

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**April 2, 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

**News Media Present:**

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

**Board Member Not Present:**

Morris Jones, Commissioner

**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  
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk  
Andy Harper, GIS Technician

**OPENING:**

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

**Invocation - Representative Carl Von Epps; GA House of Representatives-District 132:**

Representative Carl Von Epps 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 English made a motion to approve the final agenda and to also add Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2013 work session, and March 19, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

**PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- None.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**Election of Vice-Chairman:**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to elect Commissioner English as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Lifting Hiring Freeze for Position in E-911:**

County Manager Tod Tentler recommended lifting hiring freeze for one vacant position in E-911 as discussed in the March 29 worksession. Commissioner English made a motion to approve lifting hiring freeze for one vacant position in E-911. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Lifting Hiring Freeze for Position in the Engineering & Roads Department:**

County Manager Tod Tentler recommended lifting hiring freeze for one position in the Engineering & Roads Department as discussed in the March 29 worksession. Chairman Wolfe questioned it was already budgeted. Mr. Tentler responded yes. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve lifting hiring freeze for one position in the Engineering & Roads Department. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Purchasing Policy for Georgia State Patrol Post:**

County Manager Tod Tentler requested the State Patrol to follow the State of Georgia purchasing guidelines. The state's traveling construction crew is accustomed working under that state policy. The purchasing policy that we have has more strict guidelines and is causing a delay in progress. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the State of Georgia Purchasing policy only. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Commissioner Foster and Chairman Wolfe commented that the county's purchasing policy needed to be reviewed and discussed within the next 60 days.

**Consideration of Bid Award for Georgia State Patrol Post:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented two bid awards for Georgia State Patrol Post. The sprinkler system had 4 bids with a low bidder being Columbus Automatic Sprinkler for \$34,340. The heating & air low bidder was Air Force Heating & Air for \$106,575. Chairman Wolfe questioned where these figures were compared to budget. Mr. Tentler responded it was at \$15,000 below the budget. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the bid awards for Georgia State Patrol Post. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement and Purchase of Software for Court Software for Sheriff, Marshal, CI, E-911 and Work Release Departments:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented an intergovernmental agreement for Court Software for Sheriff, Jail, Marshal, TCCI, E-911 CAD and Work Release programs. PTS Solutions software is also being used by the City of LaGrange Police Department and Jail. This software is much more user friendly and will allow the Sheriff deputies and Police officers to communicate with each other and 911 with no difficulties. By entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of LaGrange, the county would save \$95,000 from the quoted and an additional \$5,000 off the package. The Sheriff and other departments spent a lot of time researching software and chose PTS Solutions. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement and purchase of software. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Moratorium on the Sign Ordinance:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution for a moratorium while the sign ordinance is being reviewed. The moratorium is recommended until May 22, 2013. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the moratorium on the sign ordinance. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Declaration of Surplus Property:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a list of surplus property to be auctioned on April 13, 2013 located at 100 Davis Road, Lagrange at 10 a.m. Commissioner Foster recommended the fire trucks be listed on Govdeals.com to expose them to more potential buyers and perhaps get more competitive bids. Commissioner Davis made a motion to declare the surplus property and to add the five fire trucks to be placed on Govdeals.com. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Commissioner English made a motion to go into public hearing.

Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

**Special Use:**

- None.

**Rezoning:**

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

(2nd Hearing-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 be continued. Mr. Zelaya has requested this to be continued because he has water and septic issues that need to be taken care of before he completes the rezoning process. Commissioner Davis made a motion to continue the rezoning application. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Other:**

(1<sup>st</sup> Hearing-Vote Eligible)

**Georgia Boy Girl Outdoors- Application for Wine & Malt Beverage License**

**Applicant: Vickie Prescott**

**Location: 1407 New Franklin Road, LaGrange**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented application of Ms. Vickie Prescott of Georgia Boy Girl Outdoors to sell wine & malt beverages at 1407 New Franklin Road, LaGrange. The application has been reviewed and signed by the Sheriff James Woodruff certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years have

been found. Commissioner English made a motion to approve Ms. Prescott's application to sell wine & malt beverages. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Subdivisions:**

- None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION:**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a litigation issue. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**MEETING REOPENED:**

At the end of Executive Session, Commissioner Foster made a motion to reconvene in public meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session they discussed pending litigation and is prepared to take action. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve \$74,000 to be paid to Lexington Insurance for Glass v. Troup County case. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

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