

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

June 16, 2009

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
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Ken Smith, Commissioner

News Media Present:

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
Valerie West, Executive Assistant for Board of Commissioners
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director
James Emery, County Engineer
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
Andy Harper, Building & Zoning Technician
Harold Edmondson, Sr. Deputy Bldg Official

Others Present:

Jerry Fulks, West Georgia Health System
Paul Perrotti, West Georgia Health System
Tommy Britt, West Georgia Health System
Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Connie Stothard, Surveyor
Angela Driver, Wine/Malt Beverage License Applicant
Alfred Elder, Concerned Citizen

OPENING:

All in attendance were welcomed by Chairman Richard Wolfe.

Invocation - Reverend Michael Reeves - Teaver Road Baptist Church:

Reverend Michael Reeves of Teaver Road Baptist Church was recognized by Chairman Wolfe and asked to pronounce the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Wolfe 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 English made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2009 regular meeting and June 9, 2009 "called" meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Proclamation for Southern Shooters:

Chairman Wolfe presented a proclamation to Bruce & Cindy Southwell of Southern Shooters. Southern Shooters has demonstrated the meaning of the Quality Development Corridor by developing the property that exemplifies the standards adopted by the Troup County Board of Commissioners. Southern Shooters, located on New Hutchinson Mill Road and owned and operated by Bruce & Cindy Southwell, promotes a family friendly atmosphere, focusing on customer service. The Troup County Board of Commissioners recognized the Southwells for initiative and creativity and called upon all citizens of Troup County to congratulate them on a job well done.

West Georgia Health System Quarterly Report of Construction and Budget:

Mr. Jerry Fulks and his staff updated the commissioners on the status of construction and budget of the West Georgia Health System expansion project. Mr. Fulks stated the project is on schedule and within budget and offered the commissioners a tour of the construction site. Mr. Paul Perotti gave a financial analysis up thru the September 2008 audit. Mr. Tommy Britt also presented a Human Resources update on staffing and recruiting.

Consideration of Georgia State Patrol Renovations, Intergovernmental Agreement to Include Building Maintenance Agreement:

County Manager Mike Dobbs announced the lowest bid that is within budget is from Jones, Etheridge and Tomlinson of LaGrange for \$243,907.

Smith Design Group recommended that the bid be awarded to Jones, Etheridge and Tomlinson for renovations to the Georgia State Patrol barracks on Hamilton Road. A building maintenance agreement has been mailed to the Georgia State Patrol for signature. Commissioner Jones made a motion to award the renovations contract to Jones, Etheridge and Tomlinson provided the Georgia State Patrol signs the building maintenance agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Callaway Stadium Press Box Bids:

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler announced there were a total of eight bidders for the Callaway Stadium press box renovation project. The highest bid was \$100K and the lowest bid was \$87K by Jones, Etheridge and Tomlinson of LaGrange. The project will be funded by the Callaway Foundation. Commissioner English made a motion to award the contract to Jones, Etheridge and Tomlinson for \$87K. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Hogansville Library Repair Expense:

County Manager Mike Dobbs announced the repairs to the Hogansville Library will total cost of \$20K and insurance will cover all except for \$253.00. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve \$253.00 to come out of reserve for the Hogansville library repairs. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Groundwater Monitoring Wells Contract on Government Center Property:

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler announced there are six wells that need to be added to the Government Center property at a cost of \$27,053.50 to monitor groundwater for contamination. Commissioner Smith stated the contamination was coming from an old gas station site a block above the Government Center and does not see why the county is responsible for the cost of additional wells. Commissioner Jones wanted more information and wanted to meet with EPD before taking action on the matter. Chairman Wolfe also agreed the board needed more details. Commissioner Jones made a motion to continue the matter until after

meeting with EPD at the next board work session. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into public hearings.

Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during the public hearings, comments from those in attendance were welcomed.

(Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary- Continued from June 2, 2009)

Cross Roads Tackle and Bait - Angela T. Driver - Application for Wine/Malt Beverage License
Location: 1852 Hwy 54, Hogansville

Sr. Deputy Building Official Harold Edmondson presented the application of Ms. Angela T. Driver of Cross Roads Tackle and Bait to sell wine & malt beverages at 1852 Hwy 54, Hogansville. The application was applied for on May 7, 2009. The application was initially presented at the May 19, 2009 meeting and was continued to June 2, 2009 meeting due to lack of complete information to make a decision. The county attorney has reviewed the subsequent information gathered and deemed both Mr. and Ms. Driver meet the license requirements. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone that would like to speak for or against the application. No one responded. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the application for Ms. Angela Driver to sell wine/malt beverages.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Rezoning:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

Other:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

MEETING REOPENED:

Following the Executive Session, Commissioner Smith made a motion to go back into public meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session, the commissioners discussed potential litigation relating to the Tax Commissioner's dispute over FY 2010 budgets cuts made by the Board of Commissioners in his department. The Tax Commissioner has requested the Board of Commissioners provide him with legal counsel funding in his dispute with the board. Commissioner English made a motion to deny the Tax Commissioner legal counsel funding in his budget dispute with the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk