

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

May 7, 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
Richard English, Vice-Chairman
Buck Davis, Commissioner
Claude F. Foster III, Commissioner
Morris Jones, Commissioner

News Media Present:

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

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk
Janice Copeland, Admin Assistant
Brandon Johns, Sr. Deputy Building Official
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk
Andy Harper, GIS Technician
James Emery, County Engineer

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Reverend Aaron McCollough of Troup County Baptist Association:

Reverend Aaron McCollough of Troup County Baptist Association 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 Foster made a motion to approve the final agenda.
Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2013 work session, and April 16, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Consideration of Magistrate Court Hiring Freeze:

Magistrate Judge Vickie Sue McWaters is requesting a position to be filled as soon as possible. Magistrate Court currently has three employees and one is going out on medical leave. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the position of Magistrate Court. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Roads & Engineering Department Hiring Freeze Request:

County Engineer James Emery is requesting four positions to be filled: one asphalt foreman, heavy equipment operator and two construction foreman positions. Commissioner Jones questioned if there were employees within the department that could do the job. Mr. Emery responded not at this time and he also had an operator to turn in his notice. Chairman Wolfe questioned if he could contract the paving out to C.W. Matthews. Mr. Emery responded he could but it would cost approximately one-third higher than our present in-house cost with inmate labor. Commissioner Foster was concerned with hiring amateurs and then having to go back and redo the paving. Commissioner Foster also challenged Mr. Emery to look for employees with experience to get top quality work. Mr. Emery commented C.W. Matthews and Caterpillar and are willing to give specialized training. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve four positions for the Roads & Engineering. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Elections & Registration Hiring Freeze Request:

Finance Office Scott Turk is requesting the Elections Supervisor position be filled due to the resignation of Ms. Amy Hyatt who was Chief Registrar. The Elections Supervisor is a budgeted position that was created by the legislation that created the Board of Elections & Registration. The vacant position of Chief Registrar is also asked to be unfrozen to allow the current Administrative Clerk to be promoted to the position. Commissioner English stated that he knew that the pay

grades had been approved previously and further that he had reviewed Executive Session minutes where it was discussed. Commissioner English made a motion to approve position for Elections & Registration. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Budget Amendment for Elections & Registration

Department: (Resolution 2013-31)

County Manager presented a budget amendment for Elections & Registration Department. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Resolution to Extend E-911 Service Charge to VOIP

Telephones: (Resolution 2013-32)

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve resolution to extend E-911 Service Charge to VOIP Telephones. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Resolution on Volunteer Workers' Compensation:
(Resolution 2013-30)

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the resolution on volunteer workers' compensation. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Roanoke Road Cell Tower Lease:

County Manager Tod Tentler announced the new lease would give the county \$82,500 for a 99-year lease on the tower. Currently, the tower pays out \$500 a month on a contract that was for 30 years. Commissioner Foster questioned if 15 years would bring in \$90k why would you take \$82,500 for 99 years. Commissioner Jones questioned why the county would replace lease it currently has with the tower when it still has a potential 20 years to go, for a deal that would bring in less money. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the Roanoke Road cell tower lease. Chairman Wolfe asked for a second. No one responded. The motion died for lack of second.

Consideration of Retirement Plan Change from GEB Corp to Capital Improvements:

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a proposed change of retirement plan management from GEB Corp (ACCG) to the local firm Capital Investment Services LLC with an effective date of March 1, 2013. Any

eligible employee hired after March 1, 2013 will contribute 2% and county will match 2%. By switching from GEB Corp to Capital Investment Services LLC, the County will avoid a required \$500,000 contribution increase of \$2.4 million. The required contribution will remain approximately \$1.8 million, similar to the 2013 requirement. No employees hired before March 1, 2013 would be affected. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the retirement plan change from GEB Corp to Capital Improvements. Commissioner Jones seconded. Commissioner Foster opposed. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into public hearing.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Special Use:

- None.

Rezoning:

- None.

MANUFACTURED HOME PLACEMENT:

(2nd Reading-Vote Eligible)

Applicant: Michael Parmer

Location: 5025 Whitesville Road, LaGrange

Sr Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented application by Michael Parmer located at 5025 Whitesville Road, LaGrange for manufactured home placement. The Board of Zoning and Planning Commission recommended approval 7-1. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone in favor or in opposition to the manufactured home placement. No one responded. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the manufactured home placement. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

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Applicant: Joey Barintine

Location: 4158 Greenville Road, LaGrange

Sr Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented application by Mr. Joey Barintine located at 4158 Greenville Road, LaGrange for manufactured home placement. The Board of Zoning and Planning Commission (BOZAPC) recommended approval 7-1. Chairman Wolfe questioned

if applicant says they are placing the manufactured homes in one certain area but after applicant is approved, decides to place it elsewhere how would they know. Mr. Johns responded they really don't know till they go back to inspect it. Chairman Wolfe responded for future manufactured homes this issue needs to be addressed. Mr. Johns responded it they added conditions that would be part of his job to flag it and go back to measure it. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to this application. Mr. J.C. Cameron spoke concerns of this creating a problem for the applicant if the septic tank had to be placed elsewhere. Commissioner Foster stated correct but recommended a perk test be performed first and he felt the Health department did these before it came to the commissioners. Chairman Wolfe responded the commissioners were not concerned of homes placed 5-10 feet off but for future placements this needs to be addressed. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the manufactured home placement. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Other:

De-Annexation Request for 51 Warner Road:

Sr Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented a de-annexation request from the City of West Point. This request is for Mr. Steve Cagle of 51 Warner Road, West Point GA. Mr. Bill Gilmore commented there is a meeting scheduled for City of West Point approval on May 9, 2013. Mr. Tentler responded the resolution is May 13, 2013. Chairman Wolfe responded the commissioners could vote contingent upon City of West Points approval. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the de-annexation request for 51 Warner Road contingent upon approval of West Point. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G. S. Turk, Clerk