

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

October 20, 2009

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, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Ken Smith, Commissioner
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Buck Davis, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Annie McCallum, Columbus
Joel Martin, LaGrange Daily
Matthew Strother, Valley News
Judy Murphy, Troup County News

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Mark DeGennaro, County Attorney
Tod Tentler, Parks & Rec Director/Assistant County Manager
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer/County Clerk
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Markette Baker, Solicitor
Sheryl Hicks, Court Services Director
Shane Frailey, Captain, Sheriff's Office

Others Present:

Jack Baker, Concerned Citizen
James Baker, Proclamation Recipient

OPENING:

Invocation - Reverend Aaron McCollough - Troup Baptist Association:

Reverend Aaron McCollough of Troup Baptist Association 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 amend the agenda to add discussion of HB483. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2009 regular meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Proclamation for James G. Baker PC:

Chairman Ricky Wolfe presented a proclamation to Mr. James G. Baker, PC for his many accomplishments in the legal profession including serving in the capacities of Municipal Court Judge for the cities of LaGrange and Hogansville, Federal Bankruptcy Trustee and Administrator of Wills for Troup and Heard counties. In recognition of his accomplishments, Georgia Trend Magazine named him one of the "Forty under Forty" up and coming professionals for 2009.

Consideration of Inmate Medical Savings Program:

Based on discussions with Mr. Ben Pittarelli of ACCG, County Manager Mike Dobbs recommended Troup County approve the inmate medical savings program agreement. The program as offered by ACCG and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia would be a cost savings measure providing medical network discounts for jail and correctional institute inmates who require hospitalization. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agreement for the inmate medical savings program. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Appointment of Secretary to Board of Equalization:

County Manager Mike Dobbs recommended Ms. Virginia Barnes be appointed as Secretary to the Board of Equalization. Commissioner English made a motion to appoint Ms. Barnes as Secretary to the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

House Bill 483:

County Manager Mike Dobbs discussed HB483 which if passed by the legislature would require counties to provide \$10,000 in homestead exemptions to property owners. The exemptions would be implemented in \$2,000 increments spread out over a 5-year period.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- None.

REZONING:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

SPECIAL USE:

- None.

OTHER:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk