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Troup County Board of Commissioners

"Work Session Meeting"

February 28, 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
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
Don Howell, Parks & Recreation Director
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director
James Emery, County Engineer
Jay Anderson, Sr Building Official
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director

Probate Court Hiring Request:

Probate Judge Donald Boyd requested to lift hiring freeze to replace employee who is retiring at the end of March. Mr. Boyd is requesting to hire an employee two weeks prior to the incumbent's exit so the new employee can be trained. Mr. Wolfe asked if any of his employees were previously involved in conducting elections that might have more time since that program is no longer part of his operations. Judge Boyd indicated that he feels his office is understaffed for his current operations.

McClusky Tennis Center Lighting Bids:

Purchasing Director Diana Evans announced bids were solicited and received for tennis court lighting at the McCluskey Tennis Center. The recommendation is to award bid to Talbot Tennis for the low bid of \$51,700.00. Commissioner Jones questioned the start date. Ms. Evans

responded they could start immediately and be completed with-in six weeks. Commissioner English requested County Manager Tentler look into providing lighting at Griggs Center tennis courts.

Mid-year Budget Report:

County Finance Officer Scott Turk presented mid-year budget report for the FY14 2nd Quarter review. Mr. Turk stated we are halfway through the fiscal year and have collected \$27,144,866 in revenue which includes property taxes. The county has received most occupation taxes which is a large amount while business license are down compared to last year. Fines and forfeitures were at 56.3% of total projected for this year's budget. This time last year the county received \$18k from the state for pardons and parole prisoner housing but so far this year has only received \$180.00 out of a total budgeted \$30K. Mr. Tentler commented the state has increased its reimbursement pay but prisoners are spending much less time in county jail and sent to the correctional institute. The overall revenues are down about \$300k mostly due to prisoner housing reimbursement. Higher than expected health care cost could increase \$200,000 over reserves this fiscal year. Mr. Turk commented the county set aside almost \$500k in the self-funded insurance reserves, but medical expenses could be as high as \$700k.

Consideration of March 4, 2014 Agenda Items:

County Manager Tod Tentler discussed agenda items for March 4, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk