

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

April 19, 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
Buck Davis, Commissioner
Richard English, Commissioner
Ken Smith, Commissioner

News Media Present:

David Woody, TV 33
Matthew Strother, Valley Times
Natalie Shelton, LaGrange Daily News
Judy Murphy, Troup County News

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager / Parks & Recreation Director
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk
Ray McKenzie, County Attorney
Andy Harper, Zoning Technician
James Emery, County Engineer
Harold Edmondson, Senior Deputy Bldg Official
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Sadie Lee, Deputy Warden, Care/Treat
Nancy Seegar, County Planner

Others Present:

Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizen
Tommy Callaway, Concerned Citizen
Mike Waller, Concerned Citizen
Hugh Camp, Concerned Citizen
Lee West, Concerned Citizen
Gloria Livingston, Concerned Citizen
Lewis Davis, Concerned Citizen

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Reverend Minchan Park - Advent Lutheran Church:

Reverend Minchan Park of Advent Lutheran 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 Davis made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Consideration of Airport Budget Amendment:

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler announced the airport is requesting a budget amendment for \$44K to pay off a capital loan. This is part of a plan to reduce the county's funding of the airport over the next three years from \$122,750 to \$105,500 by FY14 at which time the airport expects to be self-sufficient. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone present would like to comment on the airport budget amendment. Concerned citizens, Mr. Mike Waller and Mr. Lee West didn't feel their taxes should help "bailout" the airport financial problems. Mr. West went on to say he felt taxpayer money should not be used to subsidize the airport. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the airport budget amendment. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion passed on a 3-to-1 vote. Commissioner Smith cast the dissenting vote.

Report on Success of Troup County Trash Bash:

County Manager Mike Dobbs announced the Troup County Trash Bash was a total success. He stated the winners of a small group collecting the most trash were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Waller. Also, a tire amnesty will continue through today with residents invited to drop off old tires free of charge at either the Fastenal Company at 104 Swift Street or the Ideal Electric Company at 200 Depot Street.

Report on Long Cane Fire Department Construction Update:

County Manager Mike Dobbs gave an update report on construction of the Long Cane Fire Department. The concrete slab has been poured and he has talked with the sub-contractor regarding a completion date of July 1, 2011.

Report on Animal Control Ordinance Request for Public Comments:

County Manager Mike Dobbs stated the county is still accepting comments from the public on the Animal Control Ordinance which is posted on the county website. The email address for public comments is commission@troupco.org and the deadline is May 15, 2011.

Consideration of Cancelling April 29, 2011 Work Session and May 3, 2011 Commission Meeting:

County Manager Mike Dobbs announced the April 29, 2011 work session and May 3, 2011 commission meeting will be canceled since the commissioners will be at the ACCG Annual Meeting in Savannah.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Special Use:

- None.

Rezoning:

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded.

Unanimous.

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk