

MINUTES

"CALLED" MEETING

Troup County Board of Commissioners

June 12, 2012

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
Buck Davis, Vice-Chairman
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Richard English, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Matthew Strother, LaG Daily News
Judy Murphy, Troup County News
Trey Wood, Valley News

Board Member Not Present:

Ken Smith, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Andy Harper, GIS Technician
Scott Turk, Finance Officer / County Clerk
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk
Sonya Conroy, Acct Tech/ Deputy Clerk
Janice Copeland, Admin Clerk
Wanda Bhachech, Human Admin Assistant
Imogene Pannell, Payroll & Benefits Assistant
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
Shane Frailey, Captain
Brandon Johns, Sr Deputy Bldg Official
Sheryl Hicks, Court Administrator
Kay Durand, Executive Director
James Emery, County Engineer

Others Present:

Wayne Bartley, Chair, Board of Assessors
Wanda Scarbrough, Concerned Citizen
Nancy Green, Concerned Citizen
Tommy Callaway, Concerned Citizen
Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Tim Duffey, Concerned Citizen
Ken Ragan, Concerned Citizen
Gerald Sweet, Rezoning Applicant

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Commissioner Buck Davis:

Commissioner Buck Davis 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 Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Recognition of Michael Dobbs - ACCG Distinguished Professional Award

Members of ACCG presented a plaque to County Manager Mike Dobbs in special recognition and dedication of his distinguished services to ACCG and Troup County Government upon his retirement.

Consideration of Providing Building Inspection Services for the City of Hogansville:

County Manager Mike Dobbs stated the City of Hogansville is requesting Building Inspection Services to handle all building inspections and permits for the City of Hogansville. Applicants will come to the Building Inspection office in the Government Service Center. The fees will be paid directly to Troup County. Mr. Dobbs commented Hogansville is an area with considerable growth and would like for this to become effective July 1, 2012. Commissioner English made a motion to approve Building Inspection Services for the City of Hogansville. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Temporary Hiring Freeze of All Departmental Vacancies Now thru September 30th:

County Manager Mike Dobbs discussed temporary hiring freeze of all departmental vacancies now thru September 30, 2012 due to nature of revenues. This will include part time positions also. The freeze is one measure to help save operating costs related to personnel. (As previously discussed this does not pertain to essential personnel). Commissioner English made a motion to approve the temporary freeze of all departmental vacancies thru September 30th. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Reduction of Jury Fees from \$35 to \$25 per day:

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler is requesting to reduce jury fees from \$35 to \$25 per day. Chairman Wolfe questioned the savings. Mr. Tentler responded there would be \$12k to \$18K savings annually. Court Administrator Sheryl Hicks has compared rates to other counties and the current rate is \$25 per day. This will be presented to the grand jury and if approved will become effective January 1, 2013. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the jury fees from \$35 to \$25 per day. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- None.

Rezoning:

County Planner Nancy Seegar reminded the commissioners of the six standards for evaluating rezoning applications.

(Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

**Gerald Sweet - General Commercial to Single Family Medium Density
6.1 Acre Parcel located at 455 Cooley Road - APN-051-4-000-018**

County Planner Nancy Seegar presented the application by Mr. Gerald Sweet to rezone a 6.1 acre parcel located at 455 Cooley Road from General Commercial to Single Family Medium Density. Ms. Seegar stated this rezoning was denied in 2010 for being rezoned mult-family and is now requesting single family medium density. It is consistent with future development map and surrounding properties. Mr. Dobbs commented one house is present and Mr. Sweet plans to build 2 more. Chairman

Wolfe asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or against the rezoning application. A concerned resident, Ms. Denise Stewart opposed the rezoning. Ms. Stewart owns property next to it and is concerned with Mr. Sweet not screening background checks on his tenants and also adding two more homes would create more traffic in her neighborhood. Commissioner Jones questioned the road frontage and the driveway. County Engineer James Emery answered there would be a permit for each driveway and that Mr. Sweet also mentioned plans to tear down the old house and build three new houses. Commissioner Davis made a motion to table it to the next scheduled meeting (June 26th) for some more clarifications. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Other:

(Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

Rishee Investments LLC dba Grasshoppers- Application to Sell Wine & Malt Beverages

Applicant: Nila Vaid

Location: 7095 West Point Road; West Point

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented the application by Nila Vaid of Rishee Investments LLC dba Grasshoppers to Sell Wine & Malt Beverages at 7095 West Point Road, West Point. The application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Donny Turner certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in last five years has been detected. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the application for the wine & malt beverages license. No one responded. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the wine & malt beverage license. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

(Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

MYDGOLF, LLC dba The Fields Golf Club - Application to Sell Wine & Malt Beverages

Applicant: Michael A. Young

Location: 257 S Smith Street

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented the application by Mr. Michael A. Young of MYDGOLF, LLC dba The Fields Golf Club to Sell Wine & Malt Beverages at 257 South Smith Street. The application has been reviewed

and signed by Sheriff Donny Turner certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in last five years has been detected. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the application for the wine & malt beverage license. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the wine & malt beverage license. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

(1st Hearing-No Vote Necessary)

Discussion of Proposed FY13 Troup County Budget

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler presented the proposed FY13 budget which calls for a General Fund budget of \$38,238,809. This includes \$2.2 million in proposed cuts. The county has made several changes to make up an estimated \$2.2 million gap in revenue to expenses for its 2013 fiscal year. Other measures include changes to employee health coverage by raising premiums and deductibles. Also court fines and fees will increase. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the proposed FY budget. No one responded. Since this was the public hearing no action was required at this time. The next meeting on the budget is scheduled for June 26th when it will be considered for adoption.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk

