

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

August 17, 2010

Troup County Government Center Building

Troup County Board of Commissioners Chairman Richard Wolfe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Richard Wolfe, Chairman
Ken Smith, Vice-Chairman
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Buck Davis, Commissioner
Richard English, Commissioner

News Media Present:

David Woody, TV 33
Judy Murphy, Troup County News
Joel Martin, LaGrange Daily News
Matthew Strother, Valley News

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager / Parks & Recreation Director
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk
Ray McKenzie, County Attorney
Andy Harper, Zoning Technician
Harold Edmondson, Building & Zoning Official
Ricky Littlefield, Engineering Tech
James Emery, County Engineer
Valerie West, Executive Assistant for Board of Commissioners
Kevin Kinnersley, Civil Engineer
Doug Smith, Road Supervisor
Charles Brock, Construction Foreman
Shane Frailey, Captain

Others Present:

Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Tommy Callaway, Concerned Citizen
Nancy Green, Concerned Citizen

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

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:

Commissioner 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 agenda as presented.
Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Recognition of Parks & Recreation Baseball Teams:

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler and Mr. Kerry Whaley recognized four Dixie Youth all-star teams who won Georgia state championships and advanced to the Dixie Youth Baseball World Series. The 11/12 year-olds were a World Series runner-up, and the 13 year-olds finished fourth. Mr. Tentler gave a special thanks to all the managers, coaches, volunteers and staff for their exemplary leadership and to the young men for their outstanding participation and achievements.

Recognition of Patrick Crews - Citizen Volunteer:

Chairman Richard Wolfe presented Mr. Patrick Crews a Civic Leader Award expressing "grateful appreciation for his generous commitment of time, support and dedicated service to the people of Troup County."

Most recently, Mr. Crews spearheaded the "Troup Together" campaign to inform voters about the July 2010 referendum concerning the local redevelopment powers initiative in Troup County, LaGrange and Hogansville. Through his efforts, the referendum passed in the July primaries, enabling local governments to create tax allocation districts as an incentive for retail and housing development to locate here.

Recognition of Roads & Engineering Department Recent Accomplishments at Pyne Road Park:

County Manager Mike Dobbs recognized County Engineer Mr. James Emery, who took the lead in the project's design and construction of the Pyne

Road Park boat ramp, Project Engineer Mr. Kevin Kinnersley; Road Supervisor Doug Smith; Engineering Technician Mr. Ricky Littlefield and Construction Foreman Charles Brock. The teamwork and ingenuity of those individuals resulted in a record-breaking boat ramp installation at Pyne Road Park last month. Chairman Wolfe commented these five men worked together to accomplish something that had not been done before, here in Troup County or anywhere else. The "mega-ramp" consists of two three-lane sections weighing 324 and 234 tons respectively. Ramps typically are no more than one-third that size. It's believed to have set a world record as the largest boat ramp ever pushed into a body of water. A \$400,000 state grant financed the mega-ramp, a dock for 60 boats, and other lake-related improvements designed to attract fishing tournaments and boost the local economy. Mr. Dobbs also presented a plaque to Mr. Emery for being selected first president of the new South Metro Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Mr. Dobbs stated Mr. Emery continues to represent Troup County as a true professional in his field and deserves special acknowledgement for his abilities and accomplishments as a civil engineer.

Recognition of Individuals Regarding Recent Road Name Changes:

Chairman Richard Wolfe presided over the proceedings to formally name several Troup County roads and recognized families and communities for whom they were named. Roads named for individuals or communities were Robert Hayes Road, Fernwood Drive, Jones Brothers Drive and Pleasant Grove Church Road. Mr. Wolfe stated these roads were being named after families and communities that have made significant contributions in various ways to the county and he was honored to recognize their heritage by the commissioners naming these roads after them. Honored families and communities were feted to a reception following the commissioners meeting.

Board Appointments:

County Manager Mike Dobbs stated this agenda item would be discussed following Executive Session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go out of regular meeting and into public hearings. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Rezoning:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

Other:

Consideration of Resolution to Transmit Comprehensive Plan Update:

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented to the commissioners a resolution to transmit the Comprehensive Plan. After discussion, the commissioners recommended holding two public hearings; one on August 26, 2010, at the Troup County Senior Center at 6 p.m. and the other on August 30, 2010 at the Troup County Government Center at 6 p.m. On August 31, 2010 there will be a called meeting to process the Comprehensive Plan. The plan was adopted as an amendment two years ago and now includes a short-term work program. After the public meetings, the comprehensive plan will be transmitted for review to the Three Rivers Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs before being adopted by the County Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUE / BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

MEETING REOPENED:

At the end of Executive Session, Commissioner English made a motion to reconvene in regular meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Board Appointments:

Chairman Wolfe announced the commissioners had thoroughly reviewed the candidates for board appointments and were prepared to take action.

Executive Assistant Valerie West read the slate of proposed candidates for appointment to the following boards:

Community Action for Improvement:

Ms. Cathy Smith was nominated to fill a vacancy on Community Action for Improvement board.

Troup County Board of Assessors:

Ms. Carol Smith was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Grady Simpson expiring 12/31/2010.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk