

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

July 09, 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
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

Board Member Not Present:

Richard English, Vice-Chairman

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Mark DeGenarro, County Attorney
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
James Emery, County Engineer
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk
Andy Harper, GIS Technician
James Woodruff, Sheriff
Sonya Conroy, Deputy Finance Officer

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Dr. Gary Kirkendall:

Dr. Gary Kirkendall of Broad Street Church of Christ 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.

Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Consideration of Tax Commissioner Hiring Freeze Request:

Tax Commissioner Mr. Gary Wood stated one position needed to be filled now to replace an employee that resigned on 6/25/13 and requesting two additional employees due to the return of the delinquent tax collections from the Sheriff's office to the Tax Commissioner's office. The positions are budgeted for FY14 and would be advertised to fill by September 1, 2013 to allow for adequate training. Commissioner Davis made a motion to lift hiring freeze for 3 positions. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Sheriff's Office Hiring Freeze Request:

County Manager Tod Tentler announced the Sheriff's Office is requesting to lift hiring freeze for 2 positions-one deputy sheriff and one detention officer. Commissioner Jones made a motion to lift the hiring freeze request for 2 positions- one deputy sheriff and one detention officer. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Payment for Sheriff's Vehicle:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve payment for Sheriff's vehicle with a condition that General Gund is reimbursed within six months from Confiscated Property "drug" Fund. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

Special Use:

- None.

Rezoning:

(2nd Hearing- vote eligible)

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. Emery stated the total acre parcel is on 7.04 acres. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning application. Mr. Stapp spoke in favor of the rezoning. No one spoke in opposition. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve 7.04 acres from agricultural to limited commercial. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

(2nd Hearing- vote eligible)

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. Niel Liechty spoke on his behalf that he would like to sale it but was unaware of rezoning was agricultural when he tried to sale and would like to sale it for what he has invested in it. Mr. Bobby Yarbrough of 6738 Hamilton Road presented a petition opposing General Commercial to remain Agricultural and Residential. Chairman Wolfe questioned it the rezoning could be rezoned to limited commercial. Mr. Emery answered yes. Chairman Wolfe recommended the rezoning application go before the BOZAPC to recommend rezoning to limited commercial. Commissioner Foster made a motion to send this application e back to BOZAPC. Commissioner Jones seconded. Commissioner Davis opposed. The vote passed 3 to 1. Unanimous.

Other:

(1st Hearing- vote eligible)

Econ Mart- Application for Wine & Malt Beverage License
Applicant: Amy C. Pike
Location: 1990 Lukken Industrial Drive #4; LaGrange

County Engineer James Emery presented the application of Amy Pike of Econ Mart to sell wine & malt beverages located at 1990 Lukken Industrial Drive #4; LaGrange. Ms. Pike's application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Woodruff certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been found. 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 Jones made a motion to Ms. Pike's application to sell wine & malt beverage license. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

(1st hearing-vote eligible)

Gray Hill Trading Post, LHH LLC- Application for Wine & Malt Beverage License

Applicant: Danny Murphy

Location: 3650 Bartley Road; West Point

County Engineer James Emery presented application of Mr. Danny Murphy of Gray Hill Trading Post, LHH LLC to sell wine & malt beverages located at 3650 Bartley Road; West Point. Mr. Murphy's application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Woodruff certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been found. 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 Jones made a motion to approve Mr. Murphy's application to sell wine & malt beverage license. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

(1st Hearing-vote eligible)

Nelkanth Group Inc. (DBA) Vernon Road Food Mart- Application for Wine & Malt Beverage License

Applicant: Kunita Patel

Location: 1806 Vernon Road

County Engineer James Emery presented application of Kunita Patel of Nelkanth Group Inc. (DBA) Vernon Road Food Mart to sell wine & malt beverages located at 1806 Vernon Road. Kunita Patel's application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Woodruff certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been found. 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 Foster made a motion to approve Kunita Patel's application to sell wine & malt beverage license. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

(1st Hearing-vote eligible)

John's Convenience Store-Application for Wine & Malt Beverage License

Applicant: Johnny L. Young

Location: 7701 West Point Road

County Engineer James Emery presented application of Mr. Johnny L. Young of John's Convenience Store to sell wine & malt beverages located at 7701 West Point Road. Mr. Young's application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Woodruff certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been found. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to application. No one responded.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve Mr. Young's application to sell wine & malt beverage. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve application for wine & malt beverage license. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Millage Public Hearing:

Consideration of 2013 (FY14) Millage Rate

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution to provide a Troup County Millage Rate for the 2013 Tax Year for the maintenance and operation of county government, retirement of debt and sanitation service. The proposed increase includes a .175 increase to the base maintenance and operations (M&O) millage, plus .256 mills for debt service and .66 mills for sanitation, a total of .75 mills increase over last year. Mr. Turk commented the average cost to a home with a 100k value would be an additional \$18 to \$20. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the millage rate.

Mr. Tommy Callaway stated that he felt that the county should cut the budgets rather than increase the millage rate.

Ms. Debbie Lester spoke against the millage increase. Ms. Lester stated the county should be able to find alternate ways to make its revenue, or cut expenses. She stated many people in the county have fallen on hard times and suggest the county try some sort of fundraising effort to make up the difference.

The next public hearing is scheduled for this afternoon at 6 p.m. to be held at the Government Center.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matter:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matter. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

MEETING REOPENED:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to reconvene the public meeting. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe noted the commissioners reassembled in public meeting after going into Executive Session. While in Executive Session, the commissioners discussed a personnel matter, specifically appointments to be filled.

Family & Children Services Board of Directors

Ms. Kay Elam was appointed to fill unexpired term, which will end on June 30, 2016.

Ms. Brenda Royster was appointed to a five-year term expiring June 30, 2018.

Keep Troup Beautiful

Ms. Suzette Moore was appointed to a three-year term expiring June 30, 2016.

Ms. Angela Pace was appointed to fill an unexpired term, which will end on June 30, 2014.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the slate of appointments.
Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Also, Election Supervisor was discussed and commissioners are ready to act on it. Commissioner Jones made a motion for County Manager to hire election supervisor. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G. S. Turk, County Clerk