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Troup County Board of Commissioners

"Work Session Meeting"

May 2, 2014

Troup County Government Center

Troup County Board of Commissioners Chairman Richard Wolfe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Davis led the group in prayer.

Board Members Present:

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

News Media Present:

Matt Strother, LaGrange Daily News
Tommy Camp, Troup County News
Wayne Clark, West Point News

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk
James Emery, County Engineer
Jay Anderson, Sr Building Official
Michelle Bowman, Juvenile Court Administrator
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director
Nancy Seegar, Planning Director
Dan Smith, Property Appraisal
Dana Eaton, Property Appraisal
Larry Nommensen, Maintenance Department
Doug Smith, Road Department
James Woodruff, Sheriff
Robert Huckleberry, Sergeant
Mike Ellington, Captain
Dennis Knight, Chief

Fire Department Reorganization:

Fire Chief Dennis Knight discussed plans to reorganize the fire department chief position. The fire department changes every 24 hours which as shift captains managing 17 subordinates reporting to supervisors. The standard nationwide should be three to seven subordinates reporting to supervisors. More firefighters with supervisory responsibilities will help ensure a better span of control and have a closer working relationship with supervisors. The first change is to convert the vacant position to a deputy or assistant chief position.

Juvenile Court Grant Application:

Nicole Kostial is requesting to apply for and accept if awarded the Reform Incentive continuation and enhancement grant. Troup County was awarded \$100k for this FY14. The funds are used for an evidence based program, Functional Family Therapy (FFT). The purpose of the enhancement grant is to enable the county to provide additional evidence based programs to the youth of our community.

Juvenile Court Hiring Freeze Request:

Judge R. Michael Key and Juvenile Court Administrator Michelle Bowman are requesting to lift hiring freeze for a full time position. Mr. Key stated it has been difficult to maintain the level of quality services that has always been provided to the community. This year with the reform to the Juvenile Justice system including re-writing of the juvenile court code and to apply for grants, there needs to be a full time position.

Maintenance Department Hiring Freeze Request:

Larry Nommensen requested to lift hiring freeze to replace an employee who is resigning to seek employment with City of LaGrange. This is a budgeted position.

Discuss TAD Recertification:

Dan Smith presented a resolution to adopt a new base property value because the land has been sold and annexed into the City of LaGrange and rezoned after the original TAD was approved. The resolution would be included with the 2014 Digest submission to the Georgia Department of Revenue.

State Contract Vehicle Purchase:

Purchasing Director Diana Evans presented state contract to purchase two Ford F250 trucks for the Road Department. One of the trucks is an extended F250 and one is a crew cab. The vehicles are on State of Georgia purchasing contracts.

Budget Review Schedule:

Finance Officer Scott Turk announced the preview for the FY15 budget is scheduled for Monday, May 19th at the LaGrange-Callaway Airport starting at 9 a.m.

Consideration of May 6, 2014 Agenda Items:

County Manager Tod Tentler discussed agenda items for May 06, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further matters to discuss, Chairman Wolfe adjourned the meeting.

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk