

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**Regular Meeting**

**December 17, 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:**

Wayne Clark, West Point News  
Tommy Murphy, Troup County News  
Matt Strother, LaGrange Daily News

**Staff Present:**

Tod Tentler, County Manager  
Jerry Willis, County Attorney  
Valerie West, Executive Assistant  
James Emery, County Engineer  
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk  
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/ County Clerk  
Andy Harper, GIS Technician  
Jay Anderson, Senior Building Official  
Nancy Seegar, County Planner  
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager  
Sheryl Hicks, Court Services Director

**OPENING:**

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

**Invocation - Pastor Vincent Dominique of Warren Temple United Methodist Church; LaGrange:**

Pastor Vincent Dominique of Warren Temple United Methodist 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 Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- None.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**District 4 Health Services Presentation:**

Ms. Beth Daniel recognized the Troup County Board of Commissioners for their dedication to the health and safety of employees, visitors, vendors, and all citizens through the adoption of a 100% tobacco free policy on all property, premises, facilities and areas owned, leased or controlled by Troup County, Georgia.

**Resolution for Jeff Lukken Scholarship: (2014-13)**

Chairman Wolfe recognized Mr. Jeff Lukken for his service as Mayor of LaGrange and dedication to improve the lives and opportunities of all the citizens of Troup County. Mr. Lukken formed the Work Force Development Committee in 2009 to study and develop strategies to address unemployment in Troup County and became an integral part of the leadership team that established the Troup County Center for Strategic Planning and has served on its Board since 2009. Mr. Lukken further envisioned and was instrumental in the implementation of Troup Trained, a pilot fast track program designed to provide needed skills to Troup County workers facing barriers to returning to the workplace. Troup Trained has been an overwhelming success in Georgia by promoting economic development in Troup County, Georgia. The Troup County Development Authority and the County Manager created a scholarship in recognition of Mr. Jeff Lukken.

**Consideration of Court Services Hiring Request:**

County Manager Tod Tentler introduced a request from Ms. Sheryl Hicks for a temporary part-time position for an administrative assistant while current administrative assistant is on FMLA. The part time employee will handle duties as receptionist for judges, computer entry, answering phones, scheduling cases and courtrooms, coordinating

bailiff's schedule, filing, preparing reports, and assisting the Director in other various duties as assigned until the permanent assistant returns. Commissioner Foster moved to approve the hiring of a temporary part-time assistant in Court Services, there being no second, a roll call vote was taken with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Resolution Approving Powertech America PILOT Agreement: (2014-14)**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution approving Powertech America Pilot agreement. West Point City Council, Board of Tax Assessors and Powertech America Inc. to provide tax reductions for Powertech in exchange for the Company's agreement in 2008 to locate in West Point a \$30 million principal amount will be issued to finance certain equipment and property to be used in the automobile transmission manufacturing plant in a resolution that Powertech will pay certain percent. This agreement is for the purpose of financing certain equipment and other personal property to be utilized in manufacturing facilities for automobile transmissions and other products. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Powertech America Pilot Agreement. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**City of LaGrange Annexation Request- Sandtown Road:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a letter of request to annex about 312 acres north of Sandtown Road and west of Interstate 85 just north of the Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia plant. Mr. Tentler commented there are a few issues to consider about the annexation. The proposed annexation would leave two parcels of unincorporated county including one "island" between two cities. County Engineer James Emery commented if this was annexed into the City of LaGrange and is zoned industrial in LaGrange, LaGrange doesn't have the same 200 foot buffer requirements between uses as County zoning, but are proposing a 50 foot buffer along the boundary of those residential lots. Mr. Emery also stated it wasn't clear which government would be responsible for that area of Sandtown Road with LaGrange to the north and West Point to the south. The staff recommends approving to sending a letter of intent to

object to the City of LaGrange annexation on Sandtown Road, document objection and authorize discussion with the City of LaGrange regarding the county's objection and potential mitigating measures. County Attorney Jerry Willis stated the county has 30 days to send a formal notice of objection. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve sending a letter of intent to object to the City of LaGrange's annexation on Sandtown Road, document objection and authorize discussion with the City of LaGrange regarding the county's objection and potential mitigating measures. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to go into public hearing.

Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Manufactured Home Placement:**

(1st Reading-Vote Eligible)

**Greg and Lisa Couch**

**310 Tin Bridge Road, Hogansville, Georgia 30230, APN:025-4-000-008:**

Sr Building Official Jay Anderson presented the application by Greg and Lisa Couch for manufactured home placement on 310 Tin Bridge Road, Hogansville. The couple currently resides at 280 Tin Bridge Road, Hogansville. The manufactured home will meet all standards for manufactured homes as stated in the zoning ordinance. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission (BOZAPC) recommended approval 3-2 with 5 of 9 members present. Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the manufactured home placement. No one responded. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Foster seconded. Unanimous.

**Other:**

(Vote Required)

**Consideration of Ordinance- County Administration:**

County Attorney Jerry Willis announced this ordinance relating to County Manager administration hasn't been updated since 1974.

Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor or against the county administration ordinance. Ms. Lonnie Hollis

questioned if the public was aware of this ordinance. County Manager Tod Tentler responded the ordinance is posted on the county website and has been advertised in the paper for three weeks. Mr. Willis commented a copy of the ordinance is available in the Clerk of Courts office. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the County Administration Ordinance. Commissioner Davis seconded. Unanimous.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its having been approved by the Board of Commissioners of Troup County at two regular consecutive meetings. The next scheduled meeting for this is January 7, 2014.

**Subdivisions:**

- None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
G. S. Turk, County Clerk