

**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 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 03, 2009 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Eric Gotwalt, Assistant County Attorney, Mr. David Crawley, County Administrator, Mr. Adam Kobek, Project Manager, Mr. George Shaw, Zoning Administrator, Mrs. Joanna Wright, Finance Director, Mrs. Patrice Crawley, County Clerk, Mrs. Janis Bevill, Chief Tax Appraiser, Mrs. Cathy Williford, Mr. John Beall, Mrs. Beth Helmey, Mrs. Rebecca Boston, and Mr. Joe Maner.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Vice-Chairperson Lewis gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the American Flag.

AGENDA APPROVAL

County Administrator Crawley stated that the contract with Georgia Southern for the REMI Model of the Effingham Parkway was received on last Friday. This contract needs to be added to the Agenda to move the project along. Old Business Number 01 and 02 needs to be removed from the Agenda at this time.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve the Agenda Resolution with the addition of New Business number 10 Consideration to approve a research service agreement with Georgia Southern University for the REMI Model of Effingham Parkway and removal of Old Business Number 01 and 02 (see copy of agenda resolution on minute book page number _____). Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Zeigler presented the previous month's correspondence. He reported that each Commissioner has been furnished a copy of all correspondence received and that these are available for all interested persons to review in the County Clerk's office.

MINUTES

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the minutes for February 17, 2009 Board of Commissioners Meeting as corrected. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Zeigler read out loud Items Number 01 through 07 on the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to amend the following Zoning Maps:

(01) Zoning Map 402-32 for the application by Don Goss to rezone 17.06 acres located at 2027 Reedsville Road from AR-1 to AR-2 with the following stipulations:

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

(02) Zoning Map 397-67 for the application by Nicholas Mueller to rezone 5 acres located at 438 Kessler Loop from AR-1 to AR-2/B-1 with the following stipulations:

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

(03) Zoning Map 275-1 for the application by Wilmer Nease to rezone 94.51 acres located off of Sandhill Road from I-1 to AR-1 with the following stipulations:

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

(04) Zoning Map 326A-1-18 for the application by Southbrook, LLC to rezone 22.52 acres located on Hwy 17 South from R-1 to R-1A with the following stipulations:

1. Each lot meets the requirements of the R-1A 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. All non-site built structures must meet all of the design criteria set forth in Sec. 5.4.1.2 of the Effingham County Zoning Ordinance.
6. A fence must be installed along the south side of the property up to the wetland and be maintained by the homeowner association.

(05) Zoning Map 387-20 for the application by Cheryl & Kathy Dickey to rezone 3 acres located on Kieffer Hill Rd from AR-1 to AR-3 with the following stipulations:

1. Each 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.

(06) Zoning Map 446-43-45 for the application by Beverly Smithey to rezone 3.54 acres located at 631 & 639 Ebenezer Road from AR1 to AR-2 with the following stipulations:

1. Each 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.

(07) Zoning Map 460B-2 for the application by Rozann Sampson for rural business approval to operate a bakery from her home located at 1409 Ebenezer Road with the following stipulations:

1. Must meet all requirements of Sec. 3.15B Rural Business in the Effingham County Zoning Ordinance.
2. A parking plan must be approved by the Zoning Administrator.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Zeigler read out loud Items Number 08 through 11 on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve the errors and release for Property Tax, Mobile Homes, Insolvents, and the release of penalties as requested by the Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A WATER AND SEWER AGREEMENT WITH CLOVER POINT AT BELMONT GLEN, PHASE 1A (01) AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR CLOVER POINT AT BELMONT GLEN, PHASE 1A (02): The water and sewer agreement and final plat for Clover Point at Belmont Glen, Phase 1A was tabled with the Agenda Approval.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MARCH 3-9, 2009 AS ALPHA BATTERY WEEK IN THE COUNTY OF EFFINGHAM (01): County Clerk Crawley explained that the National Guard Battery in Effingham, Alpha Battery, will take the first steps on their deployment to active duty in Afghanistan marching down the main streets in Springfield and Rincon. Proclaim by the Board of Commissioners as well as the municipalities of Guyton, Rincon,

and Springfield name the week of March 3-9 2009 be designated as Alpha Battery Week in Effingham.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve a proclamation to proclaim the week of March 3-9 2009 as Alpha Battery Week in the County of Effingham (see minute book page ____). Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM MARCH 29, 2009 AS TREUTLEN HOUSE DAY AND THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2009 TO BE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH (02): The Treutlen House, a state approved Child Placement Agency, through nurture, education, love, counsel, and prayer will lead children, teens and families in crisis to wholeness in spirit, mind and body, so they may be more productive to themselves, their families, Effingham County, the State of Georgia, the United States of America and our World. Effingham County and the Treutlen House have dedicated individuals and organization who work daily to counter the problem of children maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need. It is requested that the Board of Commissioners proclaim March 29, 2009 as Treutlen House Day and the month of April, 2009 to be Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to Proclaim March 29, 2009 as Treutlen House Day and the month of April, 2009 to be Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month (see minute book page ____). Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH PINCO FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A REUSE WATER STORAGE TANK (03): County Engineer Liotta explained that the Board awarded a bid to PINCO, the low bidder, for the construction of a reuse water storage tank at the waste water treatment plant.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve a contract with PINCO for construction of a reuse water storage tank (see minute book page ____). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) FOR ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) AND APPROVE EMS CONSULTANTS, LTD TO CONDUCT THE NECESSARY ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION WITH CMS (04):

Finance Director Wright request that the Board approve an agreement to update an agreement with the center for Medicare and Handicap Services to provide the ability to allow Medicare reimbursement information to go directly to EMS Consultants on behalf of Effingham County. Staff believes that this agreement will help to reduce the overall time it takes to handle the EMS billing by providing EMS Consultant direct access to claim payment information.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve an agreement with centers for Medicare and Medicate Services (CMS) for electronic data interchange and approve EMS Consultants, LTD to conduct the necessary electronic transaction with CMS (see minute book page _____). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FISCAL AGENT DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 10 WITH THE GEORGIA FAMILY CONNECTION PARTNERSHIP (05): Finance Director Wright explained that each year the County is requested to act as the fiscal agent for Family Connection.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve the Fiscal Agent Designation and Acceptance Agreement for Fiscal year 10 with the Georgia Family Connection Partnership (see minute book page ____). Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE HOW TO PROCEED WITH AGENCIES IN DEPARTMENT 51 BUDGET FY09 – OLDE EFFINGHAM DAYS, VICTIM WITNESS, GATEWAY, RAPE CRISIS CENTER, SENIOR COMPANION, HISTORIC EFFINGHAM, FERST FOUNDATIONS AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (06): Project Manager Kobek explained that last year the Board decided to decrease funding to Olde Effingham Days, Victim Witness, Gateway, Rape Crisis Center, Senior Companion, Historic Effingham, Ferst Foundation, and the Chamber of Commerce by 10% with further budget reduction of 30% over each of the next three years. This year the reduction would be an additional 30% of the requested funds from last year, representing a total of 40% budget reduction from last year. Staff request guidance before the budget request letter goes out to these agencies.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to proceed as approved last year. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. Commissioner Loper opposed the motion.

Chairman Zeigler, Vice-Chairperson Lewis, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Utley, and Commissioner Brantley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE YMCA OF COASTAL GEORGIA FOR THE USE OF NON-YMCA FACILITIES AT THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER (07): Project Manager Kobek explained that the Effingham County Senior Citizens Center has been providing services, activities, and meals for our aging population since the Centers creation. One activity that has been offered is a low impact chair aerobics, the classes are offered twice weekly and instructors come from the YMCA and the class is offered on a voluntary basis.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve an agreement with the YMCA of Coastal Georgia for the use of non-YMCA facilities at the Effingham County Senior Citizens Center (see minute book page ____). Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A NEW MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (08): County Administrator Crawley explained that the Board began the strategic planning process during its February 17th meeting. The Board created a new mission statement during said meeting and staff made minor changes and the Mission Statement reads: It is the Mission of the Effingham County Board of Commissioners to provide, through the highest integrity, a County Government which will assure our citizens a safe and healthy environment to encourage and promote a high quality of life.

Chairman Zeigler made a motion to approve the mission statement as presented. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT TWO CITIZENS TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (09): County Administrator Crawley explained, as outlined in the resolution establishing a Transportation Advisory Board adopted by the Board on February 3, 2009, it is the duty of the Board of Commissioners to appoint to citizens to said board, two serve a term concurrent with that of the Chairman of the Effingham County Board of Commissioners. Staff has received the following names for consideration: Allen Zipperer, Joe Marchese, Tommy Blewett, Mickey Kicklighter, Dennis Webb, and Chris Beecher.

Chairman Zeigler made a motion to approve Allen Zipperer to serve on the Transportation Advisory Board. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve Tommy Blewett to serve on the Transportation Advisory Board. Chairman Zeigler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESEARCH SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY FOR THE REMI MODEL OF EFFINGHAM PARKWAY (10): County Administrator Crawley explained that during the February 17th board meeting an authorization to proceed and scope of work for the REMI model to analyze the cost benefit of Effingham Parkway was approved. The proposed cost for the project is \$12,000.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve a Research Service Agreement with Georgia Southern University for the REMI Model of Effingham Parkway (see minute book page ____). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Vice-Chairperson Lewis discussed the following:

- ◆ Department of Transportation striping program

County Administrator Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ State Audit Report
- ◆ ACCG Legislative updates

RECESSED

The Board recessed at 9:45 a.m.

RECONVENED

The Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m. on the Administrative Complex front lawn to participate in the Ceremony for Deploying the Alpha Battery Troops.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF – CONTINUED –

County Administrator Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Old Augusta Road update
- ◆ Guyton Annexation
- ◆ Aquifer Storage and Recovery
- ◆ Georgia Department of Transportation
- ◆ Human Resourced Director appointed as the Director for Industry Certification by the Ga State Council of the Society of Human Resource Managers

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:39 a.m., Chairman Zeigler made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, property and pending litigation. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator Crawley and Commissioners discussed personnel, property and pending litigations. (See copy of Chairperson's affidavit on minute book page number _____).

DINNER

At 11:30 a.m., the Board of Commissioners recessed to have lunch.

RECONVENED

At 1:00 p.m., the Board reconvened their meeting.

WORKSHOP

IT Director Jenkins gave the Board an overview on how to retrieve email away from the County.

The following items were discussed at the Workshop with the Board and Staff:

- ◆ Goals
- ◆ Water & Sewer – After discussion, the direction to staff was to (1) keep the 50% letter of credit for the entire development as it has been (2) get a letter of credit and water and sewer agreement from all current developments (3) review the anniversary dates of the letter of credits and water and sewer agreements and (4) staff to give Board quarterly reports on status of the water and sewer
- ◆ Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:58 p.m., Chairman Zeigler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. D. Zeigler, Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk