

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

January 17, 2012

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
Richard English, Commissioner
Ken Smith, Commissioner
Buck Davis, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Matt Chambers, LaGrange Daily News
Tommy Camp, Troup County News
Trey Wood, Valley News

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Mark DeGennaro, County Attorney
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Harold Edmondson, Senior Deputy Bldg Official
Sonya Conroy, Accounting Tech/ Deputy Clerk
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Andy Harper, GIS Technician
James Emery, County Engineer
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer/ County Clerk
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director

Others Present:

Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Mike Freeland, Concerned Citizen
Tommy Callaway, Concerned Citizen
Ken Ragan, Concerned Citizen
Lewis Davis, Concerned Citizen
Tim Duffey, Concerned Citizen
Mike & Glenda Waller, Concerned Citizens
Linda Hanson, Concerned Citizen
Halemul Chowdhury, Wine & Malt Beverage License Applicant
Steve Stark, Concerned Citizen

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Reverend J.R. Ware of Welcome Baptist Church:

Reverend J.R. Ware of Welcome Baptist Church was recognized by Chairman Wolfe and asked to pronounce the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES:

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the final agenda.

Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Election of Vice-Chairman:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to nominate Commissioner Buck Davis as Vice-Chairman for Calendar Year 2012. Commissioner English seconded. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Davis was elected Vice-Chairman by unanimous vote.

Consideration of Setting Qualifying Fees for Various County Offices: (2012-14)

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented a resolution for setting qualifying fees for 2012 elected county offices. This fee schedule was verified by the Human Resources Department and the County Attorney. The list of fees was as follows:

Clerk of Superior Court	\$1,894.94
Sheriff	\$2,270.25
Tax Commissioner	\$1,894.94
Coroner	\$761.25
Solicitor	\$2,421.43
County Commissioner, District 2	\$180.00
County Commissioner, District 3	\$180.00
County Commissioner, District 4	\$180.00
State Court Judge	\$3,459.19
Probate Judge	\$1,894.94
Board of Education, District 2	\$234.00

Board of Education, District 3 \$285.00
Board of Education, District 5 \$237.00
Board of Education, District 6 \$204.00

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the schedule of qualifying fees. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of the Troup County Landfill Intergovernmental Agreement:

Commissioner Jones abstained in the discussion and disposition of this matter. County Manager Mike Dobbs presented the proposed amendment to the Troup County Landfill Intergovernmental Agreement. The County and City of LaGrange have reached an agreement on the purchase of additional real property for expansion of the Troup County C&D Landfill. This proposed amendment to the initial agreement reflects changes in cost and obligations of both parties. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the amendment to Troup County Landfill Intergovernmental Agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded. Commissioner Jones abstained. The remaining commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Consideration of E-Verification Requirements for Troup County:

County Attorney Mark DeGennaro presented the new requirements (effective January 1, 2012) in the GA Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act (House Bill 87) that residents and business owners need to be aware of. One of the requirements is that anyone seeking a public benefit through the county must present a secure and verifiable document. Those secure and verifiable documents include items such as a passport, military ID or driver's license. Another requirement calls for private employers with 500 or more employees seeking a business license or other document required to operate a business within the county to register for and use the E-Verify program and sign an E-Verify affidavit. (Private employers with less than 500 employees have future implementation dates based on the range in number of employees.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Bismillah, LLC, d/b/a Tall Tales & Bait - Application for Wine & Malt Beverages License

Location: 3191 Robert Hayes Road, LaGrange

Applicant: Halemul H. Chowdhury:

Senior Deputy Building Official Harold Edmondson presented an application for Halemul H. Chowdhury of Bismillah, LLC, d/b/a Tall Tales & Bait to sell wine & malt beverages at 3191 Robert Hayes Road, LaGrange, Georgia. Mr. Chowdhury's 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 anyone would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the wine & malt beverages license. No one responded. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the application to sell wine & malt beverages. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Rezoning:

- None.

Other:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

MEETING REOPENED:

Following the Executive Session, Commissioner English made a motion to reconvene in regular meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session, potential litigation was discussed and no action was required at that time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk