

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

"Work Session Meeting"

November 01, 2013

Troup County Government Center

Troup County Board of Commissioners Chairman Richard Wolfe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Davis led the group in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Board Members Present:

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

News Media Present:

Matt Strother, LaGrange Daily News
Tommy Camp, Troup County News

Board Members Not Present:

Morris Jones, Commissioner

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
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING:

SBA Communications Corporation Cell Tower:

County Manger Tod Tentler discussed the SBA Communications Corporation cell tower lease. The proposed lease agreement is for 99 years for a total one time payment of \$82,500. The county is currently receiving \$500 monthly for the property. Commissioner Foster wished to add a condition to approve the move providing the county was allowed to co-locate its equipment on the tower.

Status Update on Weekend Landfill Operations:

County Engineer James Emery presented an update on weekend landfill operations. Moving forward, the county is planning to phase-out the practice of allowing dumping at the landfill gate after hours. Full implementation will begin January 1, 2014. The landfill hours will

remain unchanged with no hours on Saturdays. All other convenience centers are open on Saturdays including Knott Road, Cattlebarn, TCCI and LaGrange/Troup County Recycling Center.

Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance Amendments:

Sr Deputy Building Official Jay Anderson presented an ordinance amendment to Chapter 6- of the Zoning Ordinance, and Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance to include farm wineries and to update other parts to reflect changes in procedures for quicker permit processing.

Tobacco Free Troup County Facilities:

Divisions Director Dexter Wells proposed a change in the workplace Safety and Health policy to ban tobacco products from being used on county property and county vehicles. The amendment to county policy would make county buildings tobacco-free. The CDC and American Lung Association estimated an increase cost of about \$5,324 per employee in health care cost, additional breaks and absenteeism for tobacco users. The resolution was drafted by a panel of seven people: 3 smokers, 3 non-smokers and Mr. Wells, a smokeless tobacco user. The plan would allow employees temporary free access to a smoking cessation program as they chose to take it. Estimated cost of medication for program is about \$5k to \$10K over eight months but will see an estimated savings if 10% of county employees quit tobacco to be \$176k annually.

1st Quarter FY14 Financials:

Finance Officer/ Deputy Clerk Scott Turk presented the 1st Quarter financials for FY14. Mr. Turk stated that the majority of revenues for the County are coming in as expected, and on target for budget. That sales tax revenue is on budget, however revenue for LOST and SPLOST were diverted to TATV, Energy Excise and to a lesser degree abated by the State's GATE exemptions. The second quarter will show property tax revenue, the county's single largest source of income.

Consideration of November 5, 2013 Agenda Items:

County Manager Tod Tentler discussed agenda items for November 5, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further matters to discuss, Chairman Wolfe made a motion to adjourn.

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk