

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

March 03, 2009

Troup County Administration 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
Richard English, Vice Chairman
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Ken Smith, Commissioner
Buck Davis, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Joel Martin, LaGrange Daily News
Trey Wood, Valley News
Judy Murphy, Troup County News

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Tod Tentler, Parks & Rec Director, Assistant County Manager
Scott Turk, Impact Fee Administrator
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director
James Emery, County Engineer
Valerie West, Executive Assistant for Board of Commissioners
Andy Harper, Building & Zoning Administrator

Others Present:

Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Connie Stothard, Concerned Citizen
Mickey Grizzard, Certificate Recipient

OPENING:

All in attendance were welcomed by Chairman Richard Wolfe.

Invocation - Reverend Michael Reeves - Teaver Road Baptist Church:

Reverend Michael Reeves of Teaver Road Baptist Church 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 English made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Recognition of Board Service:

Chairman Ricky Wolfe presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Mickey Grizzard for his dedicated service as a member of the Troup County Water Review Board since March 2001. Mr. Grizzard was a valued member in reviewing and approving water line extensions in the unincorporated area of Troup County.

Review Bids on Tennis Court Expansion:

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler announced the four bid packages received for the McCluskey Tennis Center expansion of four clay tennis courts. The four bids were as follows: Langford Construction (LaGrange, GA) bid \$324,861; Welch Tennis Courts (Sun City, FL) bid \$283,915; Southeastern Tennis Courts (Lilburn, GA) bid \$249,927; and the low bidder, Howard B Jones & Sons, Inc. (Lexington, SC) bid \$245,520. Commissioner Jones made a motion to award the McCluskey Tennis Center expansion program to Howard B Jones & Sons, Inc. with the low bid of \$245,520. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Conservation Property Acreage:

County Manager Mike Dobbs discussed establishing the minimum parcel size to qualify for the agricultural conservation tax exemption. Commissioner Smith made a motion to establish 18 acres as the minimum parcel size to qualify for the agricultural conservation tax exemption. Commissioner English seconded. Commissioners Smith, Jones and English voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Davis voted in opposition to the motion. Mr. Davis commented that the 18-acre minimum will create a hardship on the small-acreage landowners who are use their property as farm land. The motion carried on a 3-to-1 vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Rezoning:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

Other:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER' S REPORT:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL MATTER AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and property acquisition. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Following the Executive Session, Commissioner Davis made a motion to go back into regular meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session, the commissioners discussed lifting the hiring moratorium to fill a road construction foreman position. Commissioner Smith made a motion to lift the hiring moratorium for the purpose of filling the construction foreman position. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

County Attorney Jerry Wills also announced that during Executive Session, the commissioners discussed a property acquisition matter. No action was required at that time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk