

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

"Work Session Meeting"

October 11, 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
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk
Jay Anderson, Sr Deputy Building Official
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk
Sherry Ratliff, Elections & Registration Director
Don Howell, Parks & Recreation Director
Suzy Noles, E-911 Director

PUBLIC HEARING:

Twin Cedars announcement of Darkness into Light Initiative:

Ms. Kim Adams of Twin Cedars announced the Darkness into Light Initiative to train adults on child sexual abuse. The tipping point is to reach 2500 individuals over the next three years. One out of every 10 children is a victim of child abuse. This initiative is to teach boundaries, how to respond, what to look for in your community and neighborhood. Ms. Adams announced there is a breakfast on October 23rd and encouraged the commissioners to attend.

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Introduction:

Mr. Henry Jacobs, a graduate of LaGrange College, represents Troup and Harris counties, Georgia, and Chambers County, Alabama. Mr. Jacobs spoke of Interface/ Mr. Ray Anderson's vision to protect the Chattahoochee River. Mr. Jacobs is reaching out to the commissioners,

public schools, Hills & Dales to provide rain barrels, being stewards of our water supply.

Request to Create Full Time Court Reporter Position for State Court:

State Court Judge Jeanette Little requested to create a full time position for a court reporter. The full time position would ensure a court reporter be available for all court proceedings without having to reschedule hearings and delay case resolutions, would provide transcripts of criminal proceedings as requested by the court or attorneys, assist the judge with clerical tasks when her secretary is out sick or on vacation, assist the new Drug Lab in observing drug screens and assisting with clerical duties in the Court Services Department.

Boyd Park Update:

Mr. Skip Smith of Smith Design Group presented a Power point presentation of the Boyd Park Project update plans for the new Boyd Park Amphitheater. The bidding process will begin in November and have prices back in December. Mr. Smith also indicated that a parking study showed a sufficient number of after hour parking spaces available throughout downtown LaGrange. The project is funded with SPLOST and private contributions.

Parks & Recreation Hiring Freeze Request:

Parks & Recreation Director Don Howell asked for the hiring freeze to be lifted to hire a Parks Maintenance Crew Leader to replace an employee who resigned. This position is in charge of all maintenance on parks and is in charge of all grass cutting, fertilization, irrigation and maintenance of the parks. This is a budgeted position.

E-911 Hiring Freeze Request:

E-911 Director Suzy Noles requested to lift hiring freeze to replace employee that resigned. This is a budgeted position.

Board of Elections Request to Change Part-time Position to Full-time:

Elections and Registration Director Sherry Ratliff is requesting to change part-time clerk position to full time clerk. The office is working with half the staff as previous elections, when staff from the

Probate Court worked on elections. Under the change the employee will get \$10.78 per hour, which is a \$1.10 per hour raise and option for health benefits. Ms. Ratliff said the cost would be an additional \$13,161.33 for the current year and \$19,742.01 for subsequent years.

Annexation of Property at Whitesville Road and Pegasus Parkway:

Planning Director Nancy Seegar presented a resolution for annexation of approximately 450 acres located at the intersection of Whitesville Road and Pegasus Parkway. Based on the GIS information, on the 13 parcels was bisected by the interstate leaving an approximately 4-acre piece of the property on the south side of the interstate. Because a portion of parcel 059-1-000-033 will be annexed into the city, the city needs the county's approval pursuant to O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-36-20(b).

Annexation of Property on Hammett Road:

County Planner Nancy Seegar announced the annexation of property on 306 Hammett Road for information purposes only. Commissioner Davis questioned the reason for the annexation. Ms. Seegar responded a letter was presented to City of Lagrange after discussion with Council Member Bobby Traylor by Ms. Debbie Redden.

Consideration of October 15, 2013 Agenda Items:

County Manager Tod Tentler discussed agenda items for October 15, 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