

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

March 1, 2011

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
Morris Jones, Vice-Chairman
Ken Smith, Commissioner
Buck Davis, Commissioner
Richard English, Commissioner

News Media Present:

David Woody, TV 33
Phillip Clark, Troup County News
Joel Martin, LaGrange Daily
Matthew Strother, Valley News

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager / Parks & Recreation Director
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Andy Harper, Zoning Technician
James Emery, County Engineer
Harold Edmondson, Senior Deputy Bldg Official
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Janice Copeland, Admin Clerk
Suzy Noles, E-911 Director
Jerry Heard, Fire Chief

Others Present:

Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Tommy Callaway, Concerned Citizen
Steve Stark, Concerned Citizen
Nancy Green, Concerned Citizen

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Reverend J.R. Ware; Welcome Baptist Church:

Reverend J.R. Ware of Welcome 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 Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Employee Service Awards for 3rd and 4th Quarter 2010:

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

- Thirty-Five Years of Service

*Recreation Division Superintendant Michael Pitts, Parks & Recreation

- Thirty Years of Service

Sr. Tax & Tag Specialist Deborah Gray, Tax Commissioner
Admin Prog. Sup/Payroll Lynn Howard, Parks & Recreation

- Twenty-Five Years of Service

Captain William Grizzard, Sheriff's Dept
Lieutenant/EMT/Battalion Marion Howington, Fire Dept
E-911 Shift Supervisor Melissa Wortham, E-911

- Twenty Years of Service

Appraiser II Joel Gladney, Tax Assessor
Firefighter Maurice Byrd, Fire Dept
Firefighter/ EMT Dan Eastridge, Fire Dept
Firefighter/ EMT Dennis Gaddy, Fire Dept
Firefighter/ EMT Chris May, Fire Dept
Firefighter Julian O'Neal, Fire Dept
Records Clerk Alesia Steele, Sheriff's Dept
E-911 Shift Supervisor Sherry Huckleberry, E-911
Firefighter Russell Creel, Fire Dept
Firefighter/ EMT Derek Boyd, Fire Dept

- Fifteen Years of Service

Chief Clerk Debra Wade, Probate Court
Parts Technician Sue Edmondson, Shop
Firefighter/ EMT Michael Hester, Fire Dept
Firefighter/ EMT Richard Kee, Fire Dept
*Office Manager Lori Martelli, Roads & Engineering
Firefighter/ EMT Russell Reid, Fire Dept
*Admin Secretary Susan Thomaston, Probate
Parks Maint. Worker Benjamin Reed, Parks & Recreation
Correctional Officer Jasper Lumpkin, PWC

- Ten Years of Service

Heavy Equipment Lowboy William Thompson, Roads & Engineering
Probate Judge Donald Boyd, Probate Court
*Correctional Officer Ron Yorrick, Work Release
Child Custody Worker/ Intake Tracy Lester, Juvenile Court
Finance Officer/ County Clerk Stewart Mills, BOC

- Five Years of Service

Assistant Shift Sergeant, John Lynn, Jr., PWC
Correctional Officer Jeffrey Walls, PWC
Deputy Sheriff Ronnie Person, Sheriff's Dept
Records Admin/ Payroll Clerk Lori Bradley, PWC
*Deputy Sheriff Leo Cummings, Sheriff's Dept
Deputy Sheriff Thad Hackley, Sheriff's Dept
Deputy Sheriff Jeffrey Walker, Sheriff's Dept
*Correctional Officer Theresa Tucker, PWC
Sergeant Jonathan Lester, Jail
Deputy Clerk Meghan Pearson, Magistrate
Correctional Officer Victor Clark, PWC
Human Resources Administrator Wanda Bhachech, Human Resources
Admin Assistant Sandra Lee, PWC
Firefighter Brandon King, Fire Dept

Chairman Wolfe thanked the honorees for their years of dedicated service to Troup County.

*Indicates employees unable to attend the service awards ceremony.

Consideration of Adoption and Approval of Phase II Land & Easement Acquisition for Airport Runway 13 Project:

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented three contracts of Phase II Land & Easement for Airport Runway 13. Troup County will receive reimbursement of \$38,977.34 that will be returned back to general fund and the Airport will receive reimbursement of \$24,201.56. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the adoption and approval of Phase II Land & Easement acquisition for Airport Runway 13 Project. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Resolution and Application for Department of Transportation 5311 Grant: (2011-17)

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution and application for Department of Transportation 5311 Grant. The Section 5311 Program funds will be used to provide Rural Public Transit in Troup County. This is a federal grant of \$88,723 with the county providing local match.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner English made a motion to go into public hearings.

Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Special Use:

- None.

Rezoning:

Building & Zoning Harold Edmondson reminded the commissioners of the six zoning standards.

(2nd Reading - Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

Troup County- Single-Family Residential to Single-Family Medium Density 51+/- Acre Parcel Located at 657 Gray Hill School Road

Senior Deputy Building Official Harold Edmondson presented the application by Troup County for 51+/- acre parcel located at 657 Gray Hill School Road to rezone from Single-Family Residential to Single-Family Medium Density. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or against the rezoning application. No one responded. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the rezoning application of Troup County. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

(2nd Reading - Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

Consideration of Resolution to Approve the Voluntary De-Annexation of Land by West Point Municipal Governing Authority; Property Owners Alma Godfrey and Sylvia Wilson

Location: 657 Gray Hill School Road: (2011-18)

Senior Deputy Building Official Harold Edmondson presented a resolution to approve the voluntary de-annexation of land by West Point Municipal Governing Authority. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or against the resolution. No one responded. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the de-annexation of land by West Point Municipal Governing Authority. Commissioner English seconded.

Unanimous.

Subdivisions:

- None.

Other:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

County Manager Mike Dobbs announced the "Litter Summit" meeting will be on March 31, 2011, 4-6 p.m. located at the LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce. This meeting is for all citizens to discuss options to help combat litter problems in Troup County. Also, the county website (www.troupcountyga.org) has 18 videos of different businesses that will encourage & promote future growth. Mr. Dobbs commented the videos are being viewed from coast to coast in a matter of days.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go out of public hearings and back into regular meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND AQUISITION:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

MEETING REOPENED:

At the end of the Executive Session, Commissioner Smith made a motion to reconvene into regular meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded.

Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that the land acquisition was discussed and no action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk