

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**February 17, 2009**

**Troup County Government Services 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  
Ken Smith, Commissioner  
Buck Davis, Commissioner

**News Media Present:**

Joel Martin, LaGrange Daily News  
Judy Murphy, Troup County News  
Trey Wood, Valley News  
David Woody, TV 33

**Staff Present:**

Mike Dobbs, County Manager  
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk  
Mark DeGennarro, County Attorney  
James Emery, County Engineer  
Nancy Seegar, County Planner  
Scott Turk, Impact Fee Administrator  
Andy Harper, Building & Zoning Technician  
Valerie West, Executive Assistant for Board of Commissioners  
Jackie Taylor, Clerk of Court  
Sonya Conroy, Accounting Tech/ Deputy Clerk  
Frank Kirby, Chief of Sheriff's Office  
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director  
Shane Morris, Deputy Warden (Security) Correctional Institute  
Lavelle Barnes, Human Resources Director  
Wanda Bhachech, Human Resources Assistant

**Others Present:**

Connie Stothard, Surveyor  
Joan Benz, Concerned Citizen  
Charles W. Smith, Hutchinson-Traylor Insurance  
Mike Waller, Concerned Citizen  
Glenda Waller, Concerned Citizen  
Joan Benz, Concerned Citizen

**OPENING:**

All in attendance were welcomed by Chairman Richard Wolfe.

**Invocation - Reverend J.R. Ware - 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 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 agenda as presented.  
Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- None.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**Employee Service Awards for 4th Quarter of 2008:**

Chairman Wolfe recognized the following individuals during the employee service award ceremony:

- Twenty-Five Years of Service

Appraiser II Gregory Oleson, Tax Assessor  
Lieutenant Michael Newsome, Sheriff Department

- Fifteen Years of Service

Deputy Clerk Kimberly White, Clerk of Court

- Ten Years of Service

Correctional Sergeant Doris Mosley, Correctional Institute  
Accounting Tech/Deputy Clerk Sonya Conroy, Board of Commissioners  
Director Tod Tentler, Parks & Recreation  
Deputy Clerk Tara Ward, Magistrate Court  
Sergeant Larry Arrington, Sheriff

- Five Years of Service

\* Deputy Sheriff James Furgerson, Jr., Jail  
\* Tag & Tax Clerk Brandie Brown, Tax Commissioner

\* Indicates employees unable to attend the awards presentation.

Chairman Wolfe thanked the honorees for their years of dedicated service to Troup County.

**Appointments to Various Board & Committees:**

Health & Safety Board:

Human Resources Director Lavelle Barnes recommended the existing health and safety committee be converted to a board and that the following

employees be appointed to that board: Ms. Dana Eaton (Tax Assessor's Office), Mr. Byron Hadley (Sheriff Office), Mr. Charles Koone (County Shop), Ms. Gayla Taylor (Purchasing), Mr. Lonza Edmondson (Marshal's Office), Ms. JJ Kuerzi (Parks & Recreation), Ms. Lavelle Barnes (Human Resources-Permanent Member/ Advisor). Commissioner Jones made a motion to convert the health and safety committee to a board and appoint the employees listed above to that board. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Lost-Time Accident Committee:

Human Resources Director Lavelle Barnes recommended the creation of the Lost-Time Accident Committee to address the increase in the county's lost-time accident rate to 8.61 in 2008, up from 7.16 the previous year. The committee would meet within 24 hours of each such accident to investigate and take action to prevent recurrence. She recommended the following employees be appointed to the new committee: Major Frank Kirby (Sheriff Office), Chief Jerry Heard (Fire Dept), Ms. Diana Evans (Purchasing), Warden Dexter Wells (Correctional Institute), and Ms. Lavelle Barnes (Human Resources). Commissioner Jones made a motion to create the lost-time accident committee and appoint the employees listed above to that committee. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Property & Casualty Insurance Bids:

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler announced the property & casualty insurance had been re-bid and the results were as follows. Three bids were received: Hutchinson-Traylor (Travelers) bid \$285,678; Mallory Insurance (Argonaut) bid \$312,245 and Hutchinson-Traylor (One Beacon) bid \$323,507. Of the three bids submitted, Hutchinson-Traylor (Travelers) was the low bidder. Commissioner Davis made a motion to award the county's property and casualty insurance contract for the next two-years to Hutchinson-Traylor (Travelers) with the low bid of \$285,678. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into public hearings.

Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during the public hearings, comments from those in attendance were welcomed.

**Rezoning:**

- None.

**Subdivisions:**

- None.

**Other:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary**

**Consideration of Text Amendments to Zoning Ordinance:**

Zoning Administrator Scott Turk presented the Zoning Ordinance to consider text amendments. The first amendment is a new map replacing old map in Zoning. The new Kia I-85 Interchange in West Point will provide 4 new quadrants (E-3, E-4, F-1 & F-2). Each quadrant will provide 3 billboards provided that they meet state regulations of distance from interchange and distance from each other. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone would like to comment on the text amendments to the zoning ordinance. No one responded. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the text amendments to zoning ordinance. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary**

**Adult Entertainment/ Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance:**

County Planner Nancy Seegar summarized the current moratorium regarding on licensing adult entertainment / sexually oriented businesses. She outlined the proposed text amendment and ordinance and requested their adoption. Chairman Wolfe asked Major Frank Kirby if the Sheriff's Department had reviewed and recommended approval of the proposed text amendment and ordinance. Major Kirby answered in the affirmative. Ms. Seegar noted that Chief Marshal Lonza Edmondson has also reviewed and recommended approval of the text amendment and ordinance.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adopt the text amendments, amend the zoning ordinance to ad the text amendments, and to lift the moratorium on licensing adult entertainment/ sexually oriented businesses. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk