

**THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. C. D. Zeigler, Chairman, Mrs. Myra W. Lewis, Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Jeffrey A. Utlely, Mr. Reginald S. Loper, Sr. and Mr. Robert Brantley met in special called session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 01, 2009 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex. Commissioner Phillips was not present.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Eric Gotwalt, County Attorney, Mr. David Crawley, County Administrator, and Mrs. Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

County Administrator Crawley stated that the Board needed to add a Relocation Agreement with Georgia Power Company for Old Augusta Road.

Chairman Zeigler stated that the Board needed to add a travel policy for the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Utlely made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of New Business Number 01 – Consideration to approve a Relocation Agreement with Georgia Power Company and New Business Number 02 – consideration to approve a Travel Policy for the Board of Commissioner. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion (see copy of agenda resolution on minute book page number _____). The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RELOCATION AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER COMPANY (01): County Administrator Crawley explained that a Relocation Agreement was given to the Board by Georgia Power Company. This agreement is for relocating the Georgia Power facilities on Old Augusta Road.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve a Relocation Agreement with Georgia Power Company for Old Augusta Road (see minute book page ____).

Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A TRAVEL POLICY FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (02): Chairman Zeigler stated that the budget has not been approved and that a travel policy for the Board of Commissioners should be established. That any trip out of town should be approved by the Board.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve an interim travel policy stating that any training or out of town trips, excluding day trips, that the Board of Commissioners need to attend should be brought before the Board of Commissioners for approval and that a travel policy for the Board shall be brought for approval at the next meeting. Chairman Zeigler seconded the motion. Chairman Zeigler, Vice-Chairperson Lewis, Commissioner Utley and Commissioner Brantley voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Loper opposed the motion. The motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:42 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 _____).

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

At 10:08 a.m., the Board of Commissioners returned to Regular Session.

Chairman Zeigler made a motion to add to the agenda New Business Number – 3 Consideration to call the letter of credit with Parkwest through Branch Bank and Trust. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO CALL THE LETTER OF CREDIT WITH PARKWEST THROUGH BRANCH BANK AND TRUST (03): County Attorney Gotwalt stated that the Board needed to make a motion to call the letter of credit with Parkwest through BB&T before discussing the matter.

Chairman Zeigler made a motion to call the letter of credit with Parkwest through Branch Bank and Trust. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. County Attorney Gotwalt declined to comment on privileged matters. Chairman Zeigler, Vice-Chairperson Lewis, Commissioner Utley and Commissioner Brantley voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Loper opposed the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:09 a.m. Chairman Zeigler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. D. Zeigler, Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk