

**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 and Mr. Robert Brantley met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 04, 2010 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, Mr. John Beall, Mr. Arthur Rud, Sr, Mr. Delmons White, Mrs. Ruth Lee, Mr. Michael Garvin, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. Michael O'Neal, and Mr. Rick Rafter.

**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 explained that an addition to the Agenda was needed. The addition was consideration to approves ending a letter of appreciation to legislator and Association County Commissioners of Georgia concerning House Bill 1221.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition to New Business Number 05 – Consideration to approve sending a letter of appreciation to legislators and Association County Commissioner of Georgia concerning House Bill 1221 (see minute book page \_\_\_\_). Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Zeigler 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

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 20, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Utley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Zeigler stated that anyone who wanted to comment on any agenda item may do so when the item comes up.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Zeigler asked for a vote on the **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ERRORS AND RELEASES FOR MOBILE HOMES AS SUBMITTED BY THE TAX COMMISSIONER (01)**. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve errors and releases for mobile homes as submitted by the Tax Commissioner (see minute book page \_\_\_\_\_). Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Zeigler read loud on the second readings for **ZONING MAP AND PARCEL 461-45 BY DENNIS G. DOZIER TO REZONE 1 ACRE FROM AR-1 TO AR-2 LOCATED AT 422 MILL POND ROAD (02), ZONING MAP AND PARCEL 460-56 BY LINWOOD L. SECKINGER TO REZONE 25.33 ACRES FROM AR-1 TO AR-2 LOCATED OF EBENEZER ROAD (HWY 275) (03) AND SECOND READING TO APPROVE A VARIANCE FOR JOHN SANDERS TO PARK A RV ON HIS PROPERTY WHILE CONSTRUCTING A HOME LOCATED OFF OF LONG POND ROAD MAP AND PARCEL 462-8**. Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion and Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL CODE OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY APPENDIX C – ZONING ORDINANCE; ARTICLE 3 – GENERAL PROVISION (01):** Zoning Administrator

Shaw presented the second reading to amend the Official Code of Effingham County Appendix C. This amendment will allow in cases of a single family residence being destroyed by a natural disaster or accidental fire it shall be allowed in all agricultural and single family residential districts for a recreational vehicle or trailer to be moved onto the property for use as a temporary dwelling during the replacement of the primary residence. This special exemption shall be permitted for a period of no longer than one year. The placement of the vehicle must meet all setback requirements and be approved by the Effingham County Building Department and sanitation must be approved by Effingham County Health Department.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the second reading to approve the amendment to the Official Code of Effingham County Appendix C – Zoning Ordinance: Article 3 – General Provision (see minute book page \_\_\_).

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

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL CODE OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY CHAPTER 10 – COUNTY ARTICLE II AND IV CONCERNING RABIES (02):** Zoning Administrator Shaw presented the second reading to approve the amendment to the Official Code of Effingham County Chapter 10 County Article II and IV concerning rabies. This amendment will allow the use of the three year vaccine for rabies.

Commissioner Uteley made a motion to approve the Second Reading to Approve Amendment to the Official Code of Effingham County Chapter 10 – County Article II and IV concerning rabies (see minute book page \_\_\_).

Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RETIREMENT PLAN MONTHLY OVERVIEW (01):** County Administrator Crawley gave the monthly overview of the retirement plan.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTING WANDA MCDUFFIE TO SERVE ON THE SOUTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL IX EMS COUNCIL (02):** County Clerk Crawley explained that under bylaws adopted by the Southeast Georgia Emergency Medical Service Council and in accordance with guidelines

established by the Georgia Department of Human resources, each of the twenty-four County Board of Commissioners within the region must appoint one nominee for voting membership. Wanda McDuffie has been serving on the EMS Council since April, 2009. Staff recommends reappointing Mrs. McDuffie.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve reappointing Wanda McDuffie to serve on the Southeast Georgia Regional IX EMS Council. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO RENEW OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (OMI) CONTRACT (03):** County Administrator Crawley explained that the Board of Commissioners has requested that staff pursue every cost saving measure possible. Staff has presented a plan to not renew the agreement for services with Operations Management International, Inc. (OMI) to the Board of Commissioners Budget committee for consideration. The current contract with OMI expires June 30, 2010. OMI has presented a new agreement to extend services for an additional four years with an automatic renewal for an additional four year term. Services currently provided by OMI include management and personnel for the operations of the Road and Drainage Departments.

Mr. John Beall with OMI discussed why the contract with OMI should be approved.

Chairman Zeigler made a motion to table renewing Operations Management International, Inc contract until the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF GUYTON WASTEWATER CONTRACT (04):** County Engineer Liotta explained that since March, 2009, several letters have gone back and forth between the City and the County, most of which centered on the County's capacity for wastewater disposal, impact/tap fees, costs and location of the new wastewater conveyance infrastructure, treatment cost, and buyback of capacity. However, some differences still remained between the County's offer and the City's draft agreement pertaining to the costs of treatment (both capacity and ongoing rates) and buy-back of capacity. On January 21, 2010, the County presented an updated term sheet to Guyton clarifying previous offers

to provide wastewater treatment services to the City. In the City's draft agreement received April 23, 2010, they incorporated most of the terms but there are still details that need to be addressed.

County Administrator Crawley recommended that three Commissioners meet with the City of Guyton to finalize an agreement. Chairman Zeigler, Vice-Chairperson Lewis, and Commissioner Utley have agreed to meet with the City of Guyton.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE SENDING A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO LOCAL LEGISLATORS AND ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA CONCERNING HOUSE BILL 1221 (05):** County Administrator Crawley explained that if House Bill 1221 would have passed it could have been a sudden and significant reduction in sales tax revenue and would have had a devastating consequences, not only to the County but to the Cities and Board of Education as well. The Board should thank Association County Commissioners and the local legislators for what they did concerning House Bill 1221.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve sending a letter of appreciation to the legislators and Association County Commissioners of Georgia concerning House Bill 1221. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**WORKSHOP**

**SPLOST:** County Administrator Crawley, staff, and the Board of Commissioner discussed and went over proposed projects for the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST).

**BUDGET:** Finance Director Wright gave an overview of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Commissioner Brantley discussed the following:

- ◆ Hwy 80 drainage
- ◆ Shellie Helmey Road

Commissioner Loper discussed the following:

- ◆ Turning lane at Log Landing Road

Chairman Zeigler discussed the following:

- ◆ Georgia Pacific tour

- ◆ CRC
- ◆ Ash roads update
- ◆ Energy study of all county buildings
- ◆ Code of Ethic draft from ACCG

Vice-Chairperson Lewis discussed the following:

- ◆ Hwy 80 and Sandhill Road possible red light

Commissioner Utley discussed the following:

- ◆ Hospital feasibility study

County Clerk Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Chamber of Commerce annual meeting
- ◆ City of Springfield appreciation luncheon
- ◆ City of Guyton meeting concerning wastewater

County Administrator Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Old Augusta Phase II
- ◆ Effingham Parkway
- ◆ I-16 Old River Road
- ◆ State Transportation Improvement Program
- ◆ EMS/OMNI Flight
- ◆ Quarterly Meeting to piggy back with the May 18<sup>th</sup> workshop
- ◆ Hospital land request
- ◆ Georgia Southern University study for the Hospital
- ◆ Windfield Subdivision
- ◆ Ethic Policies from other Counties
- ◆ Adult subsidized employment program

County Engineer Liotta discussed the following:

- ◆ City of Rincon meeting

County Clerk Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Changing of July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting

Project Manager Kobek discussed the following:

- ◆ Energy grant for the Historic Courthouse

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 12:51 p.m., Chairman Zeigler made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, property and pending litigation. Vice-Chairperson 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 1:55 p.m., Chairman Zeigler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.