

**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 a Special Called Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 25, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex. Commissioner Verna Phillips was not present.

**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. Rick Rafter, Mr. LeRoy Holmes, Mrs. Ruth Lee, Mr. Dave Howes, Mr. Phil Kieffer, Mr. Butch Kieffer, Mr. D. M. O'Neal, and Mr. R. H. Brooks.

**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 – Consideration to approve a Contract with the Department of Human Services for Family Connection.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve the Agenda Resolution with the addition to New Business Number 08 (see minute book page \_\_\_\_).

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.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

10:00 a.m. – A second Public Hearing was held on the millage rate.

County Administrator Crawley gave a presentation of the millage rate.

Mr. LeRoy Holmes explained his concerns about the Hospital being on the Jackson's property.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (01):** County Administrator Crawley presented a resolution that was presented by the Effingham County Hospital Authority.

Mr. Leroy Holmes explained why the Board should not approve the Resolution.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to table the Resolution presented by Effingham County Hospital Authority so that the attorneys can finalize the Resolution by July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. Chairman Zeigler opposed the motion. Vice-Chairperson Lewis, Commissioner Utley, Commissioner Loper, and Commissioner Brantley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO LEVY THE 2010 TAXES (02):** Finance Director Wright went over the Resolution to Levy the 2010 taxes.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve a Resolution to Levy the 2010 Taxes (see minute book page \_\_). Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. Chairman Zeigler opposed the motion. Vice-Chairperson Lewis, Commissioner Utley, Commissioner Loper, and Commissioner Brantley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2010 SANITATION FEE (03):** County Administrator Crawley went over the Resolution to set the 2010 Sanitation Fee.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve a Resolution to set the 2010 Sanitation Fee (see minute book page \_\_\_\_). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2010 FIRE FEES (04):** County Administrator Crawley went over the Resolution to set the 2010 Fire Fees.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve a Resolution to set the 2010 Fire Fees (see minute book page \_\_\_\_). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMO OF RECORD REGARDING THE USE OF THE INSURANCE PREMIUM FUNDS (05):** County Administrator Crawley went over the Memo of Record concerning the insurance premium funds.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve a Memo of Record regarding the use of the insurance premium refund (see minute book page \_\_\_\_). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CITIZEN'S REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE (06):** Zoning Administrator Shaw explained that TischlerBise is analyzing our development impact fee ordinance and will be presenting potential changes. The citizen's review committee would make a recommendation to the Board. This committee would meet once or twice in July and present their recommendation at the first August Board of Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Brett Bennett pulled the following names: Realtors – Carole Hogge, alternatives James Neidlinger, Debbie Rafter, Developers – Richard Steele, alternatives Michelle Edmonson, Eddie Coleman, Builders – Skyler Long, alternatives Tim Edenfield and Scott Shuman.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to appoint Realtors – Carole Hogge, alternatives James Neidlinger, Debbie Rafter, Developers – Richard Steele, alternatives Michelle Edmonson, Eddie Coleman Builders – Skyler Long, alternatives Tim Edenfield and Scott Shuman. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A FOUR DAY WORK WEEK PLAN (07):** County Administrator Crawley explained that four day work weeks are a growing trend in both the public and private sectors. The idea of the four day work week stems from an idea to save money. Less money can be spent on utilities by closing facilities for an extra day, contiguous to the weekend holidays, while decreasing mobilization and fuel consumption. There are unintended benefits that have

been seen in other areas, such as increased productivity, decreased absenteeism, both of which can have economic benefits that are unquantifiable at this time. There are also some potential cons to the four day work week. Child care, if the work day extends past 6 p.m., late pick up fees may be incurred and cause a burden to employees. The Board recommended that staff prepare an implementation plan for a pilot project for the four day work week, complete with measurable, for further consideration. The time frame will be from July 12 to November 12, 2010. The following departments would move to the four day work week: County Commission, Building Inspections, Tax Assessor, Public Works, Tax Commissioner, Recreation, Public Buildings, Probation, General Government, Water and Sewer, Sheriff, IT, Public Safety, Zoning, Animal Control, GIS, Sanitation, and Environmental Health. The following departments will continue with a five day work week: District Attorney, Prison, Extension Service, Jail, Solicitor General, EMS, Probate Court, Superior Court Clerk, DFCS, Georgia Forestry, State Court, Health Department Clinic, Elections, Sr. Citizens Center, Magistrate Court, Multi-Agency Call Center, and Fire Department.

Chairman Zeigler made a motion to approve the four day work week plan until November 12, 2010. Commissioner Uteley seconded the motion. Commissioner Loper opposed the motion. Chairman Zeigler, Vice-Chairperson Lewis, Commissioner Uteley, and Commissioner Brantley voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR FAMILY CONNECTION (08):** County Administrator Crawley explained that the Board had approved to be the fiscal agent for Family Connection at their last board meeting. The Board now needs to approve the contract with the Department of Human Services for Family Connection.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve a Contract with the Department of Human Services for Family Connection (see minute book page \_\_). Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

County Administrator Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Insurance Committee – Commissioner Phillips and Commissioner Loper
- ◆ SPLOST – update
- ◆ Budget Amendment

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:57 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 property and pending litigations. (See copy of Chairperson's affidavit on minute book page number \_\_\_\_\_).

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:30 p.m., Chairman Zeigler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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C. D. Zeigler, Chairman

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Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk