

**Work Session**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**March 15, 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  
Buck Davis, Vice-Chairman  
Claude F. Foster III, Commissioner  
Morris Jones, Commissioner  
Richard English, Commissioner

**News Media Present:**

Matthew Strother, LaGrange Daily News  
Trey Wood, West Point Times-News

**Staff Present:**

Tod Tentler, County Manager  
Mark DeGennaro, County Attorney  
Scott Turk, Finance Officer / County Clerk  
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director  
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager  
Nancy Seegar, County Planner  
Brandon Johns, Sr. Deputy Bldg Official  
Valerie West, Executive Assistant  
Don Howell, Parks & Recreation Director

**OPENING:**

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

**AGENDA / MINUTES:**

**Discuss Troup Transit Grant Application:**

Parks & Recreation Director Don Howell presented yearly application for Troup Transit Grant. Troup Transit has been operating since 1980 and funded by DOT. There is an average of 500 trips made per month that serves the elderly and disabled. Chairman Wolfe questioned if the demand is growing. Mr. Howell responded yes.

**Discuss Lifting Hiring Freeze for Parks & Recreation Summer Workers:**

Parks & Recreation Director Don Howell requested the hiring freeze be lifted for Parks & Recreation summer workers. Mr. Howell stated there are 44 positions that need to be filled. Out of the 44 positions 21 of those are paid for by Summer Lunch grant. Commissioner Foster questioned how long the season is. Mr. Howell responded June - July 31<sup>st</sup>, grass cutting is through October.

**Discuss Budget Amendments for Tourism and Mental Health Court Grants:**

Finance Officer Scott Turk presented budget amendments for Tourism and Mental Health Court grant. The Georgia's Economic Development Department's Tourism Division has awarded Explorations in Antiquity center \$15,000 for a biblical Life Artifacts Gallery. The (EIA) is a 501c3 non-profit eligible to receive public funds, but state funds must flow from the state through county government.

**Discuss Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments:**

County Engineer James Emery discussed a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Emery would like for two items to come before the board: The first item is fence standards. There have been complaints of different types of fence that's been constructed. The other item is Home Occupations change to residence.

**Discuss Re-establishment of Non-conforming use on Young's Mill Road:**

Sr. Deputy Building Official Brandon Johns presented a re-establishment of non-conforming use at 1097 Young's Mill Road to have a commercial daycare by Ms. Cindy Smith. The subject property is zoned SFMD and surrounded by SFMD. This location has been a daycare off and on since 1996. County Planner Nancy Seegar commented the ordinance was changed in 2008 and Ms. Cindy Smith closed her daycare in 2009 and six months passed without any use at this location. Daycares are not allowed in SFMD, so Ms. Smith is requesting reestablishment of a non-conforming use.

**Amend Contract for Court Technology Middleware:**

County Attorney Mark DeGennaro presented a contract for Court Technology Middleware to be amended. On January 15<sup>th</sup> the Board of Commissioners accepted bid for court software from Integrated Software Specialists (ISS). RFP provided that the contract would cover 100% performance bond. ISS began in December trying to provide 100% performance bond but was unable to. The attorney's office was to see if they could amend contract to protect the county.

**Consideration of March 19, 2013 agenda items:**

Chairman Wolfe discussed the agenda items for March 19, 2013 regular meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Wolfe made a motion to adjourn.

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

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