

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

June 18, 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
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
James Emery, County Engineer
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk
Andy Harper, GIS Technician
Sheryl Hicks, County Administrator
Tiffany Hutchinson, Mental Health Court Coordinator
Jon Whitney, Chief Deputy Sheriff
James Woodruff, Sheriff
Sonya Conroy, Deputy Finance Officer
Dennis Knight, EMA/Fire Training Director

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 Jones made a motion to approve the final agenda and eliminate Item G. under Special Business. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2013 "called" meeting, May 29, 2013 work session and the June 4, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Proclamation for Frank Kirby:

Chairman Wolfe presented a proclamation to Mr. Frank Kirby in special recognition of his distinguished career in public service to the citizens of Troup County Georgia. Mr. Kirby began his career at the Troup County Sheriff's Office in January 1976 as a deputy under then Sheriff Len Bailey, obtaining POST certification as a Law Enforcement Officer and during Sheriff Gene Jones' tenure; he was promoted to Captain of Patrol and later elevated to Major serving as Jail Administrator for 15 years. Mr. Kirby retired as Sheriff Donny Turner's Chief Deputy in September of 2012. The Troup County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and calls upon all citizens to recognize June 18, 2013 as "Frank Kirby Day" in Troup County, Georgia for his 37 years of service.

Consideration of Parks & Recreation Hiring Freeze Request:

Parks & Recreation Director Don Howell is requesting to lift the hiring freeze to hire a tennis assistant at the McCluskey Tennis Center. This position is a budgeted part-time position replacing an employee who has resigned. Commissioner English made a motion to lift the hiring freeze request for Parks & Recreation. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Mental Health Court Grant Award:

Mental Health Coordinator Tiffany Hutchinson presented a grant for FY14 that was awarded to Troup County Adult Mental Health Court in the amount of \$59,256.00. The grant award is effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Mental Health Court Grant. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Felony Drug Court Grant Award:

Felony Adult Drug Court Coordinator Leann Murphy presented a grant that is a reimbursable grant managed by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The amount of the grant is \$187,265.00. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the Felony Drug Court Grant. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Donated Goods and Volunteer Management Plan:

EMA Director Dennis Knight presented a Donated Goods and Volunteer Management Plan. The plan was developed to provide guidelines for the management of donated goods and both spontaneous and organized volunteers during and following a disaster of large scale emergency incident. This plan will become part of the Local Emergency Operations Plan. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Donated Goods and Volunteer Management Plan. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Debris Management Plan:

EMA Director Dennis Knight presented a Debris Management Plan. The Debris Management plan was developed to provide guidelines for the management of debris as results from a large scale wind event such as a tropical storm or tornado. It was developed with assistance from Troup County Roads and Engineering Department and will become part of the Local Emergency Operations Plan. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the Debris Management Plan. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Veterans Village TAD Resolution:

This Veterans Village TAD resolution was eliminated for more information and will be on future agenda.

Consideration of Resolution to Adopt the FY 14 Budget (2013-34):

Finance Director Scott Turk reminded the commission of the budget presentation during the prior meeting. The FY14 Budget includes funds for to catch up on some delayed capital costs, to implement the plan to improve the Convenience Centers, and provide a 2% increase pay-for-performance rise for employees. The FY14 relies on a 0.50 millage rate increase. However, the budget does not include some other needs, most notably a roof replacement for the Sheriff's Office/Jail. Commissioner English made a motion to approve resolution to adopt the FY14 Budget. Commissioner Jones seconded. Commissioners Jones, Foster and English approved, Commissioner Davis opposed adopting the FY14 Budget.

Consideration of Lifting Hiring Freeze to fill Part-time Positions:

County Manager Tod Tentler requested lifting hiring freeze to fill part-time positions that will have to be added to cut part time positions that have 33 hours a week to be cut to 29 hours. Due to new rules being implemented as part of the Affordable Healthcare Act, the county would be required to provide healthcare insurance to part-time employees who work over 29 hours a week on average. Chairman Wolfe commented this is an example of how people are kept in poverty. Chairman Wolfe and Commissioner English requested the County Manager determine the cost of maintaining existing regular part-time employees' total annual wage. Commissioner Jones made a motion to lift hiring freeze to fill part-time positions as required. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into public hearing. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Special Use:

- None.

Rezoning:

(1st Hearing- no vote necessary)

Russell Stapp-Agricultural to Limited Commercial

6.58 +/- Acre parcel located on Harmony Church Road-APN-089-3-000-001

County Engineer James Emery presented the application by Mr. Russell Stapp to rezone a 6.58 +/- acre parcel located on Harmony Church Road from Agricultural to Limited Commercial for boat storage facility. Mr. Stapp spoke in favor of the rezoning. Since this was the first hearing no action was required at this time.

(1st Hearing- no vote necessary)

Neil Liechty-Agricultural to General Commercial

1.06 Acre parcel located on Hamilton Road - APN013-2-000-058

County Engineer James Emery presented the application by Mr. Neil Liechty to rezone a 1.06 Acre parcel located on Hamilton Road from Agricultural to General Commercial. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the rezoning application. Mr. Bobby Yarbrough of 6738 Hamilton Road presented a petition opposing General Commercial to remain Agricultural and Residential. Since this was the first hearing no action was required at this time.

Other- Manufactured Home Placement:

Applicants: Kevin and Kathy Bowen

Location: Long Cane Road- APN-078-1-000-011

County Engineer James Emery presented the application by Kevin and Kathy Bowen for manufactured home placement located on a parcel adjacent to 680 Long Cane Road. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission (BOZAPC) recommended approval with 5 of 7 members present with the condition that the manufactured home placed there meets all appearance standards for single-family dwellings. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the manufactured home placement. No one responded. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Manufactured Home Placement. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

Executive Session to Discuss Board Appointments and Potential Litigation:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Board Appointments and Potential Litigation. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Executive Assistant Valerie West read the slate of appointments to various boards.

Keep Troup Beautiful:

Ms. Carolyn Burke, Mr. John Wiggins and Ms. Earnestine Mitchell would be reappointed to three-year terms expiring 6/30/2016.

Pathways Board:

Mr. Charles Nixon would be appointed to a three-year term expiring 6/30/16.

Region 6 Planning Board:

Mr. Patrick Arrington would be appointed to fill an unexpired three-year term expiring 6/30/14.

Mr. Dave Miller would be appointed to a three-year term expiring 6/30/16.

Tourism Committee:

Ms. JJ Kuerzi would be reappointed to a one-year term expiring 6/30/2014.

Public Facilities Authority:

Mr. Jimmy Matthews would be reappointed to a three-year term ending 5/5/2016.

Chairman Wolfe discussed Potential litigation and presented a letter to the board that was sent by Troup County Republican Party Chairman Mr. Patrick Crews regarding Ms. Ellen Gilmore. Commissioner English made a motion for the County Manager to send a letter to the Board of Elections and Registration asking the board to review the letter and take appropriate action. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G. S. Turk, County Clerk