

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

Work Session

May 16, 2014

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
Claude F. Foster III, Commissioner
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Buck Davis, Commissioner

News Media Present:

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

Staff/Officials Present:

Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Tod Tentler, County Manager
James Emery, County Engineer
Cheryl May, Accounting / Deputy Clerk
James Woodruff, Sheriff
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager
Jackie Taylor, Clerk of Court
LeAnn Murphy, Drug Court Coordinator
Jon Whitney, Sheriff's Office
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director
Nancy Seegar, County Planner
Jay Anderson, Sr Building Official
Kevin Kinnersley, Engineering

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

AGENDA / MINUTES:

James Goodwin to Address the Board:

Did not appear.

Keith Hart to Address the Board:

Mr. Keith Hart of 164 Old Gabbettville Road addressed a problem surrounding his neighborhood with employees from Kia parking in his yard or on the side of the road. Mr. Hart showed pictures to the commissioners of the cars and trash along the road. Mr. Hart spoke highly of the Sheriff's Department. For thirty days the deputies patrolled the area as soon as that was over the employees started parking again. Another resident of 51 Warner Road has caught people parking in her driveway in the middle of the night. The problem arose after Kia banned smoking on its property. The City of West Point's ordinance pushed the workers out into the county. County Engineer James Emery asked how wide of an area the

commissioners wanted to look at banning parking for proposing an ordinance. Commissioner Foster suggested a two-mile radius around the plant. Chairman Wolfe questioned if an ordinance could be broadened for no parking with-in a 2 mile radius. County Engineer James Emery recommended focusing more on the residence with problems.

Clerk of Court Hiring Freeze Request:

Clerk of Court Jackie Taylor requested to lift hiring freeze to replace a vacancy. The position is budgeted.

Status Update on Three Bridge Projects:

County Engineer James Emery gave a status update on three bridge projects.

1. Baughs Cross Road over Mud Creek
2. Salem Chipley Road over Turkey Creek
3. Salem Chipley Road over Turkey Creek Tributary

Felony Drug Court Subgrant Award:

Drug Court Coordinator Leann Murphy applied for and received a SubGrant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$3,800.00. This award will go towards the purchase of computer technology. Felony Drug Court is requesting that \$3,800 be added to the budget.

Wastewater Treatment System:

Sr Building Official Jay Anderson discussed the Wastewater Treatment system. Pilot Travel Center owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment system located along Georgia Highway 219 at the intersection of I-85 in LaGrange, Georgia (Troup County). The system is approx. 4 miles in length and serves commercial customers on the north and south sides of I-85. In Dec 3, 1989 EPD issued a compliance order and a fine for a major spill into waters of the state. In November 28, 1994 Raylor Corp. submitted a Remedial Action Proposal to (EPD) to repair the poorly maintained facility and reduce the plant capacity. The plant was designed to treat 100,000 GPD, but only had inflow of 23,000 GPD, resulting poor biological treatment. In July 19, 2001 Raylor transferred ownership to Interstate Wastewater. In August, EPD issued a consent order for improper sludge handling among other maintenance violations. In July 2013, EPD issued Pilot a Notice of Violation (NOV) due to petroleum contamination in the emergency holding pond. The pond sludge tested positive for acetone, ethylbenzene toluene trimethyl benzenes and xylenes. Clean-up of this pond

is ongoing. December 18, 2013 there was citizen complaints about a "highly dense release of chemicals in the air" from Pilot Travel Center. On January 8, 2014 EPD issued a Notice of Violation for the spill evidence. EPD requested that Pilot remove all solids and soils associated with the spill. On February 11, Pilot submitted a Corrective Action Plan to EPD in response to the NOV. Pilot plans to plug the line to the lift station where the spill occurred, permanently abandoning it. Mr. Tentler said the current permit is expired as of today and is open for public comment until June 4. We have 30 days to object or comment on the new five-year extension and feels that we should do something, to send a letter to EPD that states the county's concerns and ask that they notify whether it is inspected on a regular basis or if any citations are issued and to fix the problems immediately.

Consideration of May 20, 2014 Agenda Items:

Chairman Wolfe discussed the agenda items for May 20, 2014 regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk