

THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wendall Kessler, Chairman, Mrs. Vera Jones, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reggie Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in regular session 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Eric Gotwalt, County Attorney, Mr. Toss Allen, County Administrator, Mrs. Stephanie Johnson, County Clerk, Mrs. Joanna Wright, Finance Director, Mr. Adam Kobek, Community Relations Director, Mrs. Fiona Charleton, Purchasing Agent, Mrs. Wanda McDuffie, EMS Director, Mr. Clint Hodges, Fire Chief, Mr. Clarence Morgan, Recreation Director, Mr. Tim Matthews, Mr. Jack C. Garvin, Ms. Claudia Collier, Mr. Craig Johnson, Mr. Ted Carellas and Mr. Pat Donahue

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kessler called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Chairman Kessler led the Pledge to the American Flag.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Kessler welcomed Commissioner Jamie Deloach to the Board.

Chairman Kessler stated the Board will need to elect a Vice Chair. Votes were cast by written ballot and signed by each Commissioner. County Clerk Johnson read aloud the nomination of each Commissioner. The vote was unanimous to elect Commissioner Jones as Vice Chairperson.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Chairman Kessler stated he would like to add consideration of some other travel during the presentation of New Business# 10.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the agenda as stated. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Later in the meeting, it was determined the additional travel needed to be added to the agenda.

Vice Chairperson Jones made a motion to add as New Business# 11 - consideration of travel expense for the inauguration for Governor Deal. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Commissioner Deloach made a motion to approve the December 9, 2014 Commission meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Kessler stated public comment should be limited to agenda items only.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Kessler explained all correspondence and documents from the meeting are located in the Clerk's office and on the Board of Commissioner's website.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve (1) the Second Reading of an application by Lee & Lynette Grider to rezone 3 acres located at 200 Shearouse Road from AR-1 to AR-2 Map#398A Parcel# 43 & 44 in the Second District (2) the Second Reading of an application by William Spikes Jr. & Frieda Winnai to rezone 2.59 acres located at 569 Exley Loop from AR-1 to AR-2 Map# 451C Parcel# 51 in the Second District (3) the Second Reading of an application by Two Yachts Inc. to rezone 188.24 acres located on Ralph Rahn Road between McCall and Little McCall Roads from AR-1 to AR-2 Map# 391 Parcel# 2 in the Fourth District (4) the Second Reading of the Water Resources Protection Ordinance and Stormwater Local Design Manual. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM JANUARY 20, 2015 AS CHAMPIONS DAY TO RECOGNIZE THE JAGUARS FOOTBALL TEAM (01):**

Recreation Director Morgan explained he would like to proclaim January 20, 2015 as Champions Day for this team winning the football championship.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve to proclaim January 20, 2015 as Effingham Football Champions Day. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A TECHNICAL SERVICE SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH PHYSIO CONTROL INC (02):

EMS Director McDuffie explained the agreement is the same as last year with the exception of an increase of \$720.00.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve to sign the support service plan that is renewable annually. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO COMMENCE A FULL ROLL-OUT FOR FUEL MANAGEMENT WITH WRIGHT EXPRESS (WEX) AND TO ISSUE A NOTICE LETTER TO FUELMAN (03):

Purchasing Agent Charleton explained the County bid fuel management services in May, 2014 as the contract with Fuelman had expired. No responses were received so staff researched the option of using Wright Express who hold the State of Georgia Fleet Program and have done so since 2006. At the July 15th 2014 meeting, the Board approved running a pilot program with Wright Express in order to determine if they offered a more cost effective option for fuel management than Fuelman.

Staff have established that Wright Express do offer a more cost effective option than Fuelman and although the actual savings to the County cannot be determined due to the fluctuating price of fuel, during the pilot program the average savings were approximately \$3,000 per month.

No contract is required by Wright Express, they only need an addendum to the agreement that they have with the State of Georgia. The Board approved and executed the aforementioned addendum at the July 15th, 2014 meeting. The County can terminate the addendum at any time by cancelling the fuel cards with no notice or penalty.

In order to ensure a smooth transition from Fuelman to Wright Express, staff will commence the full 'roll-out' with Wright Express and once it is running smoothly fleet wide, staff will send a notice letter to Fuelman.

Vice Chairperson Jones made a motion to approve to commence the full roll-out with Wright Express for fuel management and approval of the County Administrator to sign a notice letter to Fuelman once the Wright express program is in place and running smoothly. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION SHELTER INITIATIVE (04):

EMA Director Myrick explained this memorandum will allow for all equipment for the warming shelters. The Emergency Evacuation Shelter Initiative (ESSI) is an

appendix of the State Mass Care Shelter Plan as its purpose is to place resources throughout the state.

Commissioner Loper made a motion approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Emergency Evacuation Shelter Initiative. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR THE NEW SHERIFF'S OFFICE (05):

Community Relations Director Kobek explained the Board approved funding for the construction of a new Effingham County Sheriff's and the building is now being used for its intended purposes. "Substantial Completion is the stage in the progress of the work when the work or designated portions is sufficiently complete in accordance with the contract documents so that the Owner can occupy or utilize the work for its intended use" and sets the effective date for all warranties. This is a part of the project closeout required by our contract procedures.

There was a discussion regarding incidental work to be completed and the discovery of leaks in the facility which has been previously patched.

Vice Chairperson Jones made a motion to table the request until January 20, 2015. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PURCHASE AND SALE CONTRACT FOR APPROXIMATELY 15.41 ACRES OF LAND AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE CLOSING DOCUMENTS (06):

Chairman Kessler stated this property and the next agenda item are properties considered to be obtained for the Recreation project.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the Purchase and Sale contract. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PURCHASE AND SALE CONTRACT FOR APPROXIMATELY 27.83 ACRES OF LAND AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE CLOSING DOCUMENTS (07):

Chairman Kessler stated a house is on this particular parcel of property.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the Purchase and Sale contract. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION REGULATIONS, SECTION 34.-7 (08):

County Administrator Allen explained the Federal Emergency Management Agency has made modifications to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and the Flood Insurance Study that became effective on December 17, 2010. Section 34-7 of our floodplain management ordinance has been modified to remove the reference to the December 17, 2010 Flood Insurance Rate Maps and the Flood Insurance Study and include language to adopt the most recently available flood elevation data provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the First Reading of the ordinance revision. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ON THE JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE ON CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING (09):

County Administrator Allen explained House Resolution 1573 created a sixteen member joint study committee comprised of members of The House of Representatives, Senate and members of the public to study critical transportation infrastructure funding. The committee held eight meetings across the state to solicit input from stakeholders. The eighth and final meeting was held on November 20, 2014.

Staff prepared a Resolution but didn't include a recommendation. The Board will need to give staff direction as to the funding mechanism that they would like to support so that it can be included in the Resolution. The legislative session begins on January 12, 2015 so this is the only Board meeting that this item can be considered in order to get the Resolution to the General Assembly prior to the start of the 2015 legislative session.

The Board asked questions of Staff regarding the type of support being requested.

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to table the request until the January 20, 2015 Commission meeting. Vice Chairperson Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE COMMISSIONER AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TRAVEL FOR EFFINGHAM DAY (10):

Chairman Kessler explained the travel to be approved is for both Effingham Day and the Inaugural Services for Governor Deal.

Vice Chairperson Jones made a motion to approve travel cost for Effingham Day at the Capitol. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE INAUGURATION FOR GOVERNOR DEAL (11):

Chairman Kessler and Commissioner Loper were the Commissioners requesting to attend.

Vice Chairperson Jones made a motion to approve travel expense for any County Commissioner who decides to attend the inauguration for Governor Deal. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

County Administrator Allen discussed the following:

1. Monthly Senior Citizens Report

- Review of the senior citizens reports for the months of November and December.

2. ACCG Friday Legislative Briefings

- During the Legislative Session, ACCG holds weekly informal legislative briefings.
- The briefings will begin on January 16, 2015 at 10:00 am and will be held in room 328 in the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.
- Anyone wishing to attend the briefings will need to provide their contact information so they can be added to the weekly distribution list.

3. ACCG Winter Session of Lifelong Learning Academy

- The 2015 Winter Session will be held on February 9, 2015 from 7:00 am until 3:30 pm at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.
- The deadline to register for housing is January 9, 2015.

4. District Days at the Capitol

- District Days at the Capitol are designed to give you an opportunity to spend time with your legislators, attend important committee meetings, get briefed on key issues by the ACCG policy staff and become involved in the legislative process.
- District 12 will be held on February 10, 2015 from 8:00 am until 11:00 am in the Empire Room, Twin Towers.

5. Update of Hospital Agreement Regarding Funding

- An update on the amount collected and remitted to the Hospital Authority through December and the amount required to be paid to the Hospital Authority per the Funding Agreement is included for your review.

Finance Director Wright discussed the following:

1. Hospital Funding

- Discussed the numbers related to the funding to be dispersed to the Hospital

County Clerk discussed the following:

1. Hospital Board Appointments

- Discussed the expiring term for Districts 1 and 3. Asked the Board to consider appointments for terms which will expire on February 2015.

Commissioner Kieffer discussed the following:

1. 4-H Shooting Sports

- Discussed determining a location for these events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Loper made a motion to enter executive session to discuss Personnel, Property and Pending Litigation. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened from executive session at 8:02 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Commissioner Kieffer made a motion to approve the December 9, 2014 Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:03 pm, Commissioner Loper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairperson Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



WENDALL KESSLER, CHAIRMAN



STEPHANIE JOHNSON, COUNTY CLERK