

**THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. C. D. Zeigler, Chairman, Mrs. Myra W. Lewis, Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. Verna H. Phillips, Mr. Jeffrey A. Utley, Mr. Reginald S. Loper, Sr. and Mr. Robert Brantley met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Eric Gotwalt, County Attorney, Mr. David Crawley, County Administrator, Mr. George Shaw, Zoning Administrator, Ms. Natalie Jenkins, County Clerk (acting), Mr. Adam Kobek, Project Manager, Mr. Steve Liotta, County Engineer, Ms. Rushe Hudzinski-Sero, Human Resources Director, Mr. Val Ashcraft, Ms. Joanna Wright, Finance Director, Mr. Greg Brant, Ms. Roseanne Brant, Ms. Cheryl Arnsdorff, and Mr. Wendell Arnsdorff.

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

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the Agenda Resolution. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 5, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting and the January 8, 2010 Workshop. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

AWARD PRESENTATION FOR GEORGE SHAW & MYRA KIRKLAND-DALE CARNEGIE SEMINAR (01): Human Resources Director Hudzinski-Sero presented two awards to the George Shaw and Myra Kirkland for completing the Dale Carnegie Seminar. The Board thanked the them for their hard work.

CONSIDERATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO ALLOW PARTICIPATION FOR FIRE TRAINING (02): Public Safety Director Ashcraft presented the agreement to allow members of the Fire Department to train for a live fire.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to execute an agreement to allow participation for fire training (see minute book page __). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO RECEIVE AND OPERATE THE GEORGIA SEARCH AND RESCUE (GSAR) LOGISTICS CACHE (03): Public Safety Director Ashcraft requested that the Board accept equipment and supplies in case of a National or State Disaster. This equipment will be provided by the Georgia Emergency Management and the County is to maintain the equipment. The equipment and supplies are worth over \$600,000.

Mr. Ronnie Register from GA Emergency Management spoke to the Board on the costs of maintenance and equipment.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to receive and operate the Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) Logistics Cache. (see minute book)_____. Commissioner Utley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPEARANCE- Roseanne Brant: Ms. Brant spoke to the Board about Green Morgan Road. She wants the Board to get rid of the ash that was just placed on the road. It has ruined her car and not helped the drainage issues. Chairman Zeigler explained that he and the Transportation Advisory Board had spoken about the issue and hopefully soon will resolve the problems.

CONSIDERATION TO DISCUSS A STREET LIGHT ORDINANCE (04): Zoning Administrator Shaw discussed the street light ordinance that the Board had asked the Committee to prepare.

CONSIDERATION TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE COASTAL WORKFORCE BOARD (05): Project Manager Adam Kobek presented the request from the Coastal Workforce Board to rent space at the Annex. This lease agreement will be a term for one year.

Mr. David Atkins, Board member, spoke to the Board about how he has been working on getting them into a county building for some time. He explained the many

aspects of the Coastal Workforce and how it will allow unemployed citizens to get help with their many resources.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to execute a lease agreement and memorandum of understanding for the Coastal Workforce Board (see minute book)_____.

Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Commissioner Brantley discussed the following:

- ◆ Meeting with Congressman Barrow

Commissioner Loper discussed the following:

- ◆ Animal Control Update

Vice-Chairperson Lewis discussed the following:

- ◆ Highway 30
- ◆ Skateboard grant letter
- ◆ Road Updates

Commissioner Phillips discussed the following:

- ◆ Hospital Board
- ◆ Old Augusta Road Phase II update
- ◆ Press Releases

Chairman Zeigler discussed the following:

- ◆ Turn off cell phone reminder (place on Agenda)

County Attorney Gotwalt discussed the following:

- ◆ Mediation on January 21, 2010

County Administrator Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Highway 80
- ◆ Effingham Parkway Issues Update
- ◆ EMS OmniFlight
- ◆ Effingham Parkway
- ◆ I-16 Old River Road Update
- ◆ Transportation Advisory Board- reschedule due to holidays
- ◆ City of Rincon-Westwood Heights Newsletter
- ◆ Drug Court Update
- ◆ Water and Wastewater Meeting- Mediation
- ◆ Ash Roads Update
- ◆ Resurfacing Roads- Striping
- ◆ Financial Statements

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:07 p.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 _____).

PLANNING BOARD PRESENTMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

TOMMY STRICKLAND (01): A Public Hearing was held on the application by Tommy Strickland to rezone 453.04 acres off of Old River Road and Harvey Road from I-1 to R-2/AR-1 Map 303 Parcels 21 in the First District.

Zoning Administrator Shaw presented the request.

There were no objectors present.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve the First Reading of the amendment to the Effingham County Zoning Ordinance, Map and Parcel No. 303-21 to rezone located off of Old River Road and Harvey Road from I-1 to R-2/AR-1 with the following stipulations:

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

Commissioner Utley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CLYO INVESTMENT COMPANY (02): A Public Hearing was held on the application by Clys Investment Company to rezone 200 acres on Gold Kist Road to I-1 Map 420 Parcels 21 in the Third District.

Zoning Administrator Shaw 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. 420-21 to rezone 200 acres located on Gold Kist Road to I-1 with the following stipulations:

1. The landfill must be approved by EPD.
2. All buildings must be renovated to current code, demolished, or secured to prevent injury.
3. The bulk liquid tanks must be inspected to ensure that they are still safe and not leaking. Any necessary repairs must take place prior to any development.
4. Soil testing must be done throughout the site to check for existing pollution problems. Any existing problems must be resolved prior to any development.
5. The landfill shall be located at least 1000 feet from the Savannah River.
6. The site must adhere to the heavy industrial buffer requirements.
7. The site must meet all other conditions of the I-1 district.
8. Any subdivision must be approved by the Zoning Administrator and the Effingham County health department.

Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING: Project Manager Kobek presented a slideshow of the Historic Courthouse. The public were able to come and ask Mr. Kobek

and the JT Turner construction team questions. They answered questions about the progress of the Historic Courthouse.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:33 p.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 _____).

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 p.m. Chairman Zeigler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. D. Zeigler, Chairman

Patrice Crawley, County Clerk