

MINUTES

"CALLED" MEETING

Troup County Board of Commissioners

June 26, 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
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
Brandon Johns, Sr Deputy Bldg Official

Others Present:

Guy Herring, Concerned Citizen
Mike Freeland, Concerned Citizen
Kathy Golden, Concerned Citizen
Diane Haines, Concerned Citizen
Stacie Haines, Concerned Citizen
Evan Hart, Concerned Citizen
Gerald Sweet, Rezoning Applicant
Carol Walston, Concerned Citizen
W.G. Weathers, Concerned Citizen
Tim Duffey, Concerned Citizen
Jeremy Cobb, Concerned Citizen
A.J. Nelson, Concerned Citizen
Lonnie Thornton, Concerned Citizen
Robert Russell, Concerned Citizen
Tom Alvis, Concerned Citizen
Hazel Thomas, Concerned Citizen
Harvey Kennedy, Concerned Citizen
Connie Little, Concerned Citizen
Phillip Thompson, Concerned Citizen
Larry Smith, Concerned Citizen
Troy Reynolds, Concerned Citizen
Amy Granthom, Concerned Citizen
Glenda Waller, Concerned Citizen

William Henry, Concerned Citizen
Ellen & Bill Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
A.J. Matzick, Concerned Citizen

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Dr. Quincy Brown; Vice-President of Spiritual Life and Church; LaGrange College:

Dr. Quincy Brown of LaGrange College 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 June 12, 2012 called meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

LaGrange High School Robotics Team Demonstration and Recognition (2012-07):

Ms. Julia Porter, Engineering Teacher, recognized her students for their accomplishments of the LaGrange High School Robotics Team. The students demonstrated to the commissioners meeting robots they built for robotics class. The students were: Ryan West, Alex Henry, DeMarcus Turnbough and Trevor Keeble. Chairman Wolfe presented a proclamation to the teachers and students for their outstanding accomplishments and for their efforts to promote the greater Troup County Community through excellence in robotics engineering.

Chip Grant Administration Award:

County Manager Mike Dobbs announced The Chip Grant Administration award was put out for bid and the lowest bid was awarded to DASH for LaGrange. Chairman Ricky Wolfe announced he would abstain from this application since he is the founder of DASH. The amount requested for administration fee: \$3,922 and project delivery fee: \$3k per loan (assuming 6 loans @ maximum funding level, total would be \$18k). Commissioner Davis asked if there was anyone who would like to comment on the Chip Grant Administration Award. No one responded. Commissioner English made a motion to award the low bid to DASH for LaGrange. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Adopting Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and DFIRMS Maps: (2012-07

Senior Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and DFIRMS maps that need to be adopted no later than July 3, 2012. If not approved and signed by the deadline the citizens of Troup County would not be allowed flood insurance. Chairman Wolfe questioned how the citizens could get more educated on this flood insurance. County Planner Nancy Seegar responded through advertisements and letters would be mailed to the citizens. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance with the understanding that the citizens are aware of the changes. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Historical Document Display:

Mr. Tom Alvis presented a list of historical documents that would be donated and displayed at the Government Center. There would be 9 different documents but would like for all to be presented together in one location. The documents are: Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence, Preamble to the Georgia Constitution, Lady Justice, The Magna-Carta, The Mayflower Compact, National Motto, The Star Spangled Banner and The Ten Commandments. Chairman Wolfe questioned the cost for the display. Mr. Alvis stated the documents would be no cost to the

county. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the historical document display. Commissioner English 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. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission (BOZAPC) recommended approval with 6 of 9 members present. Mr. Dobbs commented one house is present and Mr. Sweet plans to build two more if approved. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the rezoning application. No one responded. Commissioner Davis questioned sewage water sitting in the front yard. Mr. Sweet commented he was unaware of any problems. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the rezoning application with condition there are no existing water issues. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Broadway Group LLC-Lakeside Residential to General Commercial
2.91 Acre Parcel Located at 94 Wares Cross Road- APN-063-1-000-007**

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented application of Broadway Group LLC to rezone Lakeside Residential to General Commercial on 2.91 acre parcel located at 94 Wares Cross Road. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the rezoning application. No one responded. Since this was the first hearing no vote was necessary at this time.

**Broadway Group LLC-Lakeside Residential to General Commercial
Parcel Located at 112 Wares Cross Road-APN-063-000-008**

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented application of Broadway Group LLC to rezone Lakeside Residential to General Commercial located at 112 Wares Cross Road. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor or against the rezoning application. No one responded. Since this was the first hearing no vote was necessary at this time.

**Broadway Group LLC-Agricultural Residential to General Commercial
+/-5 Acre Parcel Located at 3836 Greenville Road**

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented application of Broadway Group LLC to rezone Agricultural Residential to General Commercial +/-5 acre parcel located at 3836 Greenville Road for the purpose of a retail discount store. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of the rezoning application. Mr. Jeremy Cobb commented the Mountville area needed a retail store and it would also benefit county for additional revenue. Mr. Joel Barentine presented a petition of names that was in favor. Also present of those in favor: Ms. Connie Little, Mr. Jonathan Longshore, Mr. Lonnie Thornton, Mr. A.J. Nelson and Mr. Troy Reynolds. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in opposition to the rezoning application. Mr. Johnny Dueshene commented he didn't want the extra traffic and would not be in the right place. He also presented a petition with a list of names that are in opposition. Since this was the first hearing no vote was necessary at this time.

SPECIAL USE:

**AT&T- Requests Permit to Construct a 105' Telecommunications Tower
Location: Vernon Ferry Road**

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented a permit request to construct a 105' Telecommunications Tower located at Vernon Ferry Road. The Board of Zoning and Appeals and Planning Commission (BOZAPC) recommended denial because the land is currently pasture and adding one tree to it would appear odd. Chairman questioned if more trees could be

added. Representative from AT&T responded yes they would add as many trees needed. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone would like to speak in favor of or against the telecommunications tower. Mr. A.J. Nelson and Mr. William Henry spoke in favor. Mr. Steve Mobley commented he sent an email to all the commissioners in opposition that the tower would cause interference with his emergency communications on his system that is located on his property. Ms. Cathy Sullivan, Ms. Stacy Haynes, Ms. Betty Bruce, Ms. Isabelle Knight and Ms. Nancy Washington also were opposed to the tower. Since this was the first hearing no vote was necessary at this time.

**AT&T-Requests Permit to Construct a 120' Telecommunications Tower
Location: 3322 Hogansville Road**

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented a permit request to construct a 120' telecommunications tower located at 3322 Hogansville Road. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the telecommunications tower. Mr. Chase Landers commented he was in favor. Since this was the first hearing no vote was necessary at this time.

Other:

Consideration of Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to Delete Flood Hazard Overlay: (2012-08)

Chairman Wolfe presented text amendment to zoning ordinance to delete flood hazard overlay. Chairman Wolfe questioned if this would have any effect on citizens of Troup County. County Planner Nancy Seegar answered none. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the text amendment to zoning ordinance to delete flood hazard overlay. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Resolution Adopting FY13 Troup County Budget: (2012-24)

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler presented the proposed FY13 budget which calls for a General Fund budget of \$38,243,293, as well as other operating and capital improvement funds including the new Employee Benefits Fund and SPLOST IV Fund. 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. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the proposed FY13 budget. No one responded. Chairman Wolfe announced Commissioner Smith was unable to attend but sent a letter that he had reviewed and approved the budget. Commissioner Jones made a motion to adopt the FY13 Troup County Budget. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous. (See attached letter)

New Business:

Consideration of Cancelling June 29th Work Session and Postponing July 3rd Commission Meeting until July 17th:

County Manager Mike Dobbs announced the cancellation of June 29th work session and the July 3rd meeting. The next scheduled work session would be July 13th and regular meeting would be July 17th.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discuss Personnel Matter:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Jones seconded.

MEETING REOPENED:

Following Executive Session, Commissioner Davis made a motion to reconvene in regular public meeting. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session the commissioners discussed a personnel matter. Chairman Wolfe announced Mr. Mike Dobbs is retiring from County Manager July 22, 2012 and Mr. Tod Tentler taking the position as County Manager. This will be voted on July 17th at the next scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk