

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

April 6, 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
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Sonya Conroy, County Clerk
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Lavelle Barnes, Human Resources Director
Valerie West, Executive Assistant to Board of Commissioners
Andy Harper, Zoning Technician

Others Present:

Connie Stothard, Concerned Citizen
Bill Gilmore, Concerned Citizen
Gloria Livingston, Concerned Citizen
Tommy Whitworth, Pharmacist/ Partner of Corley Drugs
Bob Copeland, Doctor/ Member of Troup Cares Program

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Reverend Michael Reeves - Teaver Road Baptist Church:

Reverend Michael Reeves of Teaver Road 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 Jones 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 March 16, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Proclamation of National County Government Month:

County Attorney Jerry Willis presented the proclamation of National County Government Month for the month of April 2010. During that month, the National Association of Counties (NaCo) has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote county government programs and services to raise public awareness and understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties to meet the needs of the community.

Announcement of the Top 10 List of Largest Employers in Troup County:

County Manager presented a list of the Top 10 largest employers in Troup County. Those employers are as follows:

Troup County Schools - 2,011 employees
Milliken - 1,984 employees
Walmart - 1,500 employees
West Georgia Health System - 1,358 employees
Kia - 1,203 employees
Troup County - 600 employees (including part-time & seasonal)
Interface Flooring - 500 employees
City of LaGrange - 430 employees
Duracell- 425 employees
American Home Shield - 400 employees

Consideration of Surplus Items for Auction April 17, 2010:

Purchasing Director Diana Evans presented a list of surplus items that are planned to be sold at joint auction with the Board of Education(BOE) scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Troup County BOE facility. Also, two fire trucks and a pumper truck will be sold by sealed bids. Commissioner Jones made a motion to declare the property surplus to the county. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous. (See attached list of surplus items.)

Consideration of Fire Department Construction at New Location:

Chairman Wolfe summarized that the Reed Road fire station was determined to be obsolete and a committee of Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Jones was formed to decide where to place a new fire station. The commissioners met with the City of LaGrange and both

parties recommended the city close its station on West Lukken Industrial Drive and move their fireman to the new station located at the airport and owned by the county. This fire station would then cover 1,200 unincorporated tracts of property located at Fling, Whitaker and part of US 29 on the West Point Road. Commissioner Davis expressed concerns of not having enough fire protection in the northern part of the county around the Callaway Elementary and Middle schools. Commissioner English stated the county and Board of Education need to communicate before schools are built to make sure adequate fire coverage is provided. Chairman Wolfe responded the Board of Education is now part of the strategic planning initiative which should provide better communication with the Board of Education to keep the county from "chasing schools" to provide fire protection. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve movement of the fire station from Reed Road to property adjacent to Long Cane School under the condition that the City of LaGrange move to the airport fire station and cover the 1,200 unincorporated tracts. Also, the Mountville station would become a volunteer station and its paid personnel moved to a new station to be built on a location (to be determined) near the Callaway schools. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Greater West Georgia Joint Development Authority Request and Appointment Change of Third Member:

County Manager Mike Dobbs requested \$1,500 from fund balance for a future website and promotion by the West Georgia Joint Development Authority. Mr. Dobbs is a member of the Joint Development Authority and wishes to remove himself and recommended County Planner Nancy Seegar be appointed to take his place. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the \$1,500 from fund balance and to appoint Nancy Seegar to the West Georgia Joint Development Authority to replace County Manager Dobbs. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Intergovernmental Agreement for Allocation of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant:

County Manager Mike Dobbs discussed the proposed intergovernmental agreement between Troup County Board of Commissioners and Coweta County and Carroll County. The overall grant in the amount of \$428,292.00 would be distributed among the three counties to establish a circuit-wide drug court. County Manager Dobbs indicated Coweta County and Carroll County were on board for the circuit-wide drug court and would approve the agreement. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the

intergovernmental agreement for allocation of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Agreement with Troup County Airport Relating to Loyd-Tatum Fire & Rescue Station Property:

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented a proposed agreement between Troup County Board of Commissioners and Troup County Airport Authority relating to Lloyd-Tatum Fire & Rescue Station property. Under the terms of the proposed agreement, the authority would receive from the county the annual sum of \$5,000.00 which is equal to the annual commercial value of the premises. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agreement with Troup County Airport Authority relating to the Lloyd-Tatum Fire & Rescue Station property. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of NACo Prescription Plan for Troup County:

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented the NACo Prescription Plan that would allow Troup County citizens to receive up to 22% discount off the cost of their prescriptions. Thirty-four Georgia counties have already approved the plan. A local pharmacist, Mr. Tommy Whitworth, of Corley Drugs, expressed his concerns that the prescription card carries the CVS logo which might confuse customers as to which pharmacies would accept the card. Also, customers with multiple prescriptions could get upset if discounts don't apply to all their prescriptions across the board. Dr. Bob Copeland stated his concerns that the cards might not be as advantageous as people are being led to believe. Commissioner Jones made a motion to continue the matter pending further research of the matter including getting inputs from other counties. Commissioner English made a substitute motion to approve the NACo prescription plan for Troup County. Commissioner Smith seconded. The motion passed on a 3-to-1 vote. Commissioner Jones cast the only dissenting vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Rezoning:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

Other:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk