

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**October 18, 2011**

**Troup County Government Center Building**

Troup County Board of Commissioners Chairman Richard Wolfe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Richard Wolfe, Chairman  
Morris Jones, Vice-Chairman  
Richard English, Commissioner  
Ken Smith, Commissioner  
Buck Davis, Commissioner

**News Media Present:**

Matthew Strother, Valley News  
Matt Chambers, LaGrange Daily News  
Tommy Camp, Troup County News

**Staff Present:**

Mike Dobbs, County Manager  
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager  
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk  
Jerry Willis, County Attorney  
Scott Turk, Special Projects Administrator  
Kerry Whaley, Recreation Athletic Specialist  
Jim McLaughlin, Code Enforcement Office  
Shane Frailey, Captain, Sheriff's Office  
Dan Smith, Asst Chief Appraiser, Property Appraisal Office  
Jerry Heard, Fire Chief  
Kay Durand, Executive Director, Center for Strategic Planning  
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk  
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director  
Harold Edmondson, Senior Deputy Bldg Official  
Valerie West, Executive Assistant  
James Emery, County Engineer  
Kevin Kinnersley, Civil Engineer  
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director

**Others Present:**

Tim Duffey, Concerned Citizen  
Roy Fowler, Concerned Citizen  
Lewis Davis, Concerned Citizen  
Dick Timmerberg, Executive Director, West Point Lake Coalition  
Roy Spinks, Concerned Citizen  
Joe and Betty Fagundes, Proclamation Recipients  
Gayle Hunnicutt, Concerned Citizen

**OPENING:**

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

**Invocation - Commissioner Buck Davis:**

Commissioner Buck Davis 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 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 20, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- None.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**Recognition of Youth Baseball Teams:**

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler and Mr. Kerry Whaley recognized three Dixie Youth all-star teams. The 9-10 year olds were state runner-up. The 11-12 year-olds were World Series champs for 2011. Mr. Tentler gave a special thanks to all the managers, coaches, parents and volunteers and to the young men for their achievements.

**Recognition of Joe Fagundes (Proclamation 2012-01):**

Chairman Ricky Wolfe presented a proclamation to Captain Joe Fagundes to recognize his receiving the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award from the Federal Aviation Authority. Captain Fagundes began his career as a pilot in the United States Navy, serving from 1961-1966 earning his Aviator Wings on November 16, 1962. He then served thirty-three years with Delta Airlines as a pilot and instructor on various aircraft. He was recognized for demonstrating professionalism, skill and aviation expertise by maintaining safe operations for more than 50 years. Captain Fagundes has been supported by his co-pilot in life and wife of forty-nine years Betty Fagundes with whom he raised 3 sons. Therefore, in recognition of his accomplishments, the Troup County Board of

Commissioners has proclaimed October 18, 2011 as "Captain Joe Fagundes Day" in Troup County.

**SOBA Award for Pyne Road Park Mega Boat Ramp:**

Chairman Wolfe presented a SOBA Award for the construction of the Pyne Road Park Mega Boat Ramp to Mr. James Emery and Mr. Kevin Kinnersly.

**West Point Lake Update:**

Mr. Dick Timmerberg gave an update on the status of the water-level at West Point Lake. He stated that Georgia and Troup County are in what is classified by the National Drought Mitigation Center as an extreme drought condition, causing a shortage of water in the lake. The lack of rain has played a large part on the lake's water-level, but it's not the only factor. He commented that the Army Corps of Engineers' programmed release of water from the lake has also been responsible. Mr. Timmerberg reported the water in West Point Lake was currently at 623.76 feet mean sea level, which was 11.24 feet below its normal summer level. West Point Lake Coalition members are continuing to meet with corps officials and lawmakers to address the lake's issues.

**Consideration of Disaster Mitigation Plan:**

Emergency Management Director Dennis Knight presented a grant for a disaster mitigation plan. The grant was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and will be used to update the Troup County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The total grant award is for \$28K with a federal share of \$21K and a local match of \$7K. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the grant for the disaster mitigation plan. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Resolution for Recreational Trails Grant (2012-09):**

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution for \$100K Recreational Trails Grant from Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The Recreational Trail Grant will include parking, a pavilion and 4.3 miles of recreational trails. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the recreational trails grant. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Resolution to Amend Human Resources Policy Relating to ADA Public Notice and Grievance Procedure (2012-10):**

Human Resources Director Valerie Heard presented a resolution to amend Human Resources policy that relates to ADA Public Notice and Grievance Procedure. This will allow the ADA Public Notice to be posted on the county website. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the amendment to Human Resources Policy relating to ADA Public Notice and Grievance Procedure. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Amendment to TAD Intergovernmental Agreement:**

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented an amendment to TAD Intergovernmental Agreement of December 14, 2010. The amendment calls for an extension of the agreement until December 31, 2012. The amendment must also be approved by City of LaGrange and Troup County Board of Education. Commissioner Jones made a motion for amendment to TAD Intergovernmental Agreement. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding in Support for KIA Supplier "Mando America Corporation" to be Located in the Meriwether County Industrial Park:**

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented a Memorandum of Understanding in support of KIA Supplier "Mando America Corporation" to be located in the Meriwether County Industrial Park bordering on Troup County. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding for Kia Supplier "Mando America Corporation". Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into public hearings. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

**Rezoning:**

- None.

**Other:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary**

**Consideration of Amendment to Code of Ordinance Related to Road Naming Procedure (2012-03):**

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented an amendment to the code of ordinance related to road naming procedure. The ordinance will allow existing names of roads be changed by the Commissioners upon review and recommendation of the county mapper and the county E-911 director. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or against the ordinance amendment. No one responded. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary**

**Consideration of Amendment to Troup County Environment Ordinance:**

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented an amendment to the Troup County Environment Ordinance. The ordinance will provide assistance to county enforcement efforts to deal with nuisance conditions on properties in unincorporated Troup County and to provide a mechanism through a foreclosure registry to identify properties that are at risk. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or against the amendment to the ordinance. No one responded. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the amendment to the Troup County Environment Ordinance. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**Subdivisions:**

- None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTER:**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**MEETING REOPENED:**

Following Executive Session, Commissioner English made a motion to go back into public meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session, the commissioners discussed a personnel matter/board appointments and was prepared to take action. Executive Assistant Valerie West read the proposed slate of candidates:

Historic Preservation Committee:

Incumbent Gordon M. "Skip" Smith Jr.'s three-year term expired 9/30/2011 and he wishes to be re-appointed. The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint Mr. Smith to a three-year term expiring 9/30/2014.

Keep Troup Beautiful:

Ms. Jackie Williams was nominated to fill a vacancy on Keep Troup Beautiful. Her three-year term would expire 6/30/2014. Ms. Laura Breedlove was nominated to fill a vacancy of an unexpired term expiring 6/30/2012. The consensus of the commissioners was to appoint Ms. Williams and Ms. Breedlove to the terms listed above.

Two Rivers RC&D Council:

This board has two incumbents, Mr. Richard English, Jr. and alternate Mr. Buck Davis whose one-year terms expired 9/30/2011. The consensus of the commissioners was to re-appoint Mr. English and Mr. Davis (alternate) to one-year terms expiring 9/30/2012.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the appointment/reappointment of the entire slate of candidates listed above. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk