the bid process. He recognized there were flaws in the process, but felt the commissioners should abide by their vote at the January 6, 2009 meeting. Commissioner English commented that he would not change his vote on the matter and indicated the January 6, 2009 vote should stand. County Manager Mike Dobbs indicated there was no wrongdoing by any of the bidders, but there was a perception that the bid process was not fair and equitable. Therefore, on the advice of the county attorney, he recommended the January 6, 2009 board action be rescinded and the property/casualty insurance be rebid with new bids to be brought back for consideration at the February 17, 2009 meeting.

Chairman Wolfe apologized to the bidders for the flaws in the county's bid process. Commissioner Jones made a motion to rescind the action taken at the January 6, 2009 meeting and rebid the property/casualty insurance. Commissioner Smith seconded. Commissioners Jones and Smith voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners English and Davis voted against the motion. Chairman Wolfe broke the tie by voting in favor of the motion. The motion to rescind the action taken at the January 6, 2009 meeting and to rebid the property/casualty insurance passed on a 3-to-2 vote.

James Emery - Infrastructure Report Card Presentation:

County Engineer James Emery presented the 2009 Georgia Infrastructure Report Card issued by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). ASCE assigned the state's infrastructure a cumulative grade of "C". They concluded that Georgia's infrastructure requires an investment of \$150 billion over the next 30 years to improve its programs for roads, dams, storm water, transit, and parks.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into public hearings. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during the public hearings, comments from those in attendance were welcomed.

REZONING:

- None.

Subdivisions:

1st Reading - No Vote Necessary

Stone Gate Subdivision - Preliminary Plat

Location: John Lovelace Road at Lower Big Springs Road

Developer: Trademark Quality Homes, Inc.

60+/- Acres, 30 Lots, Zoned AGR

Zoning Administrator Scott Turk presented the preliminary plat for Stone Gate Subdivision located off John Lovelace Road at Lower Big Springs Road to be developed by Trademark Quality Homes, Inc. The

subdivision would be composed of 30 lots. Mr. Turk commented that the developer proposed setting aside one-third of the property for green space with rock outcroppings left in their natural state. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak in favor or against the subdivision. No one responded. Commissioner Davis commented this project would be "perfect" for waterline extension and could help boost ISO ratings. Since this presentation was for information purposes only, no vote was required at that time.

OTHER:

(Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

Sataprabha LLC dba. Petro Food Market- Application to Sell Wine & Malt Beverages License.

Location: 1748 Vernon Road, LaGrange

Applicant: Amin Devang

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented the application of Mr. Amin Devang to sell wine and malt beverages at Petro Food Market located at 1748 Vernon Road, LaGrange. This is an existing convenience store that has undergone a change in ownership. The application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Donny Turner certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity has been found in the last five years. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Mr. Devang's application to sell wine & malt beverages. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

EXIT PUBLIC HEARING:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to exit public hearings and go back into regular meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk