

Work Session

Troup County Board of Commissioners

August 17, 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
Ken Smith, Commissioner
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Richard English, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Matthew Strother, LaG Daily News
Trey Wood, Valley News

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Scott Turk, Finance Officer / County Clerk
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk
James Emery, County Engineer
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
Randy Mobley, Deputy
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director

Others Present:

Ellen & Bill Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Nancy Green, Concerned Citizen
Skip Smith, Architect of Smith Design Group, Inc.

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

AGENDA / MINUTES:

Whitfield Road fire station plumbing contract:

Skip Smith, Architect of Smith Design Group, Inc. announced he sent out bid packages for the Whitfield Road fire station and was also advertised on county website. Since it was public, bonds were not in place with some general contractors and bonds were required. Foster Plumbing was awarded the bid of \$34,032. Being part of the LEED project, savings of \$4,240, the plumbing contract was reduced to \$29,792.00.

Hiring freeze policy:

Human Resources Director Valerie Heard commented the county is under hiring freeze until September 30, 2012 and read the changes to the Human Resources policy manual. The purpose of the policy outlines the steps to be followed in filling a vacant position during a hiring freeze.

Commissioner Smith questioned Item C (Criteria for Exceptions) and Chairman Wolfe recommended the policy be more specific under Exceptions-firefighter, deputy instead of law enforcement. County Manager Tod Tentler recommended the changes and a resolution to be in place. Chairman suggested elected official be removed and replaced with constitutional officer.

Fill vacant 911 call-taker position:

E-911 Director Suzy Noles announced 911 has a call-taker position open and is working with a minimum amount of people and is asking to fill a vacancy that was already budgeted.

Budget amendments:

Finance Officer/ County Clerk Scott Turk presented (3) budget amendments that are required to go to Board of Commissioners for approval. (1) Grant to reflect revenues and expenditure account received for DUI Court in the amount of \$3,593. (2) Grant to reflect revenues and expenditure account received for the Felony Drug Court in the amount of \$4,373. (3) Juvenile Court is receiving \$1,000 from AOC to purchase computer and printer.

Monthly financial update:

Finance Officer/ County Clerk Scott Turk presented a summary of the budget. Overall revenues are up and the expenditures are down. Scott spoke of this being election year caused expenses to be up in Elections Department and Information Services is up due to a server being replaced. Scott commented as far as medical claims, he was compiling a report now and would have by next month.

De-annexation of 164 Gabbettville Road:

County Manager Tod Tentler discussed the de-annexation of 164 Gabbettville Road owned by Keith and Kristie Hart. They are requesting to be de-annexed from the City of West Point due to increased property taxes. Present zoning is R1-A Single Family Residential and the requested zoning is Agricultural Residential.

SPLOST update:

County Manager Tod Tentler presented SPLOST update. He commented the SPLOST is on the county website and is updated monthly. County Engineer James Emery spoke of the roads that have been paved and some bridges that

need to be replaced. Chairman Wolfe questioned who was responsible for sidewalks. Mr. Tentler commented the city was responsible for sidewalks as part of their projects. Chairman Wolfe responded he would like for the taxpayers to be able to see on the website what we said and compare to what we have done. Mr. Tentler responded that could be added. Commissioner Jones questioned how this could be available to everybody. Mr. Turk commented the report is on the UGA website, libraries and county website.

Consideration of August 21, 2012 Agenda Items:

Chairman Wolfe discussed the agenda items for August 21, 2012 regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Wolfe made a motion to adjourn.

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk