

**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, May 18, 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. Adam Kobek, Project Manager, Mr. George Shaw, Zoning Administrator, Mrs. Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk, Mrs. Joanna Wright, Finance Director, Mr. Phil Kieffer, Mr. George Cartledge, Mrs. Ruth Lee, Mr. John Beall, Mr. Carl Smith, Ms. Lilli Brown Smart, Mr. Jason Well, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Freeman, Ms. Laura Swainston, Ms. Hazel Manier, Mr. Willie Manier, Mr. Stephen Webb, Mr. Ryan Thompson, Mr. Jeff Northway, Mr. Michael S. King, Mrs. Brenda Lovett, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. Jeff Northway, Mr. Franklin Goldwire, and Mr. Michael Garvin.

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 requested to add New Business 08 which would be Consideration to approve a Notice of Intent to designate State Route 21 beginning at the Screven/Effingham County Line and extending to the Chatham/Effingham County line, as indicated on the map, as "Savannah River Parkway".

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve the Agenda Resolution with the addition to New Business Number 08 (see minute book page ____).

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

MINUTES

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 04, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Zeigler stated that if anyone would like to discuss an Agenda Item, they may do so when that item is presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION TO RELEASE SANITATION FEES FROM PROPERTY TAX BILLS AS SUBMITTED FROM THE SANITATION DIRECTOR (01): Commissioner Phillips made a motion to release sanitation fees from property tax bills as submitted from the Sanitation Director. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO RENEW OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL, INC (OMI) CONTRACT (01): County Administrator Crawley explained that Board of Commissioners has requested that staff consider every cost saving measure possible to reach a goal of reducing the proposed fiscal year 10/11 budget. During the budget review process, discussion with the Board of Commissioners Budget Committee resulted in the investigation of potential savings through the elimination of contracted or out sourced labor. The Public Works Department is the County's largest expense in contract labor. The County has contracted with Operations Management International, Inc. (OMI) for public works labor since 2001. The current contract expires June 30, 2010. The contract largely represents labor as the County provides vehicles, equipment, fuel, and facilities. In reviewing the feasibility of providing labor services through County employment, staff created a proposed personnel budget from the review of the labor forces provided by OMI and review of other public works departments. Labor rates were calculated based on salary scale information provided through the Department of Community Affairs.

Mr. George Cartledge with OMI explained why the Board should renew the contract with OMI.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to renew the Operations Management International, Inc. (OMI) contract. There was no second. Therefore the motion died.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to not renew Operations Management International, Inc. (OMI). Commissioner Brantley 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.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SALES ORDER AGREEMENT WITH PREMIER ELECTION SOLUTIONS FOR EXPRESS POLL UNITS (01): Election and Registration Supervisor Whitehead explained that Express Poll units are used at the polling sites to verify voters and create voter access cards for voting. The state allotted 42 units to Effingham County at the initial roll out in 2005. With use, some of these units are failing to complete the boot up process and/or pass logic and accuracy testing requiring the units to be returned to the vendor for repair. During the election preparation process, the time required for repair can be crucial. Staff request that ten express poll units be purchased at the cost of \$1,290 per unit.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve a sales order agreement with Premier Election Solutions for express poll units (see minute book page ____). Commissioner Utley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SILVER BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, INC. (02): Fire Chief Ashcraft explained that since December of 2003 Fire Service has been working with Silver Business Development and have been awarded four large grants. The success on other large regional communication projects is due to the participation of multiple jurisdictions working together to produce true regional proposals. The current focus is on continuing to upgrade fire service and law enforcement communications in the region. A retainer fee of \$300 a month to be paid quarterly is required. If awarded,

accrued retainer will be deducted from the total grant. The majority of the targeted grant sources require five to twenty percent local matching funds or in-kind services.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve an agreement with Silver Business Development, Inc. (see minute book page ____). Commissioner Utleby seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A BID FOR TWO NEW AMBULANCES (03):

Purchasing Agent Newland explained that there are eight Ford ambulances in the County Inventory Pool. As of March 31, 2010 the EMS Department has spent more than \$41,000 on vehicle maintenance just to keep these ambulances in services. An invitation to bid for two new ambulances for the EMS Department was issued, publicly advertised, mailed to prospective bidders and publicly opened May 3, 2010. Bidders were requested to submit bids for a 2010 Chevrolet G4500 HD Cutaway Emergency Medical Vehicle Type III Class 2 (4x2) DRW. Two bids were received but one was submitted late and was ineligible. Staff would like to surplus two ambulances in the current inventory (2001 & 2003 models with over 160,000 miles on each vehicle) and replace them with two new Chevrolet models that have shown to be more reliable than the Ford counterparts. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Peachstate at the amount of \$252,686 for two ambulances.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to award a bid for two new ambulances to Peachstate. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN ENTERPRISE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ESRI

(04): GIS Project Manager Aycock explained that ESRI's Enterprise License Agreement allows the County to obtain an unlimited amount of licenses for ArcGIS software. Currently the county has 85 users of the ESRI licenses. Because Effingham County is considered a small government, we can utilize ESRI's Enterprise License Agreement and only pay \$51,000 for an unlimited number of licenses. Having unlimited licenses will enable multiple editors. The current

backlog is high because the work load is too great for one editor. In addition, we will be able to receive unlimited software and 5% discount on training.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve an enterprise license agreement with ESRI (see minute book page ____). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THREE MODEL HOMES FOR CEDAR RIDGE SUBDIVISION (05): County Engineer Liotta explained that the developers of Cedar Ridge have requested permission to begin vertical construction on model homes prior to completing all site improvements and recording a final plat. Developers are currently completing construction of the onsite improvements and the final plat submittal package.

Mr. Warren Poythress explained the reason the Board should approve the three model homes.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve three model homes for Cedar Ridge Subdivision with the stipulation that all parties involved with Cedar Ridge Subdivision be notified of the fact that these are model homes only and that a certificate of occupancy will not be given on any of the model homes until the final plat has been approved by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. Chairman Zeigler and Vice-Chairperson Lewis opposed the motion. Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Utle, Commissioner Loper and Commissioner Brantley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ACCG 2010 SUMMER COMMISSIONERS TRAINING (06): County Clerk Crawley explained that ACCG is offering summer training at Jekyll Island. Commissioner Loper and Utle would like to attend this training, which will be held June 3rd and 4th.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve ACCG 2010 Summer Commissioners Training. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. Chairman Zeigler opposed the motion. Vice-Chairperson Lewis, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Utle, Commissioner Loper and Commissioner Brantley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO ALLOW THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY TO CONDUCT FIELD RESEARCH AT THE TUCKASEE KING PARK AREA (07): County Administrator Crawley explained that Dr. Charles Cobb with the University of South Carolina, South Carolina Institute of Archeology and Anthropology has requested permission to conduct field research at the Tuckasee King Park. The institute is currently conducting research along the Savannah River. Staff has discussed the proposed scope of field work and does not feel it will impact the function or use of the park.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve to allow the University of South Carolina, South Carolina Institute of Archeology and Anthropology to conduct field research at the Tuckasee King Park area with the stipulation that any artifacts and archaeological findings are the property of Effingham County Board of Commissioners except as controlled by State Law (see minute book page ____). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE STATE ROUTE 21 BEGINNING AT THE SCREVEN/EFFINGHAM COUNTY LINE AND EXTENDING TO THE CHATHAM/EFFINGHAM COUNTY LINE, AS INDICATED ON THE MAP, AS "SAVANNAH RIVER PARKWAY" (08): County Administrator Crawley explained that the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 32-4-22 designated road corridors between Savannah and Augusta to be a component of the Governor's Road Improvement Program. These road corridors are duly identified in the aforementioned Official Code of Georgia code section as the "Savannah River Parkway". Georgia Department of Transportation is in the final stages of completing the construction of all segments of this Parkway. After consideration, the DOT shall use the duly established road names, "Savannah River Parkway" and "Savannah River Parkway Spur" to formally identify to local communities and the traveling public the roadways described herein the Notice of Intent. In the public interest, the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, under his vested authority and pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia, does hereby serve notice of his intention to approve an Order thirty days from receipt

by Effingham County of notice and by which Order that the State Highway System be signed Savannah River Parkway and Savannah River Parkway Spur.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve a Notice of Intent to designated State Route 21 beginning at the Screven/Effingham County line and extending to the Chatham/Effingham County line, as indicated on the map, as "Savannah River Parkway" (see minute book page ____). Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Commissioner Loper discussed the following:

