

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

April 20, 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:

David Woody, TV 33
Judy Murphy, Troup County News
Annie McCallum, Columbus Ledger

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
Valerie West, Executive Assistant to Board of Commissioners
Andy Harper, Zoning Technician
Lavelle Barnes, Human Resources Director
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
Scott Turk, Zoning Administrator
James Emery, County Engineer

Others Present:

Connie Stothard, Surveyor
Bill Gilmore, Concerned Citizen
Gloria Livingston, Concerned Citizen
Sumer Rivas, Rezoning Applicant
Douglas Swanson, Jr., Rezoning Applicant
Steve Stark, Concerned Citizen
Nancy Green, Concerned Citizen
Pete Skandalakis, District Attorney
Linda Tipton, Head of Victims Assistance Program
Phyllis Williams, Victims Advocate
Nicky Mathews, Victims Advocate
Mary Carol Adamson, Proclamation Recipient

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Commissioner Buck Davis:

Commissioner Buck Davis 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 April 06, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Proclamation & Recognition of Victim's Right Week (2010-09):

District Attorney Pete Skandalakis, proclamation recipient, introduced his staff (Linda Tipton, Nicky Matthews and Phyllis Williams) to the commissioners and personally thanked the commissioners for their assistance in supporting the Victim Assistance Program designed to protect the rights of victims of crime. The proclamation acknowledged crime's impact on individuals, families, and communities. The Victim Assistance Program ensures that victims are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect as they interact with the criminal justice system. Victims and survivors of crime can gain strength and dignity from the supportive services of the local Victim Assistance Program. Therefore, the Troup County Board of Commissioners proclaimed the week of April 18-24, 2010, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Proclamation of National Donate Life Month (2010-10):

Chairman Wolfe presented a proclamation of National Donate Life Month to Ms. Mary Carol Adamson, representing LifeLink of Georgia. April 2010 is National Donate Life Month, an opportunity to share life-saving information about the on-going need for organ and tissue donations in the local community.

Consideration of Lifting Hiring Freeze to Replace Mechanic Position at Troup County Shop:

County Manager Mike Dobbs indicated this request was to fill a vacant mechanic position in the county shop. Commissioner English made a motion to approve filling the vacant mechanic position. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into public hearings.
Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Rezoning:

Zoning Administrator Scott Turk reviewed the six standards for evaluating rezoning applications.

1st Reading - No Vote Necessary

Douglas Swanson - General Commercial to Single-Family Medium Density 1+/- Acre Parcel Located on Old U.S. Highway 27 (North of Hillcrest Road), APN 064-4-000-088A

Zoning Administrator Scott Turk presented the application of Mr. Douglas Swanson to rezone 1 +/- acre parcel located on Old U.S. Highway 27(North of Hillcrest Road) from General Commercial to Single-Family Medium Density for the purpose of constructing a single-family home. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission (BOZAPC) recommended approval of the rezoning by unanimous vote. Staff also recommended approval. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to speak for or against the rezoning application. No one responded. Since this presentation was for information purposes only, no vote was required at this time.

1st Reading - No Vote Necessary

Sumer Rivas - Single-Family Medium Density to General Commercial 1+/- Acre Parcel Fronting at 1179 Young's Mill Road, LaGrange

Zoning Administrator Scott Turk presented the application of Sumer Rivas to rezone 1 +/- acre parcel fronting at 1179 Young's Mill Road from Single-Family Medium Density to General Commercial for use as a construction and insulation business. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission (BOZAPC) recommended approval of the rezoning by

unanimous vote. Staff also recommended approval. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak for or against the rezoning application. No one responded. Since this presentation was for information purposes only, no vote was required at that time.

Subdivisions:

- None.

Other:

Consideration of Resolution to Transmit the Required Comprehensive Plan Update (2010-14)

County Planner Nancy Seegar presented a resolution to transmit the documents required for the comprehensive plan update. The documents were prepared according to the standards and procedures for the local comprehensive plan update and are required to be submitted to the Three Rivers Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone in attendance would like to comment on the comprehensive plan update. No one responded. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the resolution to transmit the required documents for official review of the comprehensive plan update. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous. Commissioner English made a motion to go out of public hearings and back into regular meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

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