

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

May 21, 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
Isaiah Smith, WJCN

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Mark DeGennaro, County Attorney
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
James Emery, County Engineer
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk
Andy Harper, GIS Technician

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Dr. William Conine, First Presbyterian Church:

Dr. William Conine of First Presbyterian Church, LaGrange 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 English made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2013 work session, and May 7, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Consideration of SPLOST 4 Bond Intergovernmental Agreement, Resolution:

County Manager Tod Tentler presented the SLOST 4 Bond Intergovernmental Agreement and Resolution. The contract puts in place an agreement with the Troup County Public Facilities Authority to issue the \$9.5 million bond to cover projects. The County will commit to pay the principal and the interest of 1.64% using its SPLOST collections. Mr. Tentler stated that the County in bonding 85% of the original budget in an abundance of caution to ensure repayment. The primary projects include \$2.55 million to court technology, public safety and energy efficiency at \$2.17 million, roads & equipment upgrades at \$500,000, recreation renovations at Boyd Park at \$2.975 million and expansion of Hogansville Library at \$1.19 million. County Attorney stated there was some language that needed to be changed in the agreement. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve contingent upon language being changed. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into public hearing.

Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Special Use:

- None.

Rezoning:

- None.

Manufactured Home Placement:

(1st Reading- vote eligible)

Applicant-Joseph Strickland

Location- Mountville-Hogansville Road, LaGrange

County Engineer James Emery presented manufactured home placement application by Joseph Strickland located at Mountville-Hogansville Road, LaGrange. 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.

Special Use:

(1st Reading- vote eligible)

Applicant-Linda Rutledge

Location- 1086 Cannonville Road, LaGrange

Request special use permit to operate group daycare home for 12 children

County Engineer James Emery presented special use application of Ms. Linda Rutledge to request special use permit to operate group daycare home for 12 children located at 1086 Cannonville Road, LaGrange. She previously was allowed to have 6 children at the business. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the special use permit. Ms. Rutledge responded she has been doing daycare for 23 years and this is her way of giving back to her community. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the special use permit. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Other:

(1st Reading- vote eligible)

Consideration of text amendments to Zoning Ordinance- Billboards

Citing the multiple discussions which have occurred regarding Billboards and specifically distance from intersections, County Engineer James Emery suggested this item be postponed to next meeting and asked for the moratorium remains extended to June 5, 2013.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to extend the moratorium to June 5, 2013. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous. Commissioner English made a motion to continue the text amendment item. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

(1st Reading- vote eligible)

Consideration of text amendments to Troup County Code of Ordinances- Appendix A, Article III- Home Occupations

County Engineer presented text amendments to Troup County Code of Ordinances- Appendix A, Article III- Home Occupations. It clearly defines that those who operate and approved home occupation cannot bring employees that are not residents of the house to the home business; however they can still have employees that work off site. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the text amendments. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION, POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL MATTER:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, potential litigation and personnel matter. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

MEETING REOPENED:

At the end of Executive Session, Commissioner English made a motion to reconvene in public meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session pending litigation was discussed and action was taken at this time. County Attorney Mark DeGennaro announced this lawsuit was from 2007 regarding death of an inmate. Insurance companies have agreed on a final settlement of \$500,000 to the family of John Glass. No action was taken on potential litigation and personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G. Scott Turk, Clerk