

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**December 20, 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:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Mike Dobbs, County Manager  
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager  
Mark DeGennaro, County Attorney  
Cheryl May, Accounting Clerk  
Harold Edmondson, Senior Deputy Bldg Official  
Valerie West, Executive Assistant  
Andy Harper, GIS Technician  
James Emery, County Engineer  
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer/ County Clerk  
Don Howell, Assistant Recreation Director

**Others Present:**

Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens  
Mike Freeland, Concerned Citizen  
Tommy Callaway, Concerned Citizen  
Velna Smith, Concerned Citizen  
Nancy Green, Concerned Citizen  
Members of the Elms & Roses Garden Club Council, Proclamation Recipients  
Tony Williamson & Family, Proclamation Recipient  
Zelda Jones, Concerned Citizen

**OPENING:**

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

**Invocation - Dr. Douglas DeCelle - Pastor of First Presbyterian Church:**

Dr. Douglas DeCelle, Pastor of First Presbyterian 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 Davis 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 December 6, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- None.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**Elms & Roses Garden Club Council Proclamation:**

Chairman Wolfe presented a proclamation to members of the Elms & Roses Garden Club Council. The members of the Iris, Ivey, Pine Needle, Talisman and Wisteria Garden Clubs joined together to form the Elms & Roses Garden Club Council in 1953 and have worked diligently on numerous civic projects including the Hydrangea Festival and supporting urban green space by planting trees in public areas. The Elms & Roses Garden Club Council membership has generously contributed to such landscape beautification programs including those at the Mike Daniel Recreation Center, Troup County Government Center and the Confederate Cemetery by donating hundreds of daffodil bulbs for the Daffodil Project. Therefore, Troup County Board of Commissioners recognized the Elms & Roses Garden Club Council in gratitude for its outstanding dedication, leadership by example spirit, and for inspiring others to volunteer their time and expertise in service to the community.

**Proclamation Honoring Tony Williamson:**

Chairman Wolfe presented a proclamation to Mr. Tony Williamson for his outstanding contributions to the Troup County Parks & Recreation Department. Mr. Williamson has been a volunteer with the youth football program since 1972 winning twelve Textile Bowl Championships and being recognized as Troup County Midget League Coach of the Year and

Hogansville Recreation Department Coach of the Year numerous times. Furthermore, he assisted with youth baseball programs from 2007 thru 2011 that won league championships each year. In recognition of his outstanding dedication and leadership in youth athletic programs, Troup County Board of Commissioners declared December 20, 2011 as "Tony Williamson Day" in Troup County, Georgia.

**Consideration of Sewon Incentive Agreement:**

County Manager Mike Dobbs discussed the Sewon Incentive Agreement of 2008 with the Development Authority of LaGrange. Mr. Dobbs requested a budget amendment of \$71,685 from fund balance to reimburse LaGrange Development Authority for expenses (housing rental and furniture) associated with the Sewon Incentive Agreement. Commissioner English made a motion to approve a budget amendment from fund balance for payment of Sewon Incentive Agreement expenses. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Amendment to Correctional Institute Budget for Right-of-way Cutting:**

County Manager Mike Dobbs requested 3 new detail officer positions for the Correctional Institute. These officers would be in charge of inmates assigned to right-of-way cutting details. These details would be used in lieu of contract spraying of the rights-of-way. There was \$22K originally budgeted for contract spraying that would be available to help defray the \$126K total annual cost of 3 detail officers. Mr. Dobbs requested a budget amendment from fund balance to make up the cost difference for FY 2012. During discussion of the matter, the consensus of the commissioners was to hire the 3 new detail officers, but to wait until fiscal year end to authorize a budget amendment from fund balance. Commissioner Davis made a motion to authorize the 3 new detail officer positions. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Changing the Number of Board Members on the Troup County Airport Authority:**

Chairman Wolfe discussed consideration of changing the number of board members on the Troup County Airport Authority. The number of board

members would be reduced from 12 to 7 effective July 1, 2012. Mr. Wolfe commented that City of LaGrange Manager Tom Hall and Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler are currently co-managing the Troup County Airport. Search committee efforts are underway to fill the vacant airport executive director position. Commissioner Smith made a motion to reduce the size of the Troup County Airport Authority from 12 members to 7 members. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Upcoming Meeting Schedule:**

County Manager Mike Dobbs announced that the December 30, 2011 Work Session will be cancelled and the next Troup County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting will be rescheduled from January 3, 2012 to January 17, 2012.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Rezoning:**

- None.

**Other:**

- None.

**Subdivisions:**

- None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTER (BOARD APPOINTMENTS) & PROPERTY ACQUISITION:**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter (board appointments) & property acquisition. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**MEETING REOPENED:**

Following the Executive Session, Commissioner English made a motion to reconvene in regular meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

Chairman Wolfe announced that during Executive Session, property acquisition was discussed and no action was required at that time. He also indicated the commissioners had thoroughly reviewed candidates for appointment/reappointment to various boards and authorities and were prepared to take action. Executive Assistant Valerie West read the proposed slate of candidates for appointment/reappointment.

Appeals Board / Subdivision & Road Specifications:

Incumbents Mr. Charles Knight and alternate Mr. Tommy Baker would be reappointed to two-year terms expiring 12/31/2013.

Board of Assessors:

Incumbent Mr. Burt Hacker would be reappointed to a six-year term expiring 12/31/2017.

Board of Health:

Incumbent Dr. Joseph Almand would be reappointed to a six-year term expiring 12/31/2017.

Building Board of Adjustments & Appeals:

Incumbents Mr. Wayne Bartley, Mr. Rick Torrance and Mr. Ashley Maddox have current terms expiring 12/31/2011 and wish to be reappointed. The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint Mr. Bartley, Mr. Torrance and Mr. Maddox to two-year terms expiring 12/31/2013.

Three Rivers Regional Commission:

Incumbent Mr. Tom McLaughlin's term expires 12/31/2011. The consensus of the commissioners was to appoint Mr. Joel Upchurch to a one-year term expiring 12/31/2012.

Council on Aging:

Incumbent Ms. Pat Mayes' term expires 12/31/2011. The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint Ms. Mayes to a three-year term expiring 12/31/2014.

Troup County Library Board:

Incumbent Ms. Ann Sabat's term expires 12/31/2011. The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint Ms. Sabat to a three-year term expiring 12/31/2014.

Troup County Development Authority:

Incumbent Mr. Mike Stewart's term expires 12/31/2011. The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint Mr. Stewart to a five-year term expiring 12/31/2016.

Troup County Parks & Recreation Commission:

Incumbent Mr. Frank McRae's term expires 12/31/2011. The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint Mr. McRae to a three-year term expiring 12/31/2014.

Troup County Public Facilities Authority:

Incumbents Mr. Lonnie Thornton and Mr. Mike Stewart have terms expiring 12/31/2011. The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint Mr. Thornton and Mr. Stewart to three-year terms expiring 12/31/2014.

Troup County Transportation Committee:

Incumbents Mr. Richard C. Wolfe and Mr. O.W. McGowan's have terms expiring 12/31/2011. The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint Mr. Wolfe and Mr. McGowan to two-year terms expiring 12/31/2013.

Troup County Water Review Board:

Incumbents Mr. Ellis Cadenhead, Ms. Nancy Green and Mr. Richard Wood have terms expiring 12/31/2011. The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint Mr. Cadenhead, Ms. Green and Mr. Wood to two-year terms expiring 12/31/2013.

Troup County Board of Zoning Appeals & Planning Commission (BOZAPC):

Incumbents Ms. Nancy Green, Mr. Sandy Winslow and Ms. Kristi Hacker have terms expiring 12/31/2011. The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint Ms. Green, Mr. Winslow and Ms. Hacker to two-year terms expiring 12/31/2013.

Troup Family Connection:

Incumbent Mr. Ken Smith's term expired 12/31/2011. The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint Mr. Smith to Troup Family Connection.

Recreation Endowment Fund Board of Trustees:

Incumbent Ms. Susan Black's term expires 12/31/2011. The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint Ms. Black to a three-year term expiring 12/31/2014.

Greater West Georgia Joint Development Authority:

The consensus of the commissioners was to reappoint incumbent Mr. Buck Davis. The consensus of the commissioners was to appoint Mr. Bobby Carmichael to fill the position previously occupied by Ms. Jane Fryer.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the entire slate of candidates outlined above. Commissioner Smith seconded. Unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

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