

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

August 21, 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
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
Suzy Noles, E-911 Director
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director

Others Present:

Greg Oleson, Concerned Citizen
Roy Fowler, Concerned Citizen
Dee Dee Williams, Concerned Citizen
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 Davis made a motion to approve the final agenda. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2012 work session and the August 7, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Consideration of Whitfield Road fire station plumbing contract:

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a plumbing contract for the Whitfield Road fire station. The amount of the bid was \$29,792. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor or against the plumbing contract. No one responded. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the plumbing contract for the Whitfield Road fire station. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of hiring 911 call taker to fill vacancy:

County Manager Tod Tentler announced 911 has a call taker position vacant and needs to be filled due to a call taker resigning last week. To receive the maximum ISO credit, 911 needs to show 6 people available per shift. Without this position 911 would fall below the staffing minimum. Commissioner English made a motion to fill the vacant call taker position. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of budget amendments:

Finance Officer/ County Clerk Scott Turk presented three budget amendments: (1) for grant by DUI Drug Court from the Judicial Council in the amount of \$3,593. (2) For grant received for the Felony Drug Court from the Ga. Judicial Council in the amount of \$4,373. (3) For a new pc and printer for court room from GAAOC in the amount of \$1,000.

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the three budget amendments. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of resolution to approve de-annexation of 164 Old Gabbettville Road: (2013-09)

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution to approve de-annexation of 164 Old Gabbettville Road owned by Keith and Kristie Hart. The zoning district shall be changed from the existing R-1A (Single Family Residential District) in the City of West Point to Single Family Medium

Density (SFMD) in unincorporated Troup County and the Zoning Ordinance of unincorporated Troup County shall govern the property. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve de-annexation of 164 Gabbettville Road.

Commissioner English made a motion to approve resolution. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of resolution to confirm hiring freeze policy: (2013-10)

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution to confirm hiring freeze policy. The policy's stated purpose is to outline the steps to be followed in filling a vacant position during a hiring freeze. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the resolution to confirm hiring freeze policy. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into public hearings. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Rezoning:

- None.

SPECIAL USE:

(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, recommended the tower height to be 175'. Commissioner English made a motion to continue the request. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**J R Singh LLC- Chevron- Application to Sell Wine & Malt Beverages
Applicant: Gulshan Singh
Location: 2255 West Point Road, LaGrange**

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented application of Gulshan Singh to sell wine & malt beverages located at 2255 West Point 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 Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Other:

- None.

New Business:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discuss Potential Litigation:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Commissioner English seconded.

MEETING REOPENED:

Following Executive Session, Commissioner Davis made a motion to reconvene in regular public meeting. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session the commissioners discussed potential litigation. Several weeks ago a telecommunications tower application was denied and attorney announced it was not advised properly and recommended the application be put back on agenda for the next meeting scheduled for September 10, 2012. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve. Commissioner English 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: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk