

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 20, 2014**

**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:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Tod Tentler, County Manager  
Jerry Willis, County Attorney  
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk  
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager  
Valerie West, Executive Assistant  
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk  
Jay Anderson, Sr Building Official  
Nancy Seegar, County Planner  
James Woodruff, Sheriff  
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director  
Larry Nommensen, Maintenance Supervisor  
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director  
James Emery, County Engineer  
Jon Whitney, Chief Deputy  
Robert Huckleberry, Sergeant  
Mike Ellington, Captain  
Dana Eaton, Chief Appraiser  
Dennis Knight, Chief  
Michelle Bowman, Juvenile Court  
Nicole Kostial, Juvenile Court  
Shondra Hogan, GIS Dept  
Doug Smith, Road Dept

**OPENING:**

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

**Invocation - Reverend Michael Reeves:**

Reverend Michael Reeves of Open Range Cowboy Church 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 Davis made a motion to approve the final agenda.

Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2014 work session and May 6, 2014 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- None.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**Clerk of Court Hiring Freeze Request:**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve lifting hiring freeze for Clerk of Court. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Felony Drug Court Subgrant Award:**

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the Felony Drug Court Subgrant award. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

**Water Treatment System:**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go out of regular meeting into public hearing. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Rezoning:**

(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Vote Eligible)

**John Alan Jacobs- General Industrial to Single Family Residential  
3.36 +/- Acre Parcel Located on New Hutchinson Mill Road, LaGrange  
APN: 059-3-000-010A**

Sr Building Official Jay Anderson presented an application for John Alan Jacobs to rezone from General Industrial to Single Family Residential for 3.36 +/- acre parcel located on New Hutchinson Mill Road, LaGrange. The Board of Zoning and Planning (BOZAPC) recommended approval by unanimous vote 7 of 9 members present. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning application. No one responded. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the rezoning application. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

(1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Not Vote Eligible)

**Troup County Planning Department-General Industrial (GI) to Single-Family Med Density (SFMD)**  
**12 Properties from 674 to 1108 New Hutchinson Mill Road as Permitted Use**

Sr Building Official Jay Anderson presented an application for Troup County Planning Department from General Industrial to Single Family Med Density (SFMD) on 12 properties from 674 to 1108 New Hutchinson Mill Road as permitted use. The Board of Zoning and Planning (BOZAPC) recommended approval by unanimous vote 8 of 9 members present. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning application. No one responded. Since this was for information purposes only. No action was taken.

**Manufactured Home Placement:**

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

**Applicant: Matthew and Brandy Hill**  
**Location: Adjacent to 244 Holland Road; Hogansville, GA**

Sr Building Official Jay Anderson presented the request by Matthew and Brandy Hill adjacent to 244 Holland Road; Hogansville, Ga. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the application. No one responded. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the manufactured home placement application. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Other:**

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

**Text Amendment to the Code of Ordinance Section 74-3**

A new ordinance will prohibit parking along the side of residential roads in the unincorporated county within roughly 2 miles of the Kia plant in West Point, Ga. The ordinance is aimed at stopping issues with employees from the Kia plant who drive from the company's property, which has a tobacco-free policy, to take their breaks to eat, smoke and sometimes congregate. Residents have complained of littering and people hanging around outside their homes, even late at night. Parking will be prohibited on Webb-Bartley Road, Old Gabbettville Road, Webb Road, Reed Road, Warner Road from Webb-Bartley to Gray Hill School Road and

Gabbettville Road from Gabbettville Circle to the city limits of West Point. County Engineer James Engineer commented there is a potential cost issue of putting signs throughout the targeted no parking areas. Chairman Wolfe questioned if special-purpose, local-option sales tax funds could be used for the signs. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Executive Session to discuss Courthouse Security:**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go out of Public Hearing, into Regular Session and into Executive Session to discuss Courthouse Security. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Meeting Reopened:**

At the end of the Executive Session, Commissioner Jones made a motion to reconvene in regular meeting. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

1. Courthouse Security

Commissioner Jones made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$65,000 for Government Center/Courthouse security technology and equipment, and to waive the County's Bid requirement. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Subdivisions:**

- None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

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