

Work Session

Troup County Board of Commissioners

May 03, 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
Claude F. Foster III, Commissioner
Morris Jones, Commissioner
Ken Smith, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Tommy Camp, Troup County News
Trey Wood, West Point Times-News
Matt Strother, LaGrange Daily News

Staff/Officials Present:

Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Scott Turk, Finance Officer / County Clerk
James Emery, County Engineer
Cheryl May, Accounting / Deputy Clerk
Brandon Johns, Sr. Deputy Building Official
James Woodruff, Sheriff
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager
Valerie West, Executive Assistant
Andy Harper, GIS Technician
Don Howell, Parks & Recreation Director

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

AGENDA / MINUTES:

Budget Concerns:

County Manager presented a FY14 update of budget concerns. Anticipated decrease in Tax Digest of 2.3% to 2.5%, approximately \$500,000, increase E-911 Supplement (\$250k), requested increase from District Attorney (\$242k), requested increase from solicitor (\$50k), Jail increase for new pod (\$150k), Retirement plans (\$500k), Capital for Convenience Centers (\$200k), 7-days per week service for Convenience Centers(\$310k additional), potential Fines & Forfeitures decrease (\$180K).

Juvenile Court Presentation:

Judge Michael Key is requesting permission to apply for a grant that will be a better way to serve our youth and our community. This is a political movement toward putting evidence based practices into the juvenile court system and providing evidence proven services to the youth on the front end to avoid unnecessary detentions and commitments. The Governor has allowed for incentive grants to be applied for by counties to provide that

type of case management to the youth in their court system. This is a direct result of recent legislation signed by the governor to completely overhaul juvenile justice in Georgia.

Discuss Roads & Engineering Hiring Freeze Request:

Roads Engineer James Emery is requesting to lift hiring freeze to fill four vacancies: 1 Asphalt Foreman, 2 Construction Foreman, and 1 Heavy Equipment Operator. These four positions need to be filled to replace employees that are no longer with the department.

Discuss GIS Hiring Freeze Request:

Finance Officer Scott Turk is requesting to lift hiring freeze of filling with existed candidate that is part time to a full time position. In addition to GIS, the office performs several other services such as Address Assignments and audio/visual for various meetings. GIS will be implementing and servicing the new CAD which requires a higher level of accuracy and data entry. There has been an increase in all aspects of the work performed by GIS.

Discuss Elections & Registration Hiring Freeze Request:

Finance Officer Scott Turk is requesting to lift hiring freeze position of Chief Registrar that was left vacant when the incumbent became Election Supervisor. The BER proposed to promote the current Administrative Clerk to the Chief Registrar. The Chief Registrar will also serve as Interim Election Supervisor while that position is vacant. It was also requested to lift the hiring freeze on the Elections Supervisor to fill the position after the incumbent resigned. This position is required by legislation.

Discuss Budget Amendment for Elections & Registration:

Finance Officer Scott Turk presented a budget amendment for FY13 Elections & Registration by an increase of \$10k to recognize increased personnel costs and to reclassify Elections Supervisory position.

Discuss Resolution to Extend E911 Service Charge to VOIP Telephones:

E-911 Director Suzy Noles presented a resolution to extend E911 service charge to VOIP telephones. This resolution will extend the fee to Voice Over Internet Protocol providers with service billing addresses in Troup County. The potential of high-speed broadband throughout the rural county expands the potential for VOIP telephone accounts such as Vonage, NetTalk, MagicJack and others.

Discuss Resolution on Volunteer Workers' Compensation:

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution to cover volunteers under the Workers' Compensation policy. This will provide coverage to encourage volunteerism for the volunteer fire fighters and elected officials.

Discuss Roanoke Road Cell Tower Lease:

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a certificate of resolution of Roanoke Road Cell Tower Lease. SBA Towers 11 LLC, a Florida limited liability company, for a one-time payment of \$82,500 up to 99 years. Commissioner Foster questioned if they are currently paying \$500 a month.

Discuss Magistrate Court Hiring Freeze Request:

Scott Turk stated that Judge McWaters is requesting to the lift hiring freeze to fill a vacant position in the Magistrate Court. The position has been vacant for quite a while, however the court's clerk will be on extended leave soon, and the implementation of the new software will require additional personnel.

Consideration of May 7, 2013 Agenda Items:

Chairman Wolfe discussed the agenda items for May 7, 2013 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