

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**May 4, 2010**

**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  
Ken Smith, Vice-Chairman  
Morris Jones, Commissioner  
Buck Davis, Commissioner  
Richard English, Commissioner

**News Media Present:**

David Woody, TV 33  
Judy Murphy, Troup County News  
Joel Martin, LaGrange Daily  
Matthew Strother, Valley News

**Staff Present:**

Mike Dobbs, County Manager  
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager/ Parks & Recreation Director  
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk  
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer/ County Clerk  
Mark DeGennaro, County Attorney  
Valerie West, Executive Assistant to Board of Commissioners  
Andy Harper, Zoning Technician  
Lavelle Barnes, Human Resources Director  
Nancy Seegar, County Planner  
Scott Turk, Zoning Administrator  
James Emery, County Engineer  
Shane Frailey, Captain  
Virginia Barnes, Admin Secretary/ Building Inspection  
Donnie Turner, Sheriff  
Jerry Heard, Fire Chief

**Others Present:**

Connie Stothard, Surveyor  
Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens  
Douglas Swanson, Jr., Rezoning Applicant  
Sumer Rivas, Rezoning Applicant  
Lou Dekmar, Chief of Police/Public Safety

**OPENING:**

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

**Invocation - Reverend J.R. Ware, Welcome Baptist Church:**

Reverend J.R. Ware of Welcome Baptist 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 Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- None.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**Recognition of Public Safety Departments:**

Chairman Ricky Wolfe recognized Sheriff Donny Turner, Fire Chief Jerry Heard, and City of LaGrange Chief of Police/Public Safety Lou Dekmar for a letter of appreciation expressing how city and county public safety departments demonstrated their professionalism on March 20, 2010 when Mrs. Ellen Davis called E-911 to report her husband, Mr. Bill Davis, left their home for a walk and didn't return home. Local public service departments were dispatched and quickly responded, locating and providing immediate medical attention to Mr. Davis, who had fallen and was unable to get back up onto his feet.

**Consideration of Changing Speed Limit on Webb Road: (2010-09)**

County Engineer James Emery presented a text amendment to change the county code of ordinances for speed limits on a portion of Webb Road near the Kia property. The recommendation is to change the speed limit to 45 mph from the SR 14 intersection to 1,600 ft east of Reed Road. From that point to where the road dead ends, the speed limit would be changed to 35 mph. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the speed limit changes. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Highway Functional Classification Resolution (2010-15):**

County Engineer James Emery commented that 11 roads in Troup County need a resolution to have their functional classification changed. This

is important for eligibility to receive federal stimulus funds. If the classification class is not high enough, the roads will not be eligible for federal stimulus funds. Mr. Emery requested approval of the resolution to upgrade the functional classification of 11 roads in the county. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Pyne Road Park Dock Bids:**

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler stated that the county is requesting bids for the Pyne Road Park dock. Mr. Tentler requested that the staff be allowed to accept the low bid as long as it was within the budgeted amount. The moneys are reimbursable through the "Go Fish" program. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Mr. Tentler's request for accepting the low bid on the dock project. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into public hearings. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Rezoning:**

Zoning Administrator Scott Turk reviewed the six standards for evaluating rezoning applications.

**2nd Reading - Commissioners Vote Necessary**

**Douglas Swanson - General Commercial to Single-Family Medium Density 1+/- Acre Parcel Located on Old U.S. Highway 27 (North of Hillcrest Road), APN 064-4-000-088A**

Zoning Administrator Scott Turk presented the application of Mr. Douglas Swanson to rezone 1 +/- acre parcel located on Old U.S. Highway 27(North of Hillcrest Road) from General Commercial to Single-Family Medium Density for the purpose of constructing a single-family home. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission (BOZAPC) recommended approval of the rezoning by unanimous vote, but required connection to public water. Staff also recommended approval. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to speak for or against the rezoning application. Mr. Douglas Swanson spoke in

support of his rezoning application. No one spoke against the rezoning application. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the rezoning application provided the applicant connects to public water.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**2nd Reading - Commissioners Vote Necessary**

**Sumer Rivas - Single-Family Medium Density to General Commercial  
1+/- Acre Parcel Fronting at 1179 Young's Mill Road, LaGrange**

Zoning Administrator Scott Turk presented the application of Sumer Rivas to rezone 1 +/- acre parcel fronting at 1179 Young's Mill Road from Single-Family Medium Density to General Commercial for use as a construction and insulation business. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission (BOZAPC) recommended approval of the rezoning by unanimous vote, but required connection to public water. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak for or against the rezoning application. Surveyor Connie Stothard spoke in favor of the application. No one spoke against the application. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the rezoning application provided the applicant connects to public water. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Subdivisions:**

- None.

**Other:**

- None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPERTY ACQUISITION:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**MEETING REOPENED:**

At the end of the Executive Session, Commissioner English made a motion to go out of Executive Session and back into public meeting.

Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session, the board discussed property acquisition and voted to proceed with the proposed acquisition. Details of the acquisition will be made public when the property transaction is finalized.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk