

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

February 16, 2010

Troup County Government Center Building

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

Board Members Present:

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

News Media Present:

Joel Martin, LaGrange Daily News
Judy Murphy, Troup County News
Matthew Strother, Valley News
David Woody, TV 33
Annie McCallum, Columbus Ledger

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager/ Parks & Recreation Director
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk
Mark DeGennaro, County Attorney
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Valerie West, Executive Assistant to Board of Commissioners
James Emery, County Engineer
Scott Turk, Zoning Administrator
Dana Eaton, Chief Appraiser
Jerry Heard, Chief/ Fire Dept
Shane Morris, Deputy Warden/ PWC
Nancy Seegar, County Planner

Others Present:

Wayne Bartley, Board of Assessors
Shirley Gaddy, Manufactured Home Applicant
Chris & Amber Greathouse, Manufactured Home Applicants
Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Nancy Green, Concerned Citizen
Connie Stothard, Surveyor

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 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 English seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners and the January 30, 2010 Joint Meeting with the Cities of Hogansville, LaGrange and West Point and the Board of Education. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Arbor Day Proclamation:

Chairman Wolfe presented a proclamation to Ms. Nancy Green declaring February 19, 2010 as Arbor Day in Troup County and urging all to protect our trees and woodlands and to support the county's forestry program.

Employee Service Awards for 4th Quarter of 2009:

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

- Twenty- Five Years of Service

Firefighter Wm. Ralph Nelson, Fire Department

* Office Manager Beverly Sikes, Sheriff's Office

- Fifteen Years of Service

* Chief Deputy Clerk Toya Duffey, Magistrate

Firefighter Kerry Wegienka, Fire Department

- Ten Years of Service

Detention Officer Tasha Hubbard, Jail

Code Enforcement Officer James McLaughlin, Building & Zoning

Hogansville Senior Ctr Supervisor Linda Prescott, Parks & Recreation

*Senior Communications Officer Amanda Nichols, E-911

Records Clerk Patricia Smith, Sheriff's Office

- Five Years of Service

Correctional Officer Terrell Elliott, Correctional Institute (CI)

*Asphalt Foreman Ricky Hacker, Roads & Engineering

*Deputy Sheriff Lamar Hamil, Sheriff's Office

*Detention Officer Brian Lucear, Jail

*Assistant Shift Sergeant Alejandro Smith, CI

*Deputy Sheriff Corey Spivey, Sheriff's Office

*Deputy Sheriff Nathan Taylor, Sheriff's Office

Correctional Officer William Weatherford, CI

* Indicates employees unable to attend the awards presentation.

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

KIA Site Property Review - 2006 vs. 2008 & 2009:

Chief Appraiser Dana Eaton gave a KIA site property review of taxes paid in 2006 versus 2008 and 2009. In the pre-KIA era, the 46 parcels comprising the site paid \$45,587.11 in property taxes. Nine of the 46 parcels were in the Conservation Use Program. In 2007, all parcels were combined into one and the ownership was transferred to the State of Georgia. The property was vacant on 1/1/07 therefore no tax bill was generated. In 2008, the site, with the KIA plant under construction, generated \$226,200.00 in property taxes; in 2009, the nearly-completed plant site generated \$1,796,866.23 in property taxes.

Review of Swanson Drive Residents Request for Gordon Road:

County Engineer James Emery reviewed a petition from residents of Swanson Drive to decrease traffic speed on Gordon Road. Residents feel the intersection of Gordon Road and Swanson Drive poses a major safety hazard for sight distance problems due to an embankment on your left when coming from Swanson Drive. Residents also proposed the addition of speed bumps along the stretch of Gordon Road from Kight Drive to Swanson Drive. After data gathering was conducted and the situation was thoroughly investigated, Mr. Emery recommended cutting the dense brush along the embankment to improve sight distance, painting a stop bar on

the road near the Swanson Drive stop sign, and painting a centerline on Swanson Drive. He felt these measures could be implemented within 2 weeks and would resolve residents' concerns without having to change the speed limit or install speed bumps.

NACO/Healthcare Plan Support: Resolution 2010-11

Chairman Wolfe announced that Commissioner Richard English as a member of the NACO board is requesting support for a resolution urging Congress pass immediate passage of federal legislation for comprehensive health care reform. Commissioner English made a motion to adopt the resolution urging immediate passage of federal legislation for comprehensive health care reform. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into public hearings. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during the public hearings, comments from those in attendance were welcomed.

REZONING:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

OTHER:

Manufactured Home Placement:

1st Hearing - Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary

Applicant: Shirley Gaddy

Location: 1611 Blue Creek Road; Hogansville

Zoning Administrator Scott Turk presented the request by Ms. Shirley Gaddy to place a manufactured home at 1611 Blue Creek Road. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak for or against the request. Ms. Gaddy was present & spoke in favor adding that her home had burned down and she was waiting for approval for placement of a manufactured home. No one spoke against the request. Commissioner

Davis made a motion to approve Ms. Gaddy's request for placement of a manufactured home. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

1st Hearing - Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary

Applicant: Chris and Amber Greathouse
563 Stitcher Road; Hogansville

Zoning Administrator Scott Turk presented the request by Mr. & Ms. Chris Greathouse to place a manufactured home at 563 Stitcher Road. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak for or against this request. Mr. Greathouse was present and spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke against the request. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve placement of the manufactured home. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION:

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

MEETING REOPENED:

At the end of Executive Session, Commissioner Jones made a motion to reconvene in public meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous. County Attorney Mark DeGennaro announced that during Executive Session, the commissioners discussed potential litigation and no action was required at that time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk