

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

September 17, 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
Claude F. Foster III, Commissioner
Morris Jones, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Katie Carroll, WJCN
Tommy Camp, Troup County News

Board Member Not Present:

Buck Davis, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director
James Emery, County Engineer
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk
Andy Harper, GIS Technician
Jay Anderson, Senior Building Official
Jerry Heard, Fire Chief
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Reverend Jerome Shipman of New Macedonia Missionary

Baptist Church, LaGrange:

Reverend Jerome Shipman of New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, LaGrange was recognized by Chairman Wolfe and asked to pronounce the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Wolfe 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 Foster made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Recognition of E-911 Employees:

Ms. Suzy Noles, E-911 Director, recognized employees for their outstanding judgment & professionalism. Ms. Nikki Mallory was commended for her composure under intensive pressure aiding law enforcement in solving a crime & recovering stolen property. Answering the phone, Nikki could hear what appeared to be someone yelling in the background, which was a female and a male. The female was concerned because this person was in her residence and the police would be coming in her home. Nikki started putting things together and realized this person in the residence has broken in the business at 301 Mooty Bridge Road. She then advised the LaGrange police dispatcher of what she was hearing. Nikki was able to help officers solve a crime that occurred earlier in the night. On June 2, 2013 at 8:55 p.m. 911 started receiving calls from bystanders that were attending a block party at Calumet Park on Union Street. There were several males carting guns and threatening other males that were in attendance. Calls started coming in that shots were being fired in the area and some had been shot. Total of 47 emergency calls were reporting shots fired, vehicles were damaged by stray bullets and could not get out of area due to so many cars parked around the scene. Ms. Suzy recognized five employees: Ms. Amanda Nichols, Ms. Danielle Howard, Ms. Carrie Nuckolls, Ms. Brittney Koone, and Ms. Nina Glover. Another off-duty dispatcher, Ms. Amy Mains came to pick up some paperwork, immediately got her headset and started helping answer the phone. This was a very dangerous situation for everybody involved that

were dispatched to the scene. 911 dispatchers handled their job very professionally. The shift that was working went above and beyond the job duties to make this call go as smooth as it could.

Fire Department Hiring Freeze Request:

County Manager Tod Tentler announced the retirement of Fire Chief Jerry Heard effective December 31, 2013. Chief Heard thanked the board that granted him the opportunity to excel in the fire service. He wanted to thank all the Commissioners for the great opportunity he was given. Mr. Jerry Heard has served as Chief since 2001. County Manager Tod Tentler commented to Chief he has done a great job for the community and thanked him for his professionalism. Commissioner English commented he's known Chief for 30 years and knew Chief had served in the military for 20 years before coming to Troup County Fire Department.

Commissioner Jones commented he appreciated the job he has done not only as a chief but as a friend. Commissioner Jones also thanked him for his leadership from the time he took over to present time. Chairman Wolfe commented he knew Chief Heard for 8 years and thanked him for staying until the end of the year to help train new Chief. Commissioner Foster who worked as a Troup County firefighter thanked him for his service and complimented him on one of the sharpest dressed people the fire service has ever had.

County Manager Tod Tentler requested lifting hiring freeze to fill the position of Fire Chief. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

EMC Equipment Purchase for Troup County LAN:

County Manager Tod Tentler discussed equipment back-up for computer storage hardware to be able to use contract City of LaGrange had to add our additional equipment for our courts, public safety and administration hardware. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the EMC Equipment purchase for Troup County LAN. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Callaway Stadium Light Replacement:

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve Callaway Stadium Light replacement. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant Award: (2014-07)

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the Governor's office of Highway Safety Grant award. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Resolution to Adopt Annual Capital Improvement Elements CIE Update of Troup County Comprehensive Plan: (2014-08)

Commissioner English made a motion to approve resolution to adopt Annual Capital Improvement Elements CIE Update of Troup County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Memorandum of Understanding-Georgia State Patrol Property Acceptance and Lease:

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding-Georgia Patrol Property Acceptance and Lease. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Resolution appointing Directed Trustee for County Retirement Plan: (2014-09)

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve resolution appointing directed trustee for County Retirement plan. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Annual Audit Contract:

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve annual audit contract. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Postpone 10/1 Board Meeting and Cancel 9/27 Work Session:

County Manager Tod Tentler announced the 9/27 Work Session and 10/1 Board Meeting is canceled due to the commissioners attendance at the annual Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) conference held this year in Athens, Georgia.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Special Use:

- None.

Rezoning:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation, Board Appointments & Personnel Matter:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation, Board Appointments & Personnel Matter. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

a. Potential Litigation: No action taken. Chairman Wolfe announced the commissioners were prepared to take action on board appointments and personnel matter.

b. Personnel Matter: Commissioner Jones submitted three names for the West Georgia Medical Center Board: Mr. Mike Patton, Mr. Bobby Carmichael and Ms. Nancy Durand. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

c. Personnel Matter: Commissioner English made a motion for the County Manager to prepare and execute a contract for the retirement of Chief Heard. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G. S. Turk, County Clerk