

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

May 05, 2009

Troup County Administration 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
Richard English, Vice-Chairman
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Ken Smith, Commissioner
Buck Davis, Commissioner

News Media Present:

David Woody, TV 33
Trey Wood, Valley News
Judy Murphy, Troup County News
Joel Martin, LaGrange Daily News

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Tod Tentler, Parks & Rec Director, Assistant County Manager
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director
James Emery, County Engineer
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
Valerie West, Executive Assistant for Board of Commissioners
Andy Harper, Building & Zoning Administrator
Shane Frailey, Captain of Sheriff's Department
Rick Massie & Family, Lieutenant for Sheriff's Department
Harold Edmondson, Sr. Deputy Building Official

Others Present:

Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Connie Stothard, Concerned Citizen
Chuck Massie, Certificate Recipient
Nancy Green, Concerned Citizen
Linda Yearta, Concerned Citizen
Mac Bradfield, Concerned Citizen
Kimberly Thomas & Mike Chancey, Entertainment II License Applicants
Vance Smith, State Representative
Tom Hall, City Manager
Gene Martin, Concerned Citizen
Bill Ross, Jr., Consultant, Ross & Associates

OPENING:

All in attendance were welcomed by Chairman Richard Wolfe.

Invocation - Minister Anthony Hixon - South Park Avenue Church of Christ:

Minister Anthony Hixon of South Park Avenue Church of Christ 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 Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Proclamation of National Day of Prayer:

Chairman Ricky Wolfe presented a proclamation of National Day of Prayer to Ms. Jackson. National Day of Prayer was first established by the Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress approved a joint resolution setting aside a day each year to recognize the tradition of prayer in our land in 1952. National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God; to give thanks for blessings received; to recognize our need for personal and corporate renewal of moral values and to ask God to bless and guide all our leaders, and to heal and unite our country. Therefore, it was proclaimed that the Board of Commissioners recognize May 7, 2009 as the National Day of Prayer in Troup County and encouraged its citizens to pray for God's guidance and his blessings on our nation and her people.

Governor's Award for Chuck Massie:

Chairman Ricky Wolfe presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Chuck Massie for his outstanding judgment and courage exhibited on October 10, 2008 when he, grandmother and sister were involved in a car accident. He was commended for his quick actions that prevented further

injury to his sister and grandmother. He also was among one of five children in State of Georgia that met with the governor.

NACo County Government Week Proclamation:

Chairman Ricky Wolfe presented a proclamation to Commissioner Richard English who was awarded the Emory Greene Leadership award, which is the highest honor bestowed by the Association County Commissioners fo Georgia (ACCG). The National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States and created National County Government Week in 1991 to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties to meet the needs of the community. Therefore the Board of Commissioners proclaimed May 3-9, 2009 as National County Government Week.

Legislative Update - State Representative Vance Smith:

State Representative Vance Smith summarized activity in the latest legislative update. He stated the HB33 & SB55 had been signed by the governor. SB83 was not approved. HB480 was passed by the house and tabled by senate. SB200 has not yet been signed by governor but he has until May 13th to take action.

Consideration of Amicus Brief Concerning Future West Point Lake Water Levels:

County Manager Mike Dobbs asked City Manager Tom Hall to give update on the amicus brief concerning future West Point Lake Water levels. Mr. Hall stated the City of Columbus is requesting the Army Corps of Engineers formulate a new and lawful water control plan to increase waste assimilation flows from West Point Dam for their benefit. Mr. Hall commented that if Columbus can not get additional draws, they will have to fund additional capital improvements for their waste purification systems.

Consideration of Wine/Malt Beverage License Fees Increase:

County Manager Mike Dobbs requested the wine/malt beverage license fees increase from \$200 to \$500 which haven't increased since 1970's.

Chairman Wolfe questioned if the City of LaGrange's fees have increased. Sr. Deputy Building Official Harold Edmondson responded that the City of Lagrange's fee varies. Commissioner Smith stated the City of LaGrange would follow suit with the same wine/malt beverage license fee increase as the county. Commissioner English expressed his concerns with the weak economy; he felt like an increase of \$300 was too much. Chairman Wolfe wanted to know what West Point and Hogansville charge. Commissioner Jones made a motion to continue the matter until the next meeting. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

State Patrol Bid Award for Renovations:

Purchasing Director Diana Evans announced she has received eight-bids (3 are local) and all are over budget. Mr. Skip Smith from Smith Design is working with the lowest bidder. The lowest bid was \$266k which was \$16k over budget. The bids were over budget due to add-ons.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(2nd Hearing- Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

Lakeside Grill-Kimberly Thomas-Entertainment II Establishment Application
Location: 1000 Seminole Road; LaGrange

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented the application of Ms. Kimberly Thomas of 1000 Seminole Road in LaGrange for an Entertainment II Establishment License to operate an acoustic band entertainment. By definition, the Entertainment II Establishment License is any establishment in which music is provided, but in which dancing is not expected to occur and has no designated area provided for dancing. This includes, but is not limited to, music concerts and supper club operations. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of granting the Entertainment II Establishment License. Ms. Kim Thomas came forward to say that she has talked with local residents, including the Yearta's. Ms. Thomas stated she wants to provide entertainment but will make sure that none of the neighbors will be disturbed.

Commissioner Smith questioned if she spoke to the Bradfields or the Knights. Ms. Thomas answered no. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was

anyone who is in opposition of the Entertainment II Establishment License. Ms. Linda Yearta and Mr. Mac Bradfield both were in opposition for the same reasons in the past, music being played on the outside which caused the music to travel across the water. Commissioner Smith asked Ms. Yearta if there would be a problem if there was no amplified music and the music is played only inside. Ms. Yearta answered she had no problem if the music was played inside. Mr. Gene Martin, who lives ½ mile from the marina, presented pictures of sound deadening panels and stated they did not help keep the noise down. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Entertainment II Establishment License with stipulations that the music is not amplified and is played only on inside. Commissioner English seconded. Commissioner Davis voted in opposition. The vote carried 3-1.

(Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

Lakeside Grill-Kimberly Thomas-Application for Wine/Malt Beverage License

Location: 1000 Seminole Road; LaGrange

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented the application of Ms. Kimberly Thomas of Lakeside Grill to sell wine & malt beverages at 1000 Seminole Road, LaGrange. Ms. Thomas is the new owner of the existing establishment and her application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Donny Turner certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been found. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Ms. Thomas's application to sell wine & malt beverages. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

(Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

Picnic Basket-Thomas Neely-Application for Wine/Malt Beverage License

Location: 2723 Roanoke Road; LaGrange

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented the application of Mr. Thomas Neely of Picnic Basket to sell wine & malt beverages at 2723 Roanoke Road, LaGrange. Mr. Neely is the new owner of the existing establishment and his application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Donny Turner

certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been found. Commissioner English made a motion to approve Mr. Neely's application to sell wine & malt beverages. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Resolution for the Development of Impact Fee Compliance Requirements

Mr. Bill Ross of Ross & Associates presented a resolution of Impact Fee Compliance requirements as an amendment to the Troup County Comprehensive Plan. The Impact Fee Committee met yesterday with a vote 5-2 in favor. Capital Improvement Elements will become part of comp plan and will be part of the basis for the impact fee program. The next tentative schedule meeting for the approval process is Aug 4, 2009. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the resolution for the development of impact fee compliance requirements. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Rezoning:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

Other:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL MATTER:

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Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

MEETING REOPENED:

At the end of the Executive Session, the commissioners reconvened in public meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk