

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

September 28, 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
Tommy Camp, Troup County News

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
Andy Harper, GIS Technician
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director
Brandon Johns, Sr Deputy Bldg Official
James Emery, County Engineer

Others Present:

Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Greg Oleson, Concerned Citizen
Tommy Callaway, Concerned Citizen

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Reverend Aaron McCollough, Troup County Baptist Association:

Reverend Aaron McCollough of Troup County Baptist Association 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 Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES:

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the final agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Consideration of L.O.S.T. Distribution Intergovernmental Agreement:

County Manager Tod Tentler Wolfe presented the L.O.S.T. Distribution Intergovernmental agreement that requires submission of a new certificate of distribution to the Georgia Department of Revenue in order for the LOST to continue to be collected after January 1, 2013. All parties agree that the proceeds be distributed as follows: Troup County shall receive 45%, City of Hogansville shall receive 5%, City of LaGrange shall receive 45% and City of West Point shall receive 5%. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the L.O.S.T. Distribution Intergovernmental Agreement.

Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of resolution to adopt Annual Capital Improvement Elements CIE update of Troup County Comprehensive Plan: (2013-12)

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution to adopt Annual Capital Improvement Elements CIE update of Troup County Comprehensive Plan.

Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the resolution. No one responded. Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt Annual Capital Improvement Elements CIE update of Troup County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Caterpillar lease:

County Engineer James Emery announced the county's current lease agreement with Caterpillar is expiring and that the county will need to enter into a new equipment lease November 30th. Mr. Emery explained that the county staff has negotiated a new lease agreement with Caterpillar and presented a document outlining the terms of the new lease. The new lease agreement would save the county 134k a year. The county has been paying 317k annually for 14 pieces of equipment, eight for the road department and six for the landfill. The new lease will be an annual cost of 183k.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve a new Caterpillar lease with the terms presented to the Board by the County Engineer and the execution of the contract documents by the Chairman after review and approval of the same by the county manager and the county attorney. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of request to fill seven poll worker positions:

Finance Director Scott Turk requested to fill seven positions of poll workers that will not be running the next election. These positions are already budgeted. Commissioner Davis made a motion to fill seven poll worker positions. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

Rezoning:

- None.

SPECIAL USE:

(2nd hearing- Vote Eligible)

AT&T-Request a Permit to Construct a 195' Telecommunications Tower

Location: 236 New Hutchinson Mill Road; LaGrange

Recommendation: Staff and consultant recommend 157'

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented a special use request to construct a 195' telecommunications tower located at 236 New Hutchinson Mill Road; LaGrange. A consultant for the county on cell towers, Mr. David Dyer, recommended approval from the board of commissioners and asked for the applicant to submit a geotechnical study before a permit could be issued. 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 with recommendations required by Mr. Dyer to approve a permit to construct a 157' telecommunications tower. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

REZONING:

(2nd Hearing- Vote Eligible)

Don Williams/ Vulcan Materials- Small Family Medium Density to General Industrial

82 +/- Acre parcel located on Vulcan Materials Road:

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented application of Don Williams/ Vulcan Materials to rezone Small Family Medium Density to General Industrial on 82 +/- acre parcel located on Vulcan Materials Road to provide additional overburden storage and buffer. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission (BOZAPC) recommended approval of the rezoning. Commissioner Smith expressed citizen concern regarding access to Upper Big Springs Road. Nancy Seegar indicated there are no plans for access. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the rezoning application. At that time, Mr. Russ Berry of Robertson Road indicated concerns of increased traffic and

questioned use. Mrs. Seegar replied that the use is an overburden-storage area for mine waste material. Mr. Don Williams explained further that it will create a berm that will be visible from the road.

Mr. Berry also indicated an issue of visibility of the rezoning signs. County Engineer James Emery indicated the staff is considering changes. Mr. Berry said the single-sided signs would be more visible if they were placed further back from the road.

Mr. Kenneth Funk of 131 Robertson Road asked how can he request speed bumps be installed on Robertson Road to slow traffic. Mr. Funk continued that drivers speed on the road and the road is not patrolled. Mr. Emery offered to meet with Mr. Funk regarding the issue.

Chairman Wolfe called for a motion. Commissioner Buck Davis made a motion to approve with conditions restricting blasting and mining activity on the 82 +/- acres, that the County Engineer monitor the berm for erosion and stability, and that there is no road access from Upper Big Springs Road. Commissioner Richard English seconded. Unanimous.

Other:

- None.

New Business:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discuss Personnel Matter:

Chairman Wolfe called for motion to exit public hearing and return to regular session. Buck Davis moved to exit public hearing and go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Morris Jones seconded. Unanimous.

MEETING REOPENED:

Chairman Wolfe called for a motion to exit executive session and reconvene regular session. So moved by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner English. Unanimous.

Consideration of Appointments to Various Boards & Committees:

Chairman Wolfe explained that board appointments to the new Board of Elections & Registration to be formed January 2013 were discussed during the executive session. Commissioner Richard English moved to appoint Jane McCoy as chair as well as to appoint J.C. Cameron as the second of the County's two appointments. The two will serve three year terms beginning with the first meeting of the Board to be called by Troup County Probate Judge. Commissioner Buck Davis seconded. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk