

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**"Work Session Meeting"**

**February 14, 2014**

**Troup County Government Center**

Troup County Board of Commissioners Chairman Richard Wolfe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Davis led the group in prayer.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**News Media Present:**

Matt Strother, LaGrange Daily News  
Tommy Camp, Troup County News

**Staff Present:**

Tod Tentler, County Manager  
Jerry Willis, County Attorney  
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk  
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk  
Nancy Seegar, County Planner  
Lynn Howard, Administrative Program Superintendent/Payroll  
Don Howell, Parks & Recreation Director  
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director  
James Emery, County Engineer  
Jay Anderson, Sr Building Official  
Kevin Kinnersley, Civil Engineer  
Suzy Noles, E-911 Director

**2015 Grant Application for Troup Transit:**

Parks & Recreation Director Don Howell presented a resolution for the 2015 Troup Transit Grant application. This grant helps Troup Transit serve the elderly and disabled citizens to allow them to be independent. Ms. Lynn Howard is requesting more money so tablets may be placed in vehicles to help track mileage and location. The amount of the grant is \$91k instead of \$88k. Commissioner Jones questioned the cost to the county. Ms. Howard responded the county has to match \$91K making the total amount of the operation is \$182k. Passengers pay \$2 fare per trip to supplement the DOT funds.

**Parks & Recreation Hiring Request for Seasonal Personnel:**

Parks & Recreation Director Don Howell requested to lift hiring freeze to hire five seasonal Parks Maintenance workers. These five positions are seasonal workers who do landscaping, prep ball fields, pick up trash and debris in parks and other related duties as assigned. These are all budgeted positions. Commissioner Wolfe asked what the wage is. Mr. Howell responded it is minimum wage. Mr. Wolfe asked if we were able to recruit workers. Mr. Howell said that it is challenging to recruit seasonal employees.

**Parks & Recreation Hiring Request:**

Parks & Recreation Director Don Howell requested to lift hiring freeze to hire a Parks Maintenance worker. The staff person that was in this position was promoted to Crew Leader after the Crew Leader resigned to take another job. This is a budgeted position.

**Discuss Zoning Text Amendments:**

Sr Building Official Jay Anderson presented a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, Section 4.5 - Principal Building and Use Per Lot. The recommendation is to add one word, "residential" to make clear the intent of the ordinance to allow only one living unit per lot.

**Salem Road Bridge Update:**

County Engineer James Emery presented a status update for the conceptual design of the bridge replacement project at Salem Road over Flat Shoals Creek. The cost of bringing the bridges into compliance could vary quite up to several hundred thousand depending on final design proposals.

**Discuss Three Small Bridge Replacements:**

County Engineer James Emery informed the board of recent notifications from GDOT concerning the local capacities of three bridges: Baughs Cross Road over Mud Creek, Salem Chipley Road over Turkey Creek, and Salem Chipley Road over a Tributary of Turkey Creek. Commissioner Davis inquired regarding the availability of any grant money for these kinds of projects. Mr. Emery indicated he was not aware of any funding available.

**Update on the Recycling System at the Government Services Center:**

Divisions Director Dexter Wells gave a brief update on the recycling system at the Government Services Center. Chairman Wolfe requested an estimate of total trash collected from Troup County Government, Mr. Wells indicated that the trash collected from the Government Center by LaGrange Sanitation isn't weighed and that such an estimate might be difficult.

**Consideration of February 18, 2014 Agenda Items:**

County Manager Tod Tentler discussed agenda items for February 18, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further matters to discuss, Chairman Wolfe adjourned the meeting.

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

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