

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

November 5, 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, west Point News
Tommy Camp, Troup County News
Nick Spradlin, WJCN

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Mark DeGennaro, 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 Deputy Official
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
Carrie Brkich, Director of Workforce Development

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Commissioner Davis, LaGrange:

Commissioner 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 Jones made a motion to approve the final agenda.

Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2013 work session and October 15, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Troup Trained Update:

Director of Workforce Development, Ms. Carrie Brkich presented a power-point for Troup Trained update. The goal and mission is to create maximum number of jobs. The reason was June 2009 the unemployment rate was up to 14% and as of August 2013 the unemployment rate is down to 9.1% in Troup County. This initiative is free to job seekers with an increase of 430 registered. There is an increase of 212 registered employers. There was a class that just graduated. 22 employees were recognized from Troup Trained and there were 32 graduates, more than 75% of the graduates are employed. Troup Trained is a 7 week training program. The program focuses on soft skill development, how to deal with people problem solving and how to prepare for work life issues. The class is Monday through Friday, 8 hrs/40 hrs a week and are only allowed to miss one class. Computer training, Microsoft Office and Excel, resume writing and training for interviews. Chairman Wolfe questioned how the general public would know about the program. Ms. Brkich responded from word of mouth, from employers, posted on Troup County Website, The Department of Labor, video on LGTV, and flyers are mailed out. The next class is scheduled to start in January 2014.

Consideration of Lease Agreement with SBA Towers II LLC:

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a lease agreement with SBA Towers with SBA Towers II LLC. The tower is on .07 acres located behind fire station at Abbottsford. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approval to amend the lease pending approval by SBA Towers II LLC to allow county to co-locate on tower. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Resolution and Amendment to County Policy designating Troup County Facilities as Tobacco Free:

Divisions Director Dexter Wells presented a resolution and amendment to County Policy designating Troup County Facilities as Tobacco free. Help is available to all employees that are tobacco users starting January 1-June 30th. Commissioner Foster commented he would like to be a part of the meetings even though he is a non-smoker, he would like to know the pros and cons with the employees. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the resolution and amendment to County policy designating Troup County Facilities as tobacco free. Commissioner Jones seconded.

Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into public hearing.

Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Rezoning:

(2nd Reading-Vote Eligible)

Walter Budjinski- Single-Family Medium Density to General Industrial 8.4 Acre Parcel Fronting on Hogansville Road:

Sr Building Deputy Official Jay Anderson presented the application to of Walter Budjinski of 6572 Hogansville Road to rezone property from Single-Family Medium Density to General Industrial. The (BOZAPC) Board of Zoning and Planning Commission recommended approval of 7-1 vote with 8 of 9 members present. The purpose is to expand existing business car sales and repair. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. No one responded. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the rezoning application. Commissioner English seconded.

Special Use:

(2nd Reading-Vote Eligible)

Walter Budjinski Request to Open a Salvage Yard on Hogansville Road:

Sr Building Deputy Official Jay Anderson presented a special use application of Walter Budjinski of 6572 Hogansville Road to open a salvage yard. The (BOZPAC) Board of Zoning Planning and Commissioner recommended approval of 7-1 vote with 8 of 9 members present. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. No one responded. Commissioner English

made a motion to approve the special use request to open a salvage yard. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Other:

(1st Reading-Vote Eligible)

Consideration of Amendment to Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance:

Sr Building Deputy Official Jay Anderson presented an ordinance to amend alcoholic beverages to streamline the process to have businesses up and running quickly. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the alcoholic beverage ordinance. No one responded. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matter-Board Appointments, Potential Litigation and a Personnel Matter:

Commissioner English made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Board Appointments. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

MEETING REOPENED:

Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session they discussed potential litigation and no action was taken at this time. The commissioners also discussed a personnel matter and no action was taken at this time. Commissioner Davis made a motion to reconvene in public meeting. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

Executive Assistant Valerie West read the slate of appointments.

Historic Preservation Commission

Ms. Melanie Reams would be reappointed to fill a three-year term expiring 9/30/2016.

Three Rivers RC&D Council

This board has two incumbents, Mr. Richard English and alternate Mr. Buck Davis whose one-year term expires 9/30/2013. Commissioner Buck

Davis wishes not to be reappointed. The commissioners reappointed Mr. Richard English to fill a one-year term expiring 9/30/2014 and appointed Mr. Tripp Foster as an alternate to a one-year term expiring 9/30/14. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the slate of appointments. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Davis made a motion to exit Public Hearing and to adjourn. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G. S. Turk, County Clerk