

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

December 7, 2010

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

News Media Present:

David Woody, TV 33
Judy Murphy, Troup County News
Joel Martin, LaGrange Daily
Matthew Strother, Valley News

Staff Present:

Mike Dobbs, County Manager
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager / Parks & Recreation Director
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Andy Harper, Zoning Technician
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
James Emery, County Engineer
Harold Edmondson, Senior Deputy Bldg Official
Dexter Wells, Warden

Others Present:

Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens
Nancy Green, Concerned Citizen
Glenda Waller, Concerned Citizen
Mike Waller, Concerned Citizen
Robb Nichols, Congressman Lynn Westmoreland's Staffn

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 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 agenda as presented.

Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Employee Service Awards for 2nd Quarter 2010:

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

- Twenty-Five years of Service

Captain Early Harris, Fire Department
Sergeant Mark Chaney, Sheriff's Office
Admin Clerk/Elections Asst Elaine Barintine, Probate Court

- Twenty Years of Service

Communications Officer Cheryl Booker, E-911

- Fifteen Years of Service

* Detention Officer Gwendolyn Stephens, Jail
Purchasing Director Diana Evans, Purchasing

- Ten Years of Service

Senior Communications Officer Debra Hixson, E-911
Deputy Sheriff Michael Stewart, Sheriff's Office
Firefighter Justin Fambro, Fire Department
GIS Technician Andrew Harper, GIS/Special Projects
Parks Maintenance Crew Leader Tony Freeman, Parks & Recreation
Coroner Jeffrey Cook, Coroner's Office

- Five Years of Service

Deputy Sheriff Phillip Johnson, Sheriff's Office
* Lieutenant Robert Stogner, Jail
Firefighter/ EMT Willie Henderson, Jr., Fire Department
Correctional Officer Gregg Luescher, Correctional Institute
Project Construction Foreman Eldon Ferguson, Correctional Institute
* Correctional Officer Antonio Esparza, Correctional Institute
* Acting Sergeant David Patton, Sheriff's Office
Parks Maintenance Worker Larry Wright, Parks & Recreation
* Firefighter Marcus Mains, Fire Department
Deputy Sheriff Michael Worthy, Sheriff'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 Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Secretary of State for Election Equipment:

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented the amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Secretary of State for Election Equipment. The agreement covers the use and care of bar code scanners on loan to counties from the Secretary of State for use in elections. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the amendment to the agreement.

Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of TAG Contract:

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented a \$17,500 contract for services from TAG (Troup Alive & Green), which promotes and develops anti-littering, recycling, and beautification programs in Troup County.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the TAG contract.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Declaration of Surplus Property from Former 911 Center to be sold on GovDeals.com:

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented a list of surplus property from former 911 Center to be sold on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the list. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Troup County to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of LaGrange and Troup County Board of Education for the Redevelopment (TAD) Project Reviewed at the November 12th Board Work Session (2011-10):

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented a resolution authorizing Troup County to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of LaGrange and Troup County Board of Education for the redevelopment TAD project. This agreement will designate as a tax allocation district a 370-acre commercial and residential project along Interstate 85 between Hamilton and Whitesville Roads. The local governments would continue to receive current property tax revenues, but additional property tax revenues generated by the project would pay off long-term bonds used for infrastructure costs. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve

the intergovernmental agreement. Commissioner Jones seconded.

Unanimous.

Consideration of Outdoor Watering Standards in Times of Extreme Drought (2011-03)

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented an ordinance for outdoor watering in times of extreme drought. This ordinance amends Chapter 34 of the Troup County Code to provide standards for outdoor watering during times of extreme drought and to repeal conflicting ordinances and resolutions. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Consideration of West Point Gym Mechanical Boiler Replacement:

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler presented the request for funds to replace the West Point gym mechanical boiler. He requested up to \$24,700 from fund balance to cover the cost. Commissioner Smith made a motion to come from fund balance to cover the boiler cost. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go out of regular meeting and into public hearings. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Special Use:

- None.

Rezoning:

- None.

Subdivisions:

- None.

Other:

1st Reading - Board of Commissioners Vote Necessary

**Willowood Grocery Store- Application to Sell Wine & Malt Beverages:
Location: 547 Willowood Road, LaGrange
Applicant: Chander Prabha**

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented the application by Mr. Chander Prabha of Willowood Grocery Store to sell wine & malt beverages at 547 Willowood Road, LaGrange. The application has been reviewed and signed

by Sheriff Donny Turner certifying a GCIC background check has been completed and no criminal activity in the last five years has been noted. Chairman Wolfe asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or against the malt beverage license. Mr. Chander Prabha, the wine and malt beverage license applicant, spoke in favor of the request for approval. No one spoke in opposition to the application. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the wine and malt beverage license. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go out of public hearings and back into regular meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPERTY ACQUISITION:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

MEETING REOPENED:

At the end of the Executive Session, Commissioner English made a motion to reconvene in regular meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded.

Unanimous. Chairman Wolfe announced that property acquisition was discussed and the board was prepared to take action. The commissioners approved expanding the landfill by acquiring 17.867 acres now for \$294,085 and another 50 acres for \$825,000 with payments spread over five years. Commissioner Jones abstained from voting. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the property acquisition of 17.867 acres for \$294,805. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

Commissioner English made a motion to approve the property acquisition of 50 acres for \$825,000. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk