

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**February 19, 2013**

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

**News Media Present:**

Matt Strother, LaGrange Daily News  
Tommy Camp, Troup County News  
Isaiah Smith, WJCN  
Trey Wood, West Point Times News

**Staff Present:**

Tod Tentler, County Manager  
Jerry Willis, County Attorney  
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk  
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager  
Brandon Johns, Sr. Deputy Building Official  
Valerie West, Executive Assistant  
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director  
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk  
Andy Harper, GIS Technician

**OPENING:**

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

**Invocation - Reverend Rix Threadgill:**

Reverend Rix Threadgill of Loyd Presbyterian 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 Jones made a motion to approve the final agenda.

Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2013 work session, and January 15, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

**PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- None.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**Board Service Recognition:**

Chairman Wolfe recognized Mr. Steve Daniel for his dedicated service to the Troup County Board of Zoning Appeals & Planning Commission. Mr. Daniel served on the board from June 2006-January 2013.

**Employee Service Awards for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2012:**

**- Twenty-Five Years of Service**

Firefighter/EMT Robert Brock, Fire Department  
Rec Athletic/Program Specialist George Greene, Jr. Parks & Recreation  
Warden Christopher S. Morris, PWC

**- Twenty Years of Service**

\*Firefighter/EMT Joel Cross, Fire Department  
\*Firefighter Chris Everett, Fire Department  
Assistant Juvenile Court Administrator Shelia Matthews, Juvenile Court  
Rec Athletic/ Program Specialist Keith Williams, Parks & Recreation

**- Fifteen Years of Service**

Firefighter/EMT Rodney Evans, Fire Department  
Firefighter/EMT Chad Hendrix, Fire Department  
\*Assistant Rec Center Supervisor Mitchell Hill, Jr. Parks & Recreation  
Deputy Clerk Billie Langford, Clerk of Court

**- Ten Years of Service**

Parks Maintenance Worker Rodney Janney, Parks & Recreation  
\*Deputy Sheriff James Langley, Sheriff  
Firefighter John Patterson, Fire Department  
\*Correctional Sergeant James Sellers, Jr. PWC  
Construction Foreman James Smith, Roads & Engineering  
\*Deputy Sheriff James Thompson, Sheriff

**- Five Years of Service**

Correctional Officer Deren Devoe, PWC  
Sergeant Jonathan Kennedy, Sheriff  
Parks Maintenance Worker Vinton Lovelace, Parks & Recreation  
Firefighter/EMT Brandon Poole, Fire Department  
Sergeant Robert Poole, PWC  
\*Legal Secretary I MaryAnna Robinson, Solicitor  
Deputy Sheriff Robert Searels, Sheriff  
Roads Supervisor Douglas Smith, Roads & Engineering  
Traffic Control Supervisor Robert Smith, Roads & Engineering  
Construction Foreman Steven Sticher, Roads & Engineering

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

\*Indicates employees unable to attend the service awards ceremony.

**Declaration of Surplus Property:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a list of surplus property that is unserviceable and incapable of being used for county purposes.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to declare surplus property.

Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of FY 13 Mid-year Budget Amendment Resolution:**

Finance Officer Scott Turk presented resolutions for an FY12 year-end 'housekeeping' and for FY13 Mid-year budget amendment. The FY13

resolution is to amend the FY13 budget by an increase of \$527,647 in the General Fund, \$288,697 in the CIP Fund and \$530 in the E911

Communications Fund. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Amendment to 24-Hour Holiday Shift Policy:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented an amendment to 24-Hour Holiday Shift policy to allow Fire Department personnel to schedule (48) hrs of paid holiday leave in advance for the first (6) months of the year and

(40) hours in advance during the last (6) months of the year for a total not to exceed 88 hours. Commissioner English made a motion to

approve 24-hour holiday shift policy. Commissioner Jones seconded.

Unanimous.

**Consideration of Hiring Freeze:**

County Manager Tod Tentler recommended hiring freeze be placed as of today until after the budget was finalized. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the hiring freeze. Commissioner Jones seconded.

Unanimous.

**Consideration of SPLOST 4 Project Bonding:**

County Manager Tod Tentler discussed the critical need for new software because the existing is several years old and could crash anytime now.

The county needs to secure a bond so it can pay for the upgrades up

front instead of waiting for the funds to trickle in. The new software will allow court software to communicate with other software used throughout the county government. The Troup County Development Authority has agreed to pay for the cost of the bond with money it received for its recent bond agreement with Kia. Mr. Tentler proposed a \$9.385 million bond which would include court technology upgraded at \$2.55 million, public safety and energy efficiency upgrades at \$2.17 million, roads and equipment upgrades at \$500,000, recreation upgrades and renovations that include Boyd Park at \$2.975 million and expansion of the Hogansville Library at \$1.19 million.

**Consideration of Foreclosure Registry Ordinance Amendment:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented an ordinance of Foreclosure Registry that provides changes required by state law. Commissioner English made a motion to approve amendment of foreclosure registry. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into public hearing. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

**Manufactured Home Replacement:**

(1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Vote Eligible)

**Applicant- Danny Taylor**

**Location: 5471 West Point Road, LaGrange**

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented the request by Mr. Danny Taylor for placement of a manufactured home at 5471 West Point Road, LaGrange. The Board of Zoning and Planning (BOZAPC) recommended approval by unanimous vote 8 of 9 members present, 7 members approved and 1 member denied. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to placement of the manufactured home. No one responded. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve placement of the manufactured home with condition it meets all appearance standards for single-family dwelling. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

(1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Vote Eligible)

**Applicant- George and Charla Watkins**

**Location: 86 Ralls Road, Hogansville**

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented the request by Mr. George and Charla Watkins for placement of a manufactured home at 86 Ralls Road, Hogansville. The Board of Zoning and Planning (BOZAPC) recommended approval. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to placement of the manufactured home. No one responded. Commissioner English made a motion to approve placement of the manufactured home. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Special Use:**

- None.

**Rezoning:**

- None.

**Other:**

(1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Vote Eligible)

**RishiDev Enterprises, LLC dba Discount Food Mart**

**Application for Wine and/or Malt Beverage License**

**Applicant: Piyush Patel**

**Location: 19 Pyne Road, LaGrange**

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented application for Wine and/or Malt Beverage License to Piyush Patel of RishiDev Enterprises, LLC dba Discount Food Mart located at 19 Pyne Road, LaGrange. The application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff James Woodruff certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been noted. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the Wine and/or Malt Beverage License. No one responded. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

(1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Vote Eligible)

**American Legion Post 152**

**Application for Wine and/or Malt Beverage License**

**Applicant: James D. Brittain, Sr.**

**Location: 133 American Legion Road, Hogansville**

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented application for Wine and/or Malt Beverage License to Mr. James D. Brittain, Sr. of American Legion Post 152, located at 133 American Legion Road, Hogansville. The application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff James Woodruff certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been noted. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the Wine and/or Malt Beverage License. No one responded. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the Wine and/or Malt Beverage License. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

(1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Vote Eligible)

**J G Petro, Inc DBA Picnic Basket**

**Application for Wine and/or Malt Beverage License**

**Applicant: Gurpreet Kaur**

**Location: 2723 Roanoke Road, LaGrange**

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented application for Wine and/or Malt Beverage License to Mr. Gurpreet Kaur of J G Petro, Inc DBA Picnic Basket, located at 2723 Roanoke Road, LaGrange. The application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff James Woodruff certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been noted. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the Wine and/or Malt Beverage License. No one responded. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the Wine and/or Malt Beverage License. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**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 Davis seconded. Unanimous.

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
G. Scott Turk, Clerk