- ◆ Log Landing Road turning lane

Commissioner Phillips discussed the following:

- ◆ Health Department Grant - Maap

County Clerk Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Chambers Annual Meeting

Zoning Administrator Shaw discussed the following:

- ◆ Transportation with the MPC
- ◆ Concert promoter

County Administrator Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Effingham Parkway
- ◆ I-16/Old river Road
- ◆ Roundabout Studies that DOT is doing
- ◆ Old Augusta Road
- ◆ EMS/OMNI Flight
- ◆ Hospital
- ◆ Windfield Subdivision
- ◆ Ethics Policy
- ◆ Adult Employment Program
- ◆ ACCG Intern Program
- ◆ Four Day work week
- ◆ Board Meeting July 6th to be cancelled
- ◆ Trash on the roadside
- ◆ IDA Board Meeting
- ◆ Financial update
- ◆ City of Rincon to meet at Westwood

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:53 p.m., Chairman Zeigler made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, property, and pending litigation. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board broke for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD PRESENTMENTS

The Board reconvened at 6:07 p.m. for Planning Board Presentments.

NEW BUSINESS

JASON WELLS – PUBLIC HEARING (01): A Public Hearing was held on the application by Jason Wells of Mayson Concrete to amend zoning conditions placed on the original zoning in order to expand the hours of operation on Map and Parcel 276-16A in the Second District.

Zoning Administrator Shaw presented the request.

No objectors were present.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the First Reading of the amendment to the Effingham County Zoning Ordinance, Map and Parcel No. 276-16A by adding additional stipulations to allow Saturday hours of operation limited from 7:00 a.m. to noon and no Sunday operations.

Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LAURA SWAINSTON – PUBLIC HEARING (02): A Public Hearing was held on the application by Laura Swainston to rezone 5 acres located at 4005 Old Dixie Hwy from AR-1 to AR-2 Map 313 and Parcel 26 in the Fifth District.

Zoning Administrator Shaw presented the request.

No objectors were present.

Commissioner Utlely made a motion to approve the First Reading of the amendment to the Effingham County Zoning Ordinance, Map and Parcel No. 313-26 to rezone 5 acres located at 4005 Old Dixie Hwy 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 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. A sixty foot easement will be required on the plat and deed showing access to any lot without 100 feet of road frontage

Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

KERRY AND SARAH FREEMAN – PUBLIC HEARING (03): A Public Hearing was held on the application by Kerry and Sarah Freeman for a variance of a two feet reduction to the front yard buffer located at 6162 Highway 21 South of a two feet reduction to the front yard buffer Map 465 Parcel 16 in the Fifth District.

Zoning Administrator Shaw presented the request.

No objectors were present.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve the First Reading of the amendment to the Effingham County Zoning Ordinance, Map and Parcel No. 465-16 for a variance use of a two feet reduction to the front yard buffer located at 6162 Highway 21 South with the following stipulations:

1. A variance of three feet shall be allowed from the rear buffer.
2. Additional landscaping, to be approved by the Zoning Administrator shall be required.

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

EFFINGHAM COUNTY – PUBLIC HEARING (04): A Public Hearing was held on the application by Effingham County to amend Article V – Section 5.1.2.5 of the Effingham County Zoning Ordinance to list a grandchild as a relative permitted to place a second dwelling on family property.

Zoning Administrator Shaw presented the request.

No objectors were present.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the First Reading of the amendment to Article V- Section 5.1.2.5 of the Effingham County Zoning Ordinance to list a grandchild as a relative permitted to place a second dwelling on family property. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP

At 7:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at the Administrative Complex, the Effingham County Board of Commissioners and the Municipalities met to discuss Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST).

The following item was discussed:

- SPLOST Timeline
- Board of Education will be on the same ballot
- Wish lists from each entity
- The use of method 2, which is by population
- Method 2 to be based on the 2010 census numbers
- Need to get the projection of SPLOST money and to prioritize the projects

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:41 p.m., Vice-Chairperson Lewis 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