

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**March 16, 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  
Harold Edmondson, Building & Inspection Director

**Others Present:**

Connie Stothard, Concerned Citizen  
Bill Gilmore, Concerned Citizen  
Gloria Livingston, Concerned Citizen

**OPENING:**

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

**Invocation - Reverend Aaron McCollough - Troup Baptist Association:**

Reverend Aaron McCollough of Troup Baptist Association 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 Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2010 regular meeting and March 11, 2010 "called" meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- None.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**Consideration of Resolution Authorizing DOT 5311 Grant Application:**

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler presented a Resolution Authorizing DOT 5311 grant which is an annual renewal. The amount of the grant is \$68k for budget year 2011 and is used for transportation of seniors, elderly and handicapped. The rider would pay \$2 each for one way trip and the grant would pick up the rest.

**Consideration of Lifting Hiring Freeze for Troup County Roads & Engineering Department:**

County Manager Mike Dobbs recommended lifting hiring freeze of four positions for Troup County Roads and Engineering Department. County Engineer James Emery is requesting permission to refill two positions that are now being vacated, and to fill at least two of the other five budgeted positions. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve lifting hiring freeze for Troup County Roads and Engineering. Commissioner Jones seconded.

**Update on Pearl Springs Mobile Home Park:**

County Manager Mike Dobbs 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. On Friday, March 12, 2010, a consent nuisance abatement order was issued from Magistrate court to the new owner, Mr. Richard Kelley. The abatement requires immediate action of shutting down the park until the violations could be cleared up and no later than 90 days of this order. Mr. Kelley agrees to immediately seek the removal, at least on a temporary basis until the nuisance on the property is completely abated, that includes the residents in trailer numbers 11, 14, 19 and

20. Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler and Building Official Harold Edmondson will be making the arrangements for the relocation of families that are moving at this time. 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, Community Action for Improvement, Inc., DASH, United Way and Red Cross may be called upon to relocate the families. County Manager Mike Dobbs commented there will be no license issued to the new owner until this order is completely abated.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Rezoning:**

- None.

**Subdivisions:**

- None.

**Other:**

- None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

County Manager Mike Dobbs announced a press conference of two new fire trucks were purchased from the citizens of Troup County through SPLOST totaling amount of \$515,200. The fire trucks are replacing two fire trucks that were 1970 models and will be declaring the trucks surplus.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk