

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

Work Session Meeting

January 31, 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
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Buck Davis, Commissioner
Claude F. Foster III, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Matt Strother, LaGrange Daily News
Wayne Clark, West Point News

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director
Jay Anderson, Sr Building Official
Dennis Knight, Interim Fire Chief

PUBLIC HEARING:

Board of Elections Compensation Request:

Ms. Jane McCoy announced the Board of Elections and Registration voted at the January 16, 2014 for the Board of Commissioners to hold a public vote for the purpose of putting on record the final decision regarding compensation of the BOER in accordance with SB 520, Section 8. The amount requested by the BOER is \$48 per meeting. This will be tabled to the February 18, 2014 regular meeting.

E-911 Hiring Request:

Ms. Kim Phillips requested to lift hiring freeze to replace full time communication officer leaving 911, last day is January 31st. This is a budgeted position. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the hiring request. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Fire Department Request to Purchase Rescue Vehicles:

Captain Dennis Knight is requesting to purchase a 2013 Ford F-550 Rescue vehicle with 4,328 miles, which was a dealer demonstrator. This will replace a 1999 rescue vehicle at Station 1 that has. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the request to purchase rescue vehicle. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Discuss Increase in Amount of State Contract Purchases:

Purchasing Director Diana Evans announced two tractors were approved for purchase at the January 7, 2014 meeting. She was advised the next day when the orders were placed that the engines had been upgraded resulting in a price increase of \$2,401.42 per tractor. The total price increase is \$4,802.84. One tractor was budgeted and will be purchased from the General CIP Fund. The second tractor will be purchased from SPLOST funds. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the increase for the two tractors. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Abbotsford Fire Station Improvements:

Divisions Director Dexter Wells presented a blue print of the Abbotsford Fire Station. The fire department is currently in use and the plan is to keep it functional while under construction. The estimated cost to upgrade is 60k and will take up to six months. Commissioner Foster questioned the square footage. Mr. Wells responded the building would expand from the present 704 square feet to 1,278 square feet. The expansion would provide more comfortable living quarters for firefighters and would allow for a drive-through bay for the trucks. The Abbotsford Station was built in 1974 when Highway 109 was rerouted over new bridges over West Point Lake.

Citizen Work Order System:

Division Director Dexter Wells presented the introduction of a new Work Order system that will enable citizens to report problems and place work orders from their home or work computers to report problems. The new system can be accessed from a work order link on the Troup County website at www.troupcountyga.org. This will be available 24/7 for citizens to connect to government, basically acting as a first step toward a 311 call system. Mr. Wells stressed that citizens reporting an

emergency should still dial 911. Chairman Wolfe questioned how the citizens would be aware of this tool. Mr. Tentler responded a press release was in process and email blasts will be done along with Facebook and Twitter notifications. Chairman Wolfe indicated a concern is ensuring follow-up to requests and communication with municipalities as many citizens may not understand where their requests are for. The Chairman also asked for a quarterly update to follow up and see the progress and also suggested this be implemented county-wide.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, County Clerk