

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

September 21, 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
James Emery, County Engineer
Valerie West, Executive Assistant for Board of Commissioners

Others Present:

Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Tommy Callaway, Concerned Citizen
Nancy Green, Concerned Citizen
Steve Stark, Concerned Citizen
John Arrington, Concerned Citizen
Mrs. Gerald Sweet, Rezoning Applicant
Carey Bragg, Concerned Citizen
Denise Dixon, Concerned Citizen

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Pastor Chuck Redmond at Sonrise Baptist Church

Pastor Chuck Redmond of Sonrise 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 English made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2010 called meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

(1st Reading-Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

Consideration of Adopting Airport- Air Space Resolution

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented a resolution that would authorize condemnation of airspace around LaGrange-Callaway Airport for a 900 foot extension of the main runway. The airport has been negotiating for airspace easements above 24 parcels. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak for or against the adoption of the airport-air space. Mr. John Arrington, 2639 West Point Road, owns 3.23 acres and stated he was given by the airport and its easement consultant, THC Inc. has different information than the document he was asked to sign. Mr. Arrington is very concerned and wants to protect the value of his property. Mr. Dobbs commented there is a meeting in Atlanta on October 4-5, 2010 and the next scheduled board of commissioners meeting is October 19, 2010. Commissioner Davis stated he would like to see the people informed after the meeting in Atlanta. Commissioner Jones made a motion to continue til the Airport gets back from their meeting. Commissioner Smith requested information on how much the airport brings to the community for the last five years. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

(1st Reading-Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

Consideration of Approval of Proposed Final Engineering Study by Linc Services (Subject to funding availability)

County Manager Mike Dobbs announced the jail is 16 years old and is starting to fail. Linc Service Mechanical explained how their company could help reduce energy and operational cost at the Correctional Institute and Jail. They recommended included replacing old and worn equipment with more energy efficient equipment. The company guarantees Troup County a savings of 20% of their current energy bill. This is subject to the county having available funding. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the proposed final engineering study by Linc Services. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

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:

(1st Reading-No Vote Necessary)

**Gerald Sweet-General Commercial to Multi-Family
6.1 Acre Parcel Fronting at 455 Cooley Road**

Building & Zoning Official Harold Edmondson presented the application of Mr. Gerald Sweet to rezone 6.1 +/- acre parcel located at 455 Cooley Road from General Commercial to Multi-Family for the purpose of constructing at least two four-unit apartment buildings. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of the rezoning. Ms. Sweet spoke in favor of the rezoning, stating she was increasing their investment whether it's a business or apartments. Chairman Wolfe if there was anyone who would like to speak against the rezoning. Ms. Cary Bragg and Ms. Denise Dixon expressed their concerns about the traffic and congestion. They both have seen a lot of accidents at the end of Cooley and South Davis Road. Another resident, Ms. Inez Bryant stated she lives across the street and doesn't want to see apartments built because it's a quiet neighborhood. The next

meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2010. No vote was required at this time.

Subdivisions:

- None.

Other:

(1st Reading- Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

Sue Plymel/ Dollar General Store #9785- Application to Sell Malt Beverages

Location: 9066 Hamilton Road; Pine Mountain

Building & Zoning Official Harold Edmondson presented the application by Ms. Sue Plymel of Dollar General Store #9785 to Sell Malt Beverages at 9066 Hamilton Road, Pine Mountain. Ms. Plymels' application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Donny Turner certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been detected. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the application for the malt beverage license. No one responded. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the malt beverages license. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

(1st Reading- Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

Patti M. Jones/ The Veteran's Club- Application to Sell Wine/ Malt Beverages

Location: 133 American Legion Road; Hogansville

Building & Zoning Official Harold Edmondson presented the application by Ms. Patti Jones of The Veteran's Club to Sell Wine/ Malt Beverages at 133 American Legion Road, Hogansville. Ms. Jones' application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Donny Turner certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been detected. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the application for the wine/ malt beverages. No one responded. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the wine/ malt beverage license. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

(1st Reading- Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary)

Brenda J. Saddler/ Richie's- Application to Sell Wine/ Malt Beverages
Location: 2738 Greenville Road; LaGrange

Building & Zoning Official Harold Edmondson presented the application by Ms. Brenda Saddler of Richie's to Sell Wine/ Malt Beverages at 2738 Greenville Road, LaGrange. Ms. Saddlers' application has been reviewed and signed by Sheriff Donny Turner certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been detected. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the application for the wine/ malt beverage license. No one responded. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the wine/ malt beverage license. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

(1st Reading- No Vote Necessary)

Consideration of Tower Ordinance Revision

Building & Zoning Harold Edmondson commented the revision to the tower ordinance was being updated for text changes and to be in compliance. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the tower ordinance revision. No one responded. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2010 for this matter. No vote was required at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPERTY ACQUISITION, PERSONNEL MATTER/
BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition, personnel matter and board appointment. 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 that no action was taken on land acquisition but the commissioners had thoroughly reviewed the candidates for board appointment and were prepared to take action on West Georgia Health. The commissioners were given a list of three names: Mr. Scott Malone, Dr. John Jackson and Mr. Mike Patton. Commissioner Jones made a motion to vote on the list of names to be submitted to West Georgia Health. Commissioner Smith seconded. Commissioner English then commented that he was against the list for lack of minority. Commissioner Davis agreed. Chairman Wolfe questioned the process of names. The county attorney commented if they didn't approve this list of names, West Georgia would send a second list to be approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk