

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

March 4, 2014

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

News Media Present:

Tommy Camp, Troup County News

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk
James Emery, County Engineer
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk
Jay Anderson, Senior Building Official
James Woodruff, Sheriff
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director
Don Howell, Parks & Recreation Director

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 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 Davis made a motion to approve the final agenda.

Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2014 work session and the February 18, 2014 regular meeting of the

Board of Commissioners. Commissioner English seconded. The motion carried 3-1, Commissioner Foster opposed.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Proclamation - Master Gardner Day:

Chairman Wolfe presented a proclamation to Ms. Joan Benz recognizing Master Gardner Day. The Georgia Master Gardner Volunteer Program is an educational program offered through county offices of the Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Through this program, individuals are trained and certified in horticulture and related areas. In 2013, Troup County Master Gardeners volunteered 1,844 hours, drove 5,148 miles, made personal contacts of 2,026 and made 12,575 phone contacts. In addition, the Master Gardeners also participated in 446 educational projects locally. The Troup County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim March 15, 2014 as Master Gardener Day in Troup County.

Recognition of Karate Awards:

Chairman Wolfe recognized National Karate League Instructor of the year 2013, Mr. Toby Young and Tae-Kwon-Do National Karate Champions for All-Star Karate League 2013: Jordan Butler, Abigail Maddox, Matthew Fincher, Symphany McCord, Harmony McCord, Kiannan Lindsey and Sydney Jenkins were honored with certificates.

Consideration of Probate Court Hiring Request:

County Manager Tod Tentler announced Probate Court is requesting to lift the hiring freeze to hire an employee two weeks prior to a clerk who is retiring. The position is budgeted. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner English seconded.

Unanimous.

Bid Award for McCluskey Tennis Center Lighting:

County Manager Tod Tentler announced the McCluskey Tennis Center court lighting was put out for bids and the lowest responsible bidder was Talbot Tennis of Marietta, Georgia. Commissioner English made a motion

to approve the low bid award of \$51,700 to Talbot Tennis for McCluskey Tennis Center Lighting. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Pay for Board of Elections and Registration:

Chairman Wolfe announced consideration of pay for Board of Elections was discussed and tabled for further review at Commissioner Foster's request during the prior meeting. Chairman Wolfe then asked Commissioners to act on this request. Commissioner Foster made a motion to pay the Board of Elections members \$100 a month not to exceed a total of \$1,200 per year. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Davis made a substitute motion at \$0 dollars. Commissioner Jones seconded. Commissioner Foster questioned Commissioner Davis what was the reason was for his response not to pay the Board of Elections and Registration. Commissioner Davis responded the county has many different boards and if this board is approved for pay then the rest of the boards would follow suit other requests. The motion passed with a 3-1 vote, Commissioner Foster opposed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- None scheduled.

Other:

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G. S. Turk, County Clerk