

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

March 2, 2010

Troup County Government Center 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
Ken Smith, Vice-Chairman
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Buck Davis, Commissioner
Richard English, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Joel Martin, LaGrange Daily News
Judy Murphy, Troup County News
Matthew Strother, Valley News
David Woody, TV 33
Annie McCallum, Columbus Ledger

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager/ Parks & Recreation Director
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Lonza Edmondson, Chief Marshal
Harold Edmondson, Building & Inspection Director
Suzy Noles, E-911 Director
Jerry Presnal, E-911 Deputy Director
Valerie West, Executive Assistant to Board of Commissioners
Nancy Seegar, County Planner

Others Present:

Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizen
Nancy Green, Concerned Citizen
Winston Turner, Environmental Health Manager
Gloria Livingston, Concerned Citizen
David Gibbons, Environmental Health Dept
Jim Thornton, Proclamation Recipient
Tonia Brooke, County Director/Department of Family & Children Services

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Minister Anthony Hixon - Church of Christ:

Minister Anthony Hixon of Church of Christ in Seale, Alabama 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 English seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Proclamation- Georgia Census Week, March 8-14, 2010:

Chairman Wolfe presented a proclamation to Mr. Jim Thornton declaring March 8 through March 14, 2010 as Georgia's Official Census Week and urging residents of Troup County to participate in the 2010 Census for a complete and accurate population count. The population count is critical to the fair and equitable distribution of Congressional seats as well as federal funds and services.

Troup County 911 Center Update:

E-911 Director Suzy Noles announced E-911 personnel will be training for two-weeks in April in preparation of relocating E-911 to the Government Center in May 2010. The new E-911 center will have a new computer-aided dispatching system with mapping capabilities to pinpoint the location of emergency phone calls, including cell phone calls. County Manager Mike Dobbs noted the importance of residents displaying an address in front of their homes so they can be found easily by emergency personnel. Chairman Wolfe commented there should be a grand opening celebration at the new E-911 location.

Troup County Furlough Policy:

County Manager Mike Dobbs discussed the proposed Furlough Policy that would be added to the Human Resources Policy Manual if approved by the commissioners. Mr. Dobbs requested that if and when furloughs are necessary, they be implemented by resolution of the Board of

Commissioners. He indicated the proposed policy would authorize individual departments to furlough with approval of the county manager. Commissioner Davis asked if the Furlough Policy would affect both the hourly and salaried personnel. Commissioner Jones was concerned how the policy would ensure fair and equitable administration of furloughs for all county employees. Commissioner English recommended use of unpaid holidays in lieu of furloughs as a cost savings measure since unpaid holidays would affect all hourly and salaried employees across the board. Commissioner Davis made a motion to continue the Furlough Policy to allow for additional research and discussion of the matter. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Discuss Violations in Pearl Springs Mobile Home Park:

Building and Inspection Director Harold Edmondson gave an update on the status of Pearl Springs Mobile Home Park. The mobile home park has been cited for various building and environmental code violations, including leaking sewage. The commissioners discussed the possibility of shutting down the park until the violations could be cleared up. Chairman Wolfe indicated the commissioners did not want to put families living in the mobile home park out on the street, but at the same time they did not want children playing in leaking sewage. The Department of Family and Children Services and Community Action for Improvement, Inc. may be called upon to pool their resources to relocate the families. Unless progress is made by the owner(s) to clear up the citations, the commissioners may be forced to schedule a business license revocation hearing for Pearl Springs Mobile Home Park.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Rezoning:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

Other:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk