

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**March 19, 2013**

**Troup County Government Center**

Troup County Board of Commissioners Chairman Richard Wolfe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Richard Wolfe, Chairman  
Buck Davis, Vice-Chairman  
Richard English, Commissioner  
Claude F. Foster III, Commissioner  
Morris Jones, Commissioner

**News Media Present:**

Matt Strother, LaGrange Daily News  
Tommy Camp, Troup County News  
Trey Wood, West Point News

**Staff Present:**

Tod Tentler, County Manager  
Mark DeGennaro, County Attorney  
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk  
Janice Copeland, Admin Assistant  
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager  
Brandon Johns, Sr. Deputy Building Official  
Valerie West, Executive Assistant  
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director  
Nancy Seegar, County Planner  
James Emery, County Engineer  
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk  
Andy Harper, GIS Technician

**OPENING:**

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

**Invocation - Reverend Jimmy Pruitt:**

Reverend Jimmy Pruitt of Oakside Baptist Church, LaGrange was recognized by Chairman Wolfe and asked to pronounce the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Commissioner Buck Davis led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the final agenda and to also add Executive Session to discuss personnel issue. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 work session, and March 4, 2013 called meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

**PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- None.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**Employee Service Awards for 4th Quarter 2012:**

- Twenty-Five Years of Service

Deputy Clerk Cari Williams, Clerk of Court

- Twenty Years of Service

Juvenile Court Clerk Gail Towns, Juvenile Court  
Parks Maintenance Worker Michael Williams, Parks & Recreation

- Fifteen Years of Service

Victim Assistant Advocate Theresa Morgan, Solicitor  
Deputy Stewart Smith, Sheriff  
\*Program Coordinator Donald Wright, III, Court Services

- Ten Years of Service

Correctional Officer Patrick Harris, PWC  
Correctional Officer Richard Hughes, PWC  
Sergeant Kenneth Little, Sheriff  
Lieutenant (Sheriff) Ellen Willingham, Jail

- Five Years of Service

Chief Investigator Michael Caldwell, Sheriff  
Admin Program Supervisor Patrick Duffy, Parks & Recreation  
\*Deputy Sheriff Steven Hunt, Sheriff  
Correctional Officer James Smith, Jr., PWC  
Deputy Sheriff Jennifer Spivey, Sheriff  
\*Truck Driver Clinton Spratling, Roads & Eng

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 Troup Transit Grant Application:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented Troup Transit Grant application. The grant has been in place since 1980 from DOT for public transportation provided to our elderly and handicapped individuals in the county. Total amount of grant is \$98,723. Part of that money is

cost from trip fares at \$2 per trip and the rest is from DOT.

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the Troup Transit Grant Application. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Lifting Hiring Freeze for Certain Parks & Recreation**

**Employees:**

County Manager Tod Tentler recommended lifting hiring freeze for 44 part-time seasonal positions. 21 are from summer lunch program which is 100% reimbursable. Chairman Wolfe questioned if these were already budgeted. Mr. Tentler responded yes. Commissioner English made a motion to approve lifting hiring freeze for 44 part-time seasonal positions. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Budget Amendment for Tourism Grant and Mental Health**

**Court Grants:**

Finance Officer Scott Turk presented one resolution that covers two budget amendments. The first amendment is to receive money from Georgia Economic Development Authority for tourism then we turn it over to Antiquities Center for them to produce new exhibit. The other amendment is to receive funds from City of LaGrange and City of Hogansville that we would pay bills related to Mental Health Court. Chairman Wolfe questioned if we are the fiscal agent. Mr. Turk commented yes, grant money would come from City of LaGrange in the amount of \$31k and City of Hogansville in the amount of \$5k. Chairman Wolfe questioned if City of West Point was involved. Mr. Turk responded he was not aware of their involvement. Chairman Wolfe directed Mr. Turk to ask them again. Commissioner English made a motion to approve budget amendment for Tourism Grant and Mental Health Court Grant. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Consider Amendment to Contract for Court Technology Middleware:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented amendment to contract. This contract is performance bonding for our project to get all court technology up to speed, which is part of our SPLOST IV project. \$200k will be bonded and of the \$317k remainder, we will keep 10% each time

we make a payment until we are satisfied. Commissioner Jones questioned if there was an agreement with the county. Mr. Tentler responded yes, that's part of the contract. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve contract for Court Technology Middleware. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Cindy Smith's Request for Re-establishment of a Non-conforming Use:**

County Planner Nancy Seegar presented Ms. Cindy Smith's request for re-establishment of a non-conforming use. The request is for a daycare center at 1097 Youngs Mill Road that's been a daycare off and on since 1996. The daycare was not operating for more than six-months so Ms. Smith had to either zone it commercial or come to the board for re-establishment of a non-conforming use. Commissioner English made a motion to approve Ms. Smith's request for re-establishment.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Commissioner English made a motion to go into public hearing.

Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Special Use:**

- None.

**Rezoning:**

County Planner Nancy Seegar reminded the commissioners of the standards to use as criteria for evaluating rezoning applications.

(1<sup>st</sup> Hearing-Not Vote Eligible)

**Cesar Zelaya- Application to Rezone to Single Family Medium Density**  
**Location: 1959 Blue Creek Rd**  
**Recommendation: Approve**

County Planner Nancy Seegar presented the application to Cesar Zelaya of 1959 Blue Creek Road to rezone property from Limited Commercial to Single-Family Medium Density. Mr. Zelaya is in conformance with development future map with rezoning. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning with a unanimous vote with five members present. Commissioner Davis questioned which driveway would he

use. Ms. Seegar commented Mr. Zelaya will have his own driveway. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. No one responded. Commissioner Jones made a motion to go out of public hearing back into regular meeting. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Other:**

- None.

**Subdivisions:**

- None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUE:**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**MEETING REOPENED:**

At the end of Executive Session, Commissioner Jones made a motion to reconvene in public meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session a personnel issue was discussed and no action was taken at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
G. Scott Turk, Clerk