

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

January 18, 2011

Troup County Government Center

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

Board Members Present:

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

News Media Present:

Matthew Strother, Valley News
Joel Martin, LaGrange Daily News
Phillip Clark, Troup County News

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager / Parks & Recreation Director
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Andy Harper, GIS Technician
Harold Edmondson, Senior Deputy Bldg Official
Kay Durand, Executive Director, Center for Strategic Planning
Scott Turk, Governmental Services/ GIS Manager
James Emery, County Engineer

Others Present:

Sushama Bohra, Wine & Malt Beverage License Applicant
Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Tommy Callaway, Concerned Citizen

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Commissioner Buck Davis:

Commissioners Buck Davis 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 Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Consideration of Resolution to Ensure Businesses are Compliant with State & Local Sales Tax Laws: (2011-12)

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented a resolution to ensure businesses are compliant with state & local sales tax laws. This will require businesses to provide sales tax identification numbers and other information when they get a business or regulatory license. This resolution will enter the County into a partnership with the Georgia Department of Revenue in an effort to ensure that businesses collect sales taxes and turn them over to the revenue department. The state will then distribute the revenues back to the appropriate local government jurisdictions where the sales transactions took place. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the resolution to ensure businesses are compliant with state & local sales tax laws. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Judicial Correction Services Probation Contract:

County Manager Mike Dobbs recommended approval of the two-year contract extension with Judicial Correction Services Inc., for probation management in the State and Superior Courts. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the contract extension. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

100 Best Communities Designation Presentation:

Executive Director Kay Durand presented Troup County Government with the sign recognizing its selection for the America's Promises Alliance award for the "100 Best Communities for Young People" in 2010.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into public hearings.

Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Special Use:

Manufactured Home Placement

Applicant: George Cannon

Location: 955 Burkes Chapel Road, LaGrange

Senior Deputy Building Official Harold Edmondson presented the request by Mr. George Cannon to place a manufactured home at 955 Burkes Chapel Road, LaGrange. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak for or against the request. No one responded. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Mr. Cannon's request for placement of a manufactured home. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Rezoning:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

Other:

1st Hearing - Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary

Sushama Bohra - Maharaj SRI, Inc./ My Picnic Basket - Application to Sell Wine & Malt Beverages

Location: 2723 Roanoke Road, LaGrange

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented the application by Sushama Bohra of Maharaj SRI, Inc./ My Picnic Basket to sell wine & malt beverages at 2723 Roanoke Road, LaGrange. The application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Donny Turner certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been found. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of the application for the wine & malt beverage license. Ms. Bohra spoke in favor of the application. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak against the application for the wine

& malt beverage license. No one responded. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the wine & malt beverage license. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

No Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary

Discuss Resolution to Approve the Voluntary De-Annexation of Land by West Point Municipal Governing Authority

Property Owners: Alma Godfrey and Sylvia Wilson

Location: 657 Gray Hill School Road

County Manager Mike Dobbs reviewed a resolution to approve the voluntary de-annexation of land by property owners Ms. Alma Godfrey and Ms. Sylvia Wilson located at 657 Gray Hill School Road. Commissioner Smith stated the owners thought they would get city water and other services but that hasn't happened so far so they would like to de-annex their land. Commissioner Jones made a motion to continue the matter to the next meeting to provide time to gather additional information. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUE - BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue (board appointments.) Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

MEETING REOPENED:

At the end of the Executive Session, Commissioner English made a motion to go out of Executive Session and back into public meeting.

Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Chairman Wolfe indicated the commissioners had reviewed the candidates for appointment/reappointment and were prepared to take action.

Executive Assistant Valerie West read the slate of proposed candidates:

Troup County Board of Zoning Appeals & Planning Commission (BOZAPC):

Ms. Vanessa Griggs, Mr. Ellis Spence, Mr. Marion Carson, and Mr. Steve Daniel would be reappointed to two-year terms expiring 12/31/2012.

Mr. Rob Petry and Mr. Charles Milligan would be reappointed to four-year terms expiring 12/31/2014.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the appointment/reappointment of the entire slate of candidates listed above. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk