

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

November 15, 2011

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
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
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Harold Edmondson, Senior Deputy Bldg Official
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Andy Harper, GIS Technician
Sonya Conroy, Acct Tech/ Deputy Clerk

Others Present:

Zach Johnston, Providence Real Estate Consulting/ AT&T
Steve Stark, Concerned Citizen
Linda Hanson, Concerned Citizen
Ken Ragan, Concerned Citizen
Tommy Callaway, Concerned Citizen
Mike & Glenda Waller, Concerned Citizens
Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Nancy Green, Concerned Citizen

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

Invocation - Reverend Michael Reeves - Teaver Road Baptist Church:

Reverend Michael Reeves of Teaver Road Baptist Church 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 English made a motion to approve the final agenda.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Proclamation Honoring Phil Williamson: (2012-02)

Chairman Wolfe presented a proclamation to Mr. Phil Williamson. Mr. Williamson has been a distinguished educator and citizen of Troup County for over 50 years. He is a 1952 graduate of Tallassee High School in Alabama and holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Troy University, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from LaGrange College. He was instrumental in the creation of the Great South Athletic Conference, of which LaGrange was a charter member and in which he serves as commissioner and has served as vice president of that group and honored with "Athletic Director of the Year" award. Therefore the Troup County Board of Commissioners recognized the contributions of Mr. Williamson as a member of the LaGrange College family and called upon all citizens to congratulate him on his retirement and for the many jobs well done. Furthermore, it was proclaimed that November 15, 2011 be recognized as "Phil Williamson Day" in Troup County, Georgia.

Proclamation Recognizing Jane Fryer: (2012-03)

Chairman Wolfe presented a proclamation to Ms. Jane Fryer. As an outstanding citizen of Troup County, Georgia, she has spent her life promoting the economic development of our community; and with her firm foundation of common sense wisdom has tirelessly led the growth and prosperity of Troup County for many years as President of the LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce. During her tenure, Ms. Fryer was

instrumental in attracting hundreds of businesses to Troup County including Exxon Mobile, Caterpillar, Duracell, Sewon America and KIA. The Troup County Board of Commissioners congratulated Ms. Fryer on her recent appointment as Executive Director of the Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority and applauded her generous spirit and "can do" attitude in accepting this new challenge and wished her great success in her new endeavor.

Employee Service Awards for 3rd Quarter 2011:

Chairman Wolfe recognized the following individuals during the employee service award ceremony:

- Thirty-Five Years of Service

Assistant Recreation Director Don Howell, Parks & Recreation

- Thirty Years of Service

*Firefighter/Paramedic Bruce Stevens, Fire Department

- Twenty-Five Years of Service

Administrative Assistant Nannette Jones, Correctional Institute

- Twenty Years of Service

Correctional Captain Roger Hardnett, Correctional Institute

Court Services Director Sheryl Hicks, Court Services

- Fifteen Years of Service

Administrative Clerk Elaine Hiatt, Parks & Recreation

Rec Athletic/Program Specialist Kerry Whaley, Parks & Recreation

Captain William Hadley, Sheriff's Office

Deputy Sheriff Charles Phillips, Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Clerk Sherry Welborn, Clerk of Court Office

Extension Secretary Shirley Gilliam, Extension Service

Administrative Secretary Nancy McCormick, Property Appraisal

- Ten Years of Service

Rec Athletic/Program Specialist Regina Dukes, Parks & Recreation

Park Maintenance Crew Leader James Johnson, Parks & Recreation

*Warden Dexter Wells, Correctional Institute

Correctional Lieutenant Brian Shirey, Correctional Institute

Business Administrator LaSonya Bell, Jail

Administrative Assistant Rebecca Lacy, Court Services

Deputy Clerk Regina Hadaway, Clerk of Court Office

- Five Years of Service

Detention Training Officer Bradley Farr, Jail

*Administrative Clerk Diana Cofield, Voter Registration

*Assistant Solicitor General Julian Mack, Solicitor's Office

Chairman Wolfe thanked the honorees for their years of dedicated service to Troup County.

* Indicates employees unable to attend the service awards ceremony.

Consideration of Agreement for LaGrange-Callaway Airport:

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented the LaGrange-Callaway Airport agreement between Troup County and GDOT to comply with terms and conditions of Phase I Land and Easement Acquisition to protect runway 13/31 approaches. Mr. Dobbs requested the commissioners approve the agreement contingent upon legal review by the attorney for the LaGrange-Callaway Airport Authority. Chairman Wolfe asked if the airport authority attorney had reviewed the agreement. Mr. Dobbs indicated the airport authority attorney had not yet reviewed the agreement. Commissioner Smith made a motion to continue the matter pending legal review. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into public hearings.

Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

Special Use:

Applicant: Zach Johnston - Agent for AT&T
Construction of a 120' AT&T Telecommunications Tower
Location: 7095 West Point Road, West Point, GA

Senior Deputy Building Official Harold Edmondson presented a special use request for the construction of a 120' AT&T telecommunications tower to be located at 7095 West Point Road, West Point, Georgia. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the

telecommunications tower. One citizen was in favor and asked if an emergency warning siren could be placed on the tower. Chairman Wolfe thanked the citizen for his suggestion and indicated the county would look into the matter. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the telecommunications tower. No one responded. Mr. Edmondson indicated that the consultant/agent for AT&T, Mr. Zach Johnston, was present and would answer any questions. Mr. Johnston commented that AT&T will work with surrounding communities to fit the needs of the county. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the construction of a 120' AT&T telecommunications tower. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Rezoning:

- None.

Other:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Davis made a motion to go out of public hearings, go back into regular meeting, and adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk