

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

August 7, 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
Ken Smith, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Matthew Strother, LaG Daily News
Trey Wood, Valley News

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, 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
Brandon Johns, Sr Deputy Bldg Official
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
James Emery, County Engineer

Others Present:

Carol Walston, Concerned Citizen
W.G. Weathers, Special Use Applicant
Mike Waller, Concerned Citizen
Betty Bruce, Concerned Citizen
Steve Mobley, Ham Operator
Ed Burton, Ham Operator
Gary Pike, Ham Operator
Kenneth Prince, Ham Operator
Amy Grantham, Concerned Citizen
Freida Hart, DFCS
Ellen & Bill Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Guy Herring, AT&T

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. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2012 called meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Recognition of Parks & Recreation Baseball teams:

County Manager Tod Tentler and Mr. Kerry Whaley recognized four Dixie Youth all-star teams who won Georgia State Championships.

Recognition of board service- Algie Parker & Gail Hunnicutt:

Chairman Ricky Wolfe recognized Mr. Algie Parker who was known as Coach Parker. Mr. Parker served on board of DFAC for 17 years. Chairman Wolfe also recognized Ms. Gail Hunnicutt who served on the Airport Authority for 20 years.

Resolution to reaffirm the Troup County millage rate, affirm the FY13 Troup County Board of Education millage rate & report the LaGrange Downtown Development Authority Special District millage rate: (2013-05)

County Manager Tod Tentler presented the resolution to reaffirm the Troup County millage rate, affirm the FY13 Troup County Board of Education millage rate set at 18.85 & report the LaGrange Downtown Development Authority Special District millage rate set at 4 mills. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak for or against the resolution. No one responded. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of resolution to approve Callaway South revenue funding bond refinancing: (2013-06)

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution to refinance the Callaway South revenue bond. Mr. Tentler commented the interest rate will drop from 6.11% to 2.6% with a savings of \$895,050 over the next four years. Commissioner English made a motion to approve resolution. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of resolution to approve 2012 CHIP Grant policies, procedures & signature Cards: (2013-07)

Chairman Ricky Wolfe announced he would abstain from this application since he is the founder of DASH. The grant will be used for rehabilitation of homes in the unincorporated county by DASH. County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution to approve 2012 CHIP Grant policies, procedures and signature cards. Vice-Chairman Buck Davis asked if there was anyone who would like to speak for or against the resolution. No one responded. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of replacement for State Court Public Defender:

County Manager Tod Tentler announced Ms. Alisha Scott is leaving the State Court Public Defender's Office on August 15th and the position needs to be filled. This position is only a replacement and not a new hire due to the county hiring freeze. Commissioner Davis made a motion to replace State Court Public Defender. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into public hearings. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Rezoning:

- None.

SPECIAL USE:

(Continued from July 27th - Vote Eligible)

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. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the telecommunications tower. Mr. Steve Mobley, commented the cell phone signal could interfere with his ham radio operations. Former West Point police chief David Kerr, who also is a ham radio operator, commented the services amateur radio operators provide is vital to public safety. Mr. David Dyar, a consultant for the county on cell towers, commented his analysis didn't show a risk of interference with the ham radio operations. Ms. Kim Bucciero, representing AT&T, commented the company would work with Mr. Mobley to clear up any interference problems. Ms. Carol Walston commented there was a community meeting and residents

were very rude to AT&T. Commissioner Jones made a motion to continue the request to see if AT&T could find an alternate site. There was lack of second. Chairman Wolfe again asked for a vote in favor or against. No commissioners responded. Chairman Wolfe called for a show of hands to approve and no hands were raised and then called for a show of hands to deny and only Commissioner Jones raised his hand. After no vote was obtained from a quorum of the commission to take final action, County Attorney Jerry Willis gave the opinion that with no vote on the floor the request died.

(2nd Hearing Vote Eligible)

AT&T-Request a Permit to Construct a 175' Telecommunications Tower
Location: 6042 Hogansville Road

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented a permit request to construct a 175' telecommunications tower located at 6042 Hogansville Road. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the telecommunications tower. A consultant for the county on cell towers, Mr. David Dyar, responded he wanted to confirm the height of the tower. Commissioner English made a motion to continue the request. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

(2nd Hearing - Vote Necessary)

AT&T-Request a Permit to Construct a 195' Telecommunications Tower
Location: Whitfield Road

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented a permit request to construct a 195' telecommunications tower located at Whitfield Road. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the telecommunications tower. No one responded. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Jones seconded Unanimous.

Other:

Consideration of resolution for minor amendments to Comprehensive Plan
Future Development Map: (2013-08)

County Planner Nancy Seegar presented a resolution for minor amendments to Comprehensive Plan Future Development Map. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or against the resolution. No one responded. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

BUJRANG LLC DBA. SER Gas Station- Application to sell wine & malt beverages

Applicant: Suresh M. Patel

Location: 1806 Vernon Road

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented application of Suresh M. Patel to sell wine & malt beverages located at 1806 Vernon Road. The application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Donny Turner certifying a GCIC background check has been completed with no unfavorable findings. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the application to sell wine & malt beverages. No one responded. Commissioner English made a motion to approve. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

New Business:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discuss Personnel Matter:

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

MEETING REOPENED:

Following Executive Session, Commissioner Smith 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 and no action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk

