

**THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. C. D. Zeigler, Chairman, Mrs. Myra W. Lewis, Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Jeffrey A. Utley, Mrs. Verna H. Phillips, Mr. Reginald S. Loper, Sr. and Mr. Robert Brantley met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

**PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

Mr. Alexander Zipperer, County Attorney, Mr. David Crawley, County Administrator, Mr. Adam Kobek, Project Manager, Mr. George Shaw, Zoning Administrator, Mrs. Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk, Mrs. Cathy Brantley, Mr. Alec Metzger, Ms. Janis Ford, Mr. Douglas Ford, Mr. Jared Rahn, and Mr. Gibson Huger.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Chairman Zeigler gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the American Flag.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve the Agenda Resolution (see copy of agenda resolution on minute book page number \_\_\_\_\_). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the minutes for January 06, 2009 Board of Commissioners Meeting as corrected. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**New Business**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ALBERT JACKSON AN ASSEMBLAGE PERMIT TO HOLD A TURKEY SHOOT FROM JANUARY 24, 2009 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2009 (01):** County Clerk Crawley explained that Mr. Albert Jackson has been holding turkey shoots for the past several years. The Board approved an assemblage permit on October 07 and December 12, 2008 to hold a turkey shoot. Mr. Jackson would like to hold a turkey shoot starting January 24<sup>th</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup> on every Friday and Saturday night.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve an assemblage permit for Mr. Albert Jackson to hold a turkey shoot from January 24<sup>th</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A HP PLOTTER AND SCANNER FOR THE TAX ASSESSOR (02):** Chief Tax Appraiser Bevill and Mrs. Kresha Aycock explained that the current plotter and scanner in the Tax Assessors Department was purchased in 2003 and the equipment needs to be replaced. Staff has researched ways to upgrade the machinery through the Georgia State Western States Contracting Alliance and found that Hewlett Packer (HP) had the best deal for trading up products. A rebate of \$3,200 will be received if the plotter and scanner are purchased by January 31, 2009. HP also allows the old plotter to be kept instead of trading it in.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve a HP Plotter and Scanner for the Tax Assessors office with a three year lease. Chairman Zeigler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO RENEW A SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM, INC. (GSI) FOR TAX COMMISSIONER AND TAX ASSESSOR (03):** Tax Commissioner McDaniel explained that Governmental Systems, Inc. (GSI) has been handling the software for the Tax Commissioner and Tax Assessor's office. Costs are equally shared between the Tax Commissioner and the Tax Assessors Office.

Chairman Zeigler made a motion to approve renewing a software agreement with Governmental Systems, Inc for the Tax Commissioner and Tax Assessor Office (see minute book page \_\_\_\_). Vice-Chairman Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET CALENDAR FY 2009/2010 (04):** County Administrator Crawley explained that the Board always adopts a budget calendar at the beginning of the budget process.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the budget calendar FY 2009/2010 (see minute book page \_\_\_\_). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE INMATE MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN AGREEMENT WITH UNIMERICA INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE JAIL (05):** County Administrator Crawley explained that each year the county contracts

with a carrier for the catastrophic inmate medical insurance. For several years, Hunt Insurance Group LLC has provided the catastrophic inmate medical insurance. The insurance provides the county with stop-gap insurance coverage.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the inmate medical benefit plan agreement with Unimerica Insurance Company for the jail (see minute book page \_\_\_\_). Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM FOR 2009 (06):** County Clerk Crawley explained that the Board has participated in the Summer Food Service Program for the past several years. This program offers nutritious summer lunch meals for the children in the Guyton, Springfield, and Clyo areas. Some of the costs of the program are reimbursed from state/federal funds. The overall costs to the general fund have continued to rise over the years. Mrs. Natalie Kent-Powell has been the program director for the last several years and has agreed to be the director this year. The program will start June 1, 2009 and end July 31, 2009 which is 44 operating days. A citizen of Rincon would like to start a site in the City Limits of Rincon. He was given an estimate of the cost and told to see if the City of Rincon would like to participate in the cost of the site.

Chairman Zeigler made a motion to approve the Summer Food Program for 2009 and directed staff to see if there is a need for the program in the City of Rincon. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT SAMUEL GOLDEN TO REPRESENT THE FIRST DISTRICT ON THE PLANNING BOARD (07):** Commissioner Brantley explained that he would like to appoint Samuel Golden to represent the First District on the Planning Board.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to appoint Samuel Golden to represent the First District on the Planning Board. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO REAPPOINT TIM UZUPAN TO REPRESENT THE FOURTH DISTRICT ON THE PLANNING BOARD (08):** Commissioner Loper explained that he would like to reappoint Tim Uzupan to represent the Fourth District on the Planning Board.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to reappoint Tim Uzupan to represent the Fourth District on the Planning Board. Chairman Zeigler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GROUND-WATER LEVEL RECORDER STATION ON COUNTY PROPERTY WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (09):** County Engineer Liotta explained that U.S. Geological Survey is conducting a research project which will help in preparing a new detailed geologic map. The geologic mapping includes observations of natural outcrops as well as shallow and deep drilling to characterize the subsurface. In addition to increasing the knowledge base regarding local geology, the information gathered will be very useful to understand the Floridian Aquifer. In February, the USGS intends to drill a 1,500 foot core hole in the northwest corner of the Pineora ball fields off Honey Ridge Road.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve an agreement for installation and maintenance of ground water level recorder station and shallow borings on county property (see minute book page \_\_\_\_). Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT REGGIE LOPER TO THE ACCG BOARD OF MANAGERS (10):** County Administrator Crawley explained that there are five vacant seats on the Board of Managers of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) as a result of the 2008 elections. ACCG has requested nominations for the five vacant seats, two of which are at large positions. Effingham County is a member of ACCG and participates in many of the classes and activities offered by the organization. Commissioner Loper is willing to serve on the ACCG Board of Managers. Staff requests that the Board nominate Reggie Loper to the ACCG Board of Managers.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to nominate Reggie Loper to the ACCG Board of Managers. Vice-Chairman Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A DETERMINATION LETTER CONCERNING THE APPEAL BY MIKE WALDRON (11):** County Administrator Crawley explained that Mr. Mike Waldron appealed his termination of employment before the Board at their January 6, 2009 meeting. The Board upheld the findings of the

County Administrator and therefore the termination of Mr. Waldron. The Board now needs to approve a letter to send to Mr. Waldron.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve the determination letter concerning the appeal by Mike Waldron. Chairman Zeigler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Chairman Zeigler discussed the following:

- ◆ Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center meeting update
- ◆ Hospital Authority public hearing on the 501C
- ◆ Transportation Committee made up of citizens

County Administrative Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Old Augusta Road update
- ◆ GEFA letter
- ◆ Historic Courthouse
- ◆ Sewer break at Park West
- ◆ Park West homeowner concern
- ◆ Dog bit case
- ◆ ACCG legislative update
- ◆ Tentative workshop February 17<sup>th</sup>

Zoning Administrator Shaw discussed the following:

- ◆ Four Wheeler Park
- ◆ Coastal Comprehensive Plan

County Engineer Liotta discussed the following:

- ◆ Land Disturbance Activity bond

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 4:47 p.m., Commissioner Loper made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, property and pending litigation. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator Crawley and Commissioners discussed pending litigations. (See copy of Chairman's affidavit on minute book page number \_\_\_\_\_).

**DINNER BREAK**

At 5:10 p.m., Commissioner Phillips made a motion to take a break for dinner. Chairman Zeigler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PLANNING BOARD PRESENTMENTS**

The Board reconvened at 6:00 p.m. for Planning Board Presentments.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**LES DEVELOPMENT – SKETCH PLAN (01):** Mr. Alec Metzger and Mr. Ellis Skinner presented a sketch plan for a 33 lot subdivision located on Bluejay Road.

Mr. Jerald Fountain and Mr. Bill Sellers stated their concerns on the sketch plan presented.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to table the sketch plan until a hydraulic report is given to staff on the property.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MILTON EISENBERG – PUBLIC HEARING (02) and (03):** A Public Hearing was held on the application by Milton Eisenberg to rezone 4.32 acres located at 1863 Hodgeville Road from R-1 to AR-2 map 435 parcels 40 and 41 in the Second District.

Mrs. DeeDee Rahn presented the request.

There were no objectors present.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the First Reading of the amendment to the Effingham County Zoning Ordinance, Map and Parcel No. 435-40, 41 to rezone 4.32 acres located at 1863 Hodgeville Road from R-1 to AR-2 with the following stipulations:

1. The lot meets the requirements of the AR-2 Zoning District.
2. Site development plans comply with the Effingham County Water Resources Protection Ordinance and the Stormwater Management Local Design Manual.
3. All wetland impacts permitted by USACE.
4. Plat must be approved by the Health Department and the Zoning Office.

Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**JARED RAHN – PUBLIC HEARING (04):** A Public Hearing was held on the application by Jared Rahn to rezone 9.62 acres located at Hwy 119 North and Indigo Road from AR-1 to AR-2 Map 408 Parcel 10 in the Third District.

Mr. Jared Rahn presented the request.

There were no objectors present.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve the First Reading of the amendment to the Effingham County Zoning Ordinance, Map and Parcel No. 408-10 to rezone 9.62 acres located at Hwy 119 North and Indigo Road from AR-1 to AR-2 with the following stipulations:

1. The lots meet the requirements of the AR-2 Zoning District.
2. Site development plans comply with the Effingham County Water Resources Protection Ordinance and the Stormwater Management Local Design Manual.
3. All wetland impacts permitted by USACE.
4. Subdivision plat must be approved by the Health Department and the Zoning Office.
5. Any natural drainage areas from neighboring properties shall be maintained.

Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. GIBSON HUGER – PUBLIC HEARING (05):** A Public Hearing was held on the application by F. Gibson Huger to rezone 2.88 acres located at the corner of Goshen Road and Hwy 21 South from B-3 to AR-2 Map 465 Parcel 25 in the Fifth District.

Mr. Gibson Huger presented the request.

There were no objectors present.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve the First Reading of the amendment to the Effingham County Zoning Ordinance, Map and Parcel No. 465-25 to rezone 2.88 acres located at the corner of Goshen Road and Hwy 21 South from B-3 to AR-2 with the following stipulations:

1. The lot meets the requirements of the AR-2 Zoning District.
2. Site development plans comply with the Effingham County Water Resources Protection Ordinance and the Stormwater Management Local Design Manual.
3. All wetland impacts permitted by USACE.
4. Subdivision plat must be approved by the Health Department and the Zoning Office.

Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:46 p.m. Commissioner Loper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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C. D. Zeigler, Chairman

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Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk