

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

"Work Session Meeting"

September 13, 2013

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
Richard English, Vice-Chairman
Buck Davis, Commissioner
Claude F. Foster III, Commissioner
Morris Jones, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Matt Strother, LaGrange Daily News

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Mark DeGennaro, County Attorney
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk
James Emery, County Engineer
Jay Anderson, Sr Deputy Building Official
Andy Harper, GIS Technician
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING:

Introduction of Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent, Brian Maddy with Brief Overview of Future Plans for Extension Programming:

Ms. Stephanie Butcher, Interim Troup County Extension Coordinator, introduced Mr. Brian Maddy, Agricultural & Natural Resources Agent, to the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Butcher gave a brief overview of future plans for Extension.

Discuss Purchase of EMC Equipment for Troup County LAN:

Mr. Jason Cadenhead announced the City of LaGrange was able to purchase the EMC to acquire backend computer storage hardware at a discount not available to Troup County. The additional capacity is needed for Courts, Public Safety and Administration Software. The total amount of the EMC equipment is \$63,340.

Capital Improvements Elements Update:

County Planner Nancy Seegar presented a resolution to adopt the Capital Improvements Elements update that is required to maintain eligibility related to the Development of Impact Fee Act.

City of LaGrange Annexation on Whitesville Road:

City Manager, Mr. Tom Hall presented two annexations- one along Whitesville Road and the Ethel Kight School. Whitesville Road has 457.34 acres with 6 businesses. Ethel Kight School has 17.5 acres. The Troup County School System is requesting the annexation because part of the property is in the city and part in the county. With construction of a new elementary school at the location the superintendant requested annexation in order to receive city services, particularly to avoid the water services premium. This property is part of an existing unincorporated island. The annexations will cause a loss of revenue to the County in business licenses and beer and wine license \$2,450.00 annually.

Salem Road Bridge Update:

County Engineer James Emery presented a status update on the DRAFT construction plans for the bridge replacement project at Salem Road over Flat Shoals Creek. Moreland Altobelli proposed identical to designs from the first community meeting that was given two options. The new bridge will have no height restrictions as we do now. The project is ready to go to bid. Chairman Wolfe and Commissioner Jones questioned if another meeting could be held for the community. Mr. Emery responded yes and that bids needed to be soon and could have the two options listed.

Callaway Stadium Parking Lot Light Replacement:

Finance Officer/ County Clerk announced a severe storm damaged the light fixtures and bulbs in the parking lot at Callaway Stadium. Total cost to convert the 60 fixtures and bulbs is \$31,200. Insurance will cover the replacement cost of \$17,700. He proposed the county will cover the out-of-pocket upgrade cost of \$13,500 from SPLOST 4. The energy savings from the LED lights will recover upgrade costs in about 23 months through operating cost savings. Additional savings of

replacement bulbs, ballasts and labor bring total estimated annual savings to \$10,602.

Discuss Grant Award Application from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety:

State Coordinator Sheryl Hicks announced Troup County applied for a grant and was rewarded from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The Grant provides 62% funding requiring 38% local match for DUI/Drug Court Program Enhancement for the period of October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014. This grant is in the amount of \$36,800 and county's match will be \$22,600. This helps pay for the DUI/Drug Court Coordinator position. Ms. Hicks introduced Mr. Barry Davis as the new DUI/Drug Court Coordinator. The match will be funded from the Drug Treatment & Education (DATE) Fund.

Update on State Patrol Building:

County Manager Tod Tentler gave an update that the lawyers are still working on agreement but would like it to be finalized by Tuesday, September 17, 2013. Department of Public Safety is seeking authorization from the State of Georgia to convey the current facility to Troup County by fee simple deed reserving State's ownership of the Radio Tower and Radio Equipment at the current facility as well as easements for the utility access and maintenance.

Update on County Retirement Plan Transition:

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution update on county retirement transition that will take effect December 31, 2013. The new retirement change will only affect employees hired after March 1, 2013. The new retirement plan will be with Charles Schwab Bank (CSB) to serve as a directed trustee. Employees contribute 2% and the county will match 2%.

Annual Audit Contract:

Finance Officer/ County Clerk Scott Turk presented an Agreement with Boatwright CPA for the annual audit contract. The total amount of the audit is \$128,650. The State of Georgia law requires all local governments produce a complete set of financial statements presented in

conformity with general accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted audited standards by a firm licensed certified public accountants. Chairman Wolfe recommended this to be placed for open bids next year.

Consideration of September 17, 2013 Agenda Items:

County Manager Tod Tentler discussed agenda items for September 17, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further matters to discuss, Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk