

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

March 17, 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:

Jennifer Shrader, LaGrange Daily
Trey Wood, Valley News
Judy Murphy, Troup County News

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Tod Tentler, Parks & Rec Director, Assistant County Manager
Scott Turk, Zoning 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
Shirley Wells Yoder, Applicant
Steve Livingston, Concerned Citizen
Shea Liechty, Concerned Citizen
Cheris English, Proclamation Recipient
Margie Wood, Proclamation Recipient

OPENING:

All in attendance were welcomed by Chairman Richard Wolfe.

Invocation - Commissioner Ken Smith:

Commissioner Ken Smith 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 Davis made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

LaGrange Links Proclamation:

Chairman Ricky Wolfe presented a proclamation to two members of LaGrange chapter of Links, Incorporated--Ms. Cheris English and Ms. Margaret Wood. Links, Incorporated became a national organization in 1949 when forty members representing 14 clubs convened in Philadelphia and today there are 275 chapters with more than 10,000 members worldwide. Links' purpose is linking friendship and service while using their resources to form a network to improve the quality of life for the disadvantaged. Therefore, the Board of Commissioners proclaimed March 29, 2009 as "Smorgasboard of Prayer Day" in Troup County and urged all citizens to join in the efforts of Links, Incorporated.

Employee Service Awards for 1st Quarter 2009:

Chairman Wolfe recognized the following individuals during the employee service award ceremony:

- Twenty Years of Service

Firefighter/EMT Thomas Alan Waldroup, Fire Department
Firefighter/EMT Mark Webb, Fire Department
Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Jerry Heard, Fire Department
Correctional Sergeant/Building Maintenance John Munzert, Correctional Institute
Chief Investigator Charles Nixon, Sheriff's Office

- Fifteen Years of Service

Executive Assistant Valerie West, Board of Commissioners
Firefighter/EMT Jeffery Veal, Fire Department
Firefighter/ EMT Steven Jackson, Fire Department
*Captain Keith Flory, Sheriff's Office
*Sergeant William Ellington Sr., Sheriff

- Ten Years of Service

*Detention Officer Edward Burton, Jail
Investigator Shelly Downs, Jail
Legal Secretary Tara Strickland, Solicitor

- Five Years of Service

Recreation Center Superintendent Jacqueline Kuerzi, Parks & Recreation
Firefighter James Frailey, Fire Department
Sergeant Chad Mann, Sheriff's Office
Deputy Warden (Care Treatment) Sadie Lee, Correctional Institute
Tennis Director William Champion, Parks & Recreation

* Indicates those individuals unable to attend the awards presentation
Chairman Wolfe thanked the honorees for their years of dedicated service to Troup County.

Consideration of Hogansville Library Repairs:

County Manager Mike Dobbs requested up to \$20k for repairs to the Hogansville Library. Mr. Dobbs stated the information on the insurance coverage for damages is pending but is sure the majority of the repairs will be covered. That would leave an estimated \$7K balance for the county to pay out-of-pocket for waterproofing and interior repairs. Two bids were received; ServePro of LaGrange and Service Master of Fortson, Georgia. The low bid is ServePro of LaGrange. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve up to \$20K for repairs to the Hogansville Library. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner English made a motion to go into public hearing. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during the public hearings, comments from those in attendance were welcomed.

Special Use - Manufactured Home:

Applicant: Shirley Wells Yoder

Location: 304 Old Chipley Road, Pine Mountain

Zoning Administrator Scott Turk announced this was the first special use request since the new zoning ordinance was adopted in July 2008. The applicant was Ms. Shirley Wells Yoder and the location is next to 304 Old Chipley Road in Pine Mountain. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission (BOZPAC) recommended approval of the special use-

manufactured home. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak in favor of the special use request for a manufactured home. Special use applicant Ms. Shirley Wells Yoder and Mr. Steve Livingston, her son-in-law, spoke in favor and stated the manufactured home would have 36-inch doors installed for later use of a wheelchair. Also, the tongue was going to be removed and the manufactured home would be placed on a permanent foundation. Mr. Dobbs inquired about the square footage. Mr. Turk responded that the requirements are 1000 square feet minimum, 24-feet wide and can not be older than 10 years in age. Chairman Wolfe asked if this would be a new home. Mr. Turk answered in the affirmative; it would be a custom order waiting on approval from the commissioners before the order would be placed. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to this special request. No one responded. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the special use application. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

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 English seconded. Unanimous.

Following the Executive Session, Commissioner English made a motion to go back into regular meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session, the commissioners discussed property acquisition and personnel matter. County Attorney Jerry Willis indicated that no action was required at that time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Sonya Conroy, Clerk