

**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, Mr. Reginald S. Loper, Sr. and Mr. Robert Brantley met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 02, 2009 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex. Commissioners Phillips was not present.

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. Kresha Aycock, Mr. D. M. O'Neal, and Mr. J. N. Atkins.

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

Commissioner Utley 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.

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 May 19, 2009 Board of Commissioners Meeting as corrected. Chairman Zeigler 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 03 on the Consent Agenda.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the following:

- 01. The second reading to amend the Zoning Map 436-11 for the application by Shirley Daughtry to rezone 2 acres located on Kelly Drive from R-1 to AR-1;
- 02. The second reading to amend the Zoning Map 386-14-16 for the application by Neil & Priscilla Creasy to rezone 3.88 acres located at 565 Sisters Ferry Rd from AR-1 to AR-2 with the following stipulation:
 - 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 Zoning Office.
- 03. The second reading to amend the Zoning Map 302-27 for the application by Linda S. Overmon to rezone 4.79 acres located on Magnolia Drive 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 Zoning Office.

Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

JULI GNANN & CHRISTA GNANN - VARIANCE (01): Juli Gnann & Christa Gnann requested a variance to operate a beauty shop in a building outside of a home located at 103 Laura Lane. The public hearing was held on May 19, 2009.

Zoning Administrator Shaw stated that the applicants have requested to withdraw their variance request.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to accept the applicants request to withdraw their request and to remove the item from the agenda. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING TO AMEND CHAPTER 75 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY (WATER, SEWER AND RE-USE (01): County Engineer Liotta explained that water and sewer fees and charges are administered under the provision of Article IV of the utility ordinance, Chapter 75. Additionally, the rates for water and sewer consumption are included in Article II of Chapter 75. Staff from the Finance and Water/Sewer departments have been meeting over the past few months trying to reconcile current

billing practices to the ordinance. Staff request that the Board amend Chapter 75 of the Official Code of Effingham County to reflect the findings from the Finance and Water/Sewer department.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve the First Reading to amend Chapter 75 of the Official Code of Effingham County (water, sewer, and reuse). Chairman Zeigler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING TO ADOPT THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY WATER, SEWER, AND RE-USE SCHEDULE OF FEES

(02): County Engineer Liotta explained that all of the user rates have been removed from Article II of Chapter 75 of the Official Code of Effingham County and placed into a Water, Sewer, and Re-Use Schedule of Fees.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the First Reading to adopt the Effingham County Water, Sewer, and Re-use Schedule of Fees. Chairman Zeigler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COASTAL GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR LIDAR

(03): County Engineer Liotta explained that staff has been working for about two years with the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center (CGRDC), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Environmental Protection and Coastal Resources Divisions of the Georgia, DNR, as well as several coastal counties on a group LiDAR project, which is being referred to as the Coastal Georgia Elevation Project (CGEP). The letter of agreement confirms Effingham County's intention to participate in the CGEP at the funding level of \$200,000. It is important to note that if the county individually contracted for a vendor to perform this service, the cost would be about \$400,000-\$500,000. In the case that funding commitments are insufficient and the project fails, our contribution would be fully refundable.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve a letter of agreement with the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center for LiDAR (see minute book page _).

Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR ESRI ENTERPRISE FOR THE ArcGIS SOFTWARE (04): GIS Director Aycock explained

that ESRI's Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) allows the county to obtain an unlimited amount of licenses for the ArcGIS software. Currently, there are 85 users. Having unlimited license will enable us to have multiple editors. One of the goals is to work off the backlog of parcel splits so the maps can match the Tax Digest. The ELA gives the availability of pulling more departments into GIS as a business management and process tool. Staff recommends that the Board approve the ELA.

Chairman Zeigler made a motion to approve a license agreement For ESRI Enterprise for the ArcGIS software (see minute book page ____). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 5 CARDIAC MONITORS FOR EMS, PRISON, AND JAIL FROM PHSYIO CONTROL (05):

Purchasing Agent Newland stated that EMS is required to have cardiac monitors on all of the EMS units and are currently using the Physio Control brand of life pack 12 monitors. These monitors are capable of performing 12 Lead ECG's as well as monitoring a patient experiencing chest pains, pacing a patient, or shocking a patient who may go into cardiac arrest. In order to provide continuity of care for patients and remain consistent with the type of monitors the EMTs are trained on, it is important to continue with the same brand of monitors currently used. Staff is requesting to purchase 3 units for EMS, 1 for the prison and 1 for the jail. By having a monitor at the jail and the prison, staff will be able to better evaluate and monitor inmates thus reducing the number of emergency room visits, EMS calls and doctor office visits for situations that do not require medical attention.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve the purchase of 5 cardiac monitors for EMS, Prison, and Jail from Physio Control (see minute book page ____).

Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO SURPLUS VEHICLES FOR DISPOSITION (06):

Project Manager Kobek explained that from time to time vehicles are old, beyond the cost of repair, high-mileage or unusable. There are two law enforcement vehicles that are ready to be removed from active service due to high mileage and excessive ware. One of the vehicles will be given to the Health Department and the other will be given to Savannah Technical College to be used as a police cruiser for their police academy.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to surplus vehicles for disposition (see minute book page ____). Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY – PARKS AND RECREATION (07): County Attorney Gotwalt explained that the amendment to Chapter 46 was done to define swimming on county property.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the First Reading to amend Chapter 46 of the Official Code of Effingham County – Parks and Recreation. Chairman Zeigler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A REQUEST TO EXTEND THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY SUBMITTAL DATE FROM JUNE 30, 2009 TO OCTOBER 28, 2009 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE EXTENSION REQUEST FORM (08): County Administrator Crawley explained that the Board of Commissioners has been working with the cities to finalize the service delivery strategy as required by House Bill 489. O.C.G.A. 36-70-25(d) allows the required submittal date to be extended by 120 days. Currently, the County and Municipalities are required to submit the service delivery strategy no later than June 30, 2009. If extended, the new due date would be October 28, 2009.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the request to extend the service delivery strategy submittal date from June 30, 2009 to October 28, 2009 and authorize the chairman to execute the appropriate extension request form (see minute book page ___). Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTING DAVID ATKINS AND MICHAEL KING TO THE COASTAL WORKFORCE BOARD (09): County Clerk Crawley explained that the Coastal Workforce Board requires three board members from Effingham County. The primary responsibility of the Board is to ensure that workforce development programs within Region 12 operate effectively and efficiently to support the labor and job training needs of all job seekers. The term for the board is three years. Staff recommends reappointing David Atkins and Michael King to the Coastal Workforce Board.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve reappointing David Atkins and Michael King to the Coastal Workforce Board. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Commissioner Brantley discussed the following:

- ◆ Board of Elections

Commissioner Loper discussed the following:

- ◆ Tommy Long landing upgrades

Chairman Zeigler discussed the following:

- ◆ Letter from the City of Guyton concerning waste water
- ◆ Robeling Road meeting

Commissioner Utley discussed the following:

- ◆ Hospital Board lunch and learn

County Administrator Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Update of Old Augusta Road phase one and two
- ◆ Morgan Road
- ◆ Hwy 80 drainage issue
- ◆ Transportation engineer
- ◆ Brick mail boxes
- ◆ Ga Trend advertisement
- ◆ Tuckasee King update
- ◆ Impact fees
- ◆ Water and sewer infrastructure along Old Augusta Road
- ◆ 911 Center to go live on June 16th

PUBLIC HEARING

FISCAL YEAR 09/10 BUDGET – 10:00 A.M. - County Administrator Crawley explained that the budget is the basis by which the county provides services to the residents of Effingham County. Once approved, funding is allocated in accordance with the budget based on the categorical level of authority administered by staff. Appropriations outside the categorical level require Board of Commissioners approval.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 10:27 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:27 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, and pending litigations. (See copy of Chairperson's affidavit on minute book page number _____).

RECESSED

At 11:50 a.m. the Board recessed to lunch at the Extension Service.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:00 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