

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 21, 2014**

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

**News Media Present:**

Wayne Clark, West Point News  
Tommy Murphy, Troup County News  
Matt Strother, LaGrange Daily News

**Staff Present:**

Tod Tentler, County Manager  
Mark DeGenarro, County Attorney  
James Emery, County Engineer  
Valerie West, Executive Assistant  
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk  
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk  
Andy Harper, GIS Technician  
Dennis Knight, Acting Fire Chief  
Jay Anderson, Senior Building Official  
Nancy Seegar, County Planner  
James Woodruff, Sheriff  
Markette Baker, Solicitor  
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director

**OPENING:**

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

**Invocation - Commissioner Buck Davis:**

Commissioner Buck Davis 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 English made a motion to approve the final agenda.  
Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2014 work session meeting and the January 7, 2014 regular

meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded.  
Unanimous.

**PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- None.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**Election of Vice-Chairman:**

Chairman Wolfe announced it was time for 2014 election of new vice-chairman and asked for any nominations to support the chairman. There being no motion, Chairman Wolfe asked for this to be tabled.

**Consideration of City of LaGrange Sandtown Road Annexation Request:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a letter that was from the developer to the City of LaGrange requesting instead of a 200 ft buffer on the east side are asking for a 100 ft buffer. Chairman Wolfe questioned why the developer didn't accept what the City Of LaGrange agreed to. Senior Planner, Ms. Leigh Threadgill stated the difference for the developer is the amount of land goes away because of 200 ft. there is a 1 ½ acre loss if you did the 200 ft buffer vs. the 100 ft buffer. Commissioner Foster stated this was already discussed and all the commissioners agreed on the 200 foot buffer. Commissioner English made a motion to keep the 200 ft buffer. Commissioner Foster seconded.  
Unanimous.

**Consideration of 2014 Election Qualifying Fees: (2014-18)**

County Manager Tentler presented a resolution of a list of 2014 election local office qualifying fees. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the 2014 Election qualifying fees. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

**Supplemental Resolution for Troup County Defined Benefits Plan: (2014-19)**

County Manager Tentler presented a resolution for Troup County Defined Benefits plan and asked the County's consultant to explain further. Mr. Bobby Lumpkin responded that the resolution will make clear that Charles Schwab Bank (CSB) will serve as directed trustee (the "Directed Trustee") for the Troup County Defined Benefit Plan. Commissioner Davis

made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Synthetic Track Resurfacing Bids:**

County Manager Tentler presented a list of bids for the Chris Joseph Track at Fort Drive and the Grange Track at Granger Park. There were three qualified bidders with the lowest bidder being awarded to Ram Enterprises of Montgomery, Alabama in the amount of \$426,100.

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the resurfacing of Chris Joseph track and the Grange Track. Commissioner Jones seconded.

Unanimous.

**Solicitor's Office Hiring Request:**

Solicitor Markette Baker is requesting due to an employee resigning wants to reclassify staff positions. She currently has three legal secretaries and wants to reclassify one legal secretary to an Office Manager/legal secretary. Commissioner English questioned why the need for restructuring her office. Ms. Baker stated the new employee would be hired at a lower grade level adding more to the two employees she had because they were in classes to be GCIC certified. Ms. Tonya Elder would become the Office Manager and Mary Anna Robinson would be replacing Ms. Elder's position. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the hiring request. Commissioner Jones seconded. Commissioner English opposed the request.

**Sheriff's Office Hiring Request:**

Sheriff James Woodruff requested lifting hiring freeze to fill an open position. The open position is available due to Captain's position was not filled and now needs to fill open position with Narcotics Investigator due to the needs of the agency. Commissioner Davis made a motion to lift hiring freeze to fill open position. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Sheriff's Expense Allowance Request:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a letter from the Sheriff requesting for an expense allowance due to his position being elected through the State of Georgia, the Sheriff is not a county employee so

he was not entitled to the annual raise the employees received. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Sheriff's expense allowance. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Fire Department Hiring Request:**

Acting Fire Chief Dennis Knight is requesting to fill vacant Captain's position by internal promotion within the Fire Department, and to post the resulting vacant position. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the position. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Election Supervisor Hiring Request:**

County Manager Tod Tentler announced the Election Supervisor is resigning and is requesting the position be filled and advertised for five days. The short recruiting period reflects the urgency due to the coming election period. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the hiring request for Election Supervisor. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Changes to February 2014 Meeting Schedule:**

County Manager Tod Tentler advised of the postponement of the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to be included with the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- None.

**Other:**

**Subdivisions:**

- None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
G. S. Turk, County Clerk