

MINUTES

Troup County Board of Commissioners

Work Session

June 13, 2014

Troup County Government Center

Troup County Board of Commissioners Vice-Chairman Richard English called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Richard English, Vice-Chairman
Buck Davis, Commissioner
Morris Jones, Commissioner

News Media Present:

Joel Martin, Troup County News
Asia Ashley, LaGrange Daily News
Wayne Clark, West Point News

Board Member Not Present:

Claude F. Foster III, Commissioner
Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Staff/Officials Present:

Scott Turk, Finance Officer/County Clerk
Mark DeGennaro, County Attorney
Tod Tentler, County Manager
James Emery, County Engineer
Cheryl May, Accounting/Deputy Clerk
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director
Jay Anderson, Sr Building Official
Sheryl Hicks, Court Administrator
Michelle Bowman, Juvenile
Dennis Knight, Chief

OPENING:

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

AGENDA / MINUTES:

Juvenile Court Grant: (2014-30)

Michelle Bowman of Juvenile Court announced the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is offering \$1k grant to Juvenile Court, Clerk of Court who has participated in the Quality Improvement Project for Child Representation study. Juvenile Court is looking for new technology (webcam).

Property & Casualty Insurance Bid:

Purchasing Director Diana Evans received three bids for property and casualty insurance and the low bidder was Hutchinson Traylor for a total of \$397,039.

Sanitation, Roads & Engineering Hiring Requests:

County Engineer James Emery requested lifting hiring freeze of two truck drivers- (1) for the Sanitation Department and (1) for the Road Department. Both are budgeted positions.

Davis Road Realignment:

County Engineer James Emery gave an update of the realignment of Davis Road from Whitesville Road to Hamilton Road. This project is reflected in 2006 Troup County's Multi-Model Transportation Plan. Troup County and the City of LaGrange have pursued various funding sources to accomplish this improvement.

Mental Health Court Coordinator Grant:

Court Administrator Ms. Sheryl Hicks requested to accept the FY15 Mental Health Court Grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The grant provides funding for the Mental Health Court Coordinator Salaries and Benefits, travel to annual Accountability Courts Conference for the Mental Health Court team members and drug testing cost for participants in the program. The grant requires a 10% match which is being met by using funds from the City of LaGrange, Hogansville, and West Point at the inception of the court program. The grant conditions for FY15 require the Program Coordinator, who is currently an employee with Pathways, be an employee of the county. The amount of the grant is \$78,863 with matching funds of \$8,763 for a total of \$87,626.

Addition to Purchasing Ordinance:

County Manager Tod Tentler requested a change in ordinance to be more efficient. The department will not have to get a purchase order if the purchase is under a hundred dollars. The change also provides for unit pricing approval on certain volume commodities even if the total exceeds the County Manager's maximum approval dollar amount.

Amphitheater Update:

County Manager Tod Tentler presented an update of Boyd Park Amphitheater. The project has a total budget of \$7.5 million, which includes the \$6,983,960 million contract with Batson-Cook and \$516,000 in "soft cost", which includes items like soil testing, furnishings, a large projection screen, portable audio-visual system and concession equipment. The Callaway Foundation had originally pledged \$4 million for the project with \$1 million coming from the county wide special-purpose local-option sales

tax funds for the project. Additional negotiations led the Callaway Foundation to pledge \$6 million with the SPLOST contribution to increase to \$1.1 million and the City of LaGrange contributing \$400k to the project.

Consideration of June 17, 2014 Agenda Items:

Chairman Wolfe discussed the agenda items for June 17, 2014 regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairman English made a motion to adjourn.

Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: _____
G.S. Turk, Clerk