

**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 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 05, 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, Ms. Rushe Hudzinski-Sero, Human Resources Director, Mrs. Patrice Crawley, County Clerk, Mr. Steve Liotta, County Engineer, Mrs. Ruth Lee, Mrs. Lillie Smart Brown, Mrs. Vera Jones, Mr. Delmons White, and Mrs. Rebecca Boston.

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

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to approve a Resolution to Approve the Agenda with the stated correction (see minute book page _____). Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 21, 2010 Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Loper 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 is presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP 393-10 BY CYNTHIA SATURDAY FOR A VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOR A CAMPER AS A DWELLING UNIT (01) AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING TO AMEND THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY ZONING MAP (02): Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the Second Reading to Amend the Zoning Map 393-10 by Cynthia Saturday for a variance to allow for a camper as a dwelling unit with the following stipulations:

01. The camper shall be used only as a temporary residence on 1200 Low Ground Road
02. The camper shall only be used for Cynthia Saturday's father
03. The camper shall pass inspection by the Building and Environmental Health Departments

And to approve the Second Reading to amend the Effingham County Zoning Map.

Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL CODE OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY OUTDOOR WATER USE ORDINANCE (03): Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve the Second Reading to amend the Official Code of Effingham County Outdoor Water Use Ordinance (see minute book page _____). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD (01): County Clerk Crawley explained that at the August 3, 2010 meeting, the Board requested that Commissioners Phillips and Brantley interview the potential members of the Library Board.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve appointing Christina Kirkland to the Library Board. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RETIREMENT OVERVIEW (01): Human Resources Director Hudzinski-Sero gave an overview of the county retirement plans.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve the retirement overview. Chairman Zeigler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A COMMUNICATION OFFICER TRAINEE JOB DESCRIPTION (02): Human Resources Director Hudzinski-Sero explained that in an effort to reduce personnel budgetary spending for training officer in E-911 the creation of a Communications Officer Trainee job description for those employees hired but still need certification.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve a communication officer trainee job description (see minute book page __). Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH METLIFE THROUGH MERRILL LYNCH FOR LONG TERM CARE (03): Human Resources Director Hudzinski-Sero explained that the Board approved the additional supplemental insurance election option, of Long Term Care with Merrill Lynch through the subsidiary of Metropolitan Life. Staff is seeking acceptance of the agreement for the long term care. There is no cost to the County.

County Attorney Gotwalt and County Administrator Crawley requested to have the item tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to table the agreement with MetLife through Merrill Lynch for long term care until October 19th. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TO APPOINT LINDA WRIGHT TO THE AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION (04): County Clerk Crawley explained that the Aging Services Advisory Council is comprised of volunteers representing seniors, persons with disabilities, and care givers residing in the Coastal Georgia Region. Effingham County has three appointees on the Council and Ms. Daisy Mills' term is up. The appointment was

advertised and Ms. Linda Wright has stated that she would be interested in serving on this Council.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve appointing Linda Wright to the Aging Services Advisory Council of the Coastal Regional Commission. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO AMEND THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 25, 2010 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING (05): County Attorney Gotwalt explained that the approved minutes for the June 25, 2010 reflect only three members and the alternates for the citizen's advisory committee impact fee, but the motion included the three members, their alternates from the Realtors, Developers, and Builders, Sheriff McDuffie, Clarence Morgan from staff and Charles Young from the Community. Staff requested that the Board approve the Resolution amending the minutes for June 25, 2010 Special Called Meeting.

Vice-Chairperson Lewis made a motion to amend the minutes for June 25, 2010 Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE HOLDING TRICK OR TREAT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH (06): County Administrator Crawley explained that Halloween falls on Sunday. Due to the holiday falling on a Sunday, Rincon and Springfield intend to observe Trick or Treating on Saturday, October 30th. Sheriff McDuffie has also requested Effingham County to observe Trick or Treating on Saturday as well.

Commissioner Utley made a motion to approve holding trick or treating on Saturday October 30th. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AMENDING THE IMPACT FEE COMMITTEE (07): County Administrator Crawley explained that the Impact Fee Committee met for the first time on July 28, 2010 and the second time on August 16, 2010. Public Safety Director Ashcraft has attended each of the meetings as an alternate to the committee. The Board appointed Sheriff McDuffie as a member of the Impact Fee Committee. The Sheriff has been unable to attend one meeting of the committee.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve amending the Impact Fee Committee by removing Sheriff McDuffie and appointing Public Safety Director Ashcraft. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT BETH HELMEY TO THE TAX ASSESSORS BOARD TO FULFILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF NEAL KESSLER (08): County Clerk Crawley explained that the Board appointed Neal Kessler to the Tax Assessors Board. Mr. Kessler has resigned from the Assessors Board. Commissioner Loper has requested to appoint Beth Helmey to fulfill the remaining term of Neal Kessler.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to appoint Beth Helmey to the Tax Assessors Board with her term ending March, 2012. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Commissioner Brantley discussed the following:

- ◆ Hwy 80 drainage

Chairman Zeigler discussed the following:

- ◆ Ash Roads

Commissioner Phillips discussed the following:

- ◆ Water issue at Studio 21 Salon

County Clerk Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ NACO invoice

County Administrator Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Hospital Contract
- ◆ Regional transportation roundtable
- ◆ Insurance Committee
- ◆ Landfill Project Committee
- ◆ Workshop/Retreat
- ◆ Public Notice of the Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia Area Agency on Aging
- ◆ House Speaker Ralston to come to speak at Baibry's

Project Manager Kobek discussed the following:

- ◆ Courthouse grand opening
- ◆ Survey on the 4-Day work week

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:59 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 pending litigations. (See copy of Chairperson's affidavit on minute book page number _____).

The Board went back into Regular Session at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Utey is not present.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve adding a Resolution to authorize the chairman and staff to sign and file the declaration of taking in condemnation proceedings with connection to parcel 8 and 57 of Old Augusta Road. Vice-Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND STAFF TO SIGN AND FILE THE DECLARATION OF TAKING IN CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS WITH CONNECTION TO PARCEL 8 AND 57 OF OLD AUGUSTA (09):

Chairman Zeigler made a motion to approve a Resolution to authorize the Chairman and staff to sign and file the Declaration of Taking in Condemnation Proceedings with connection to parcel 8 and 57 of Old Augusta Road South (see minute book page _____). Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:31 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 R. Crawley, County Clerk