

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, March 3, 2015
7:00 o'clock p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 o'clock p.m. by Chairman Terry R. Clark.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The invocation was given and the pledge of allegiance led by Commissioner Donna Herndon.

PRESENT: Those present were Commissioners Luke Strong, Winfred Giddens, Marc DeMott, Donna Herndon, Paul Nagy, Johnny Hardin, and Chairman Terry R. Clark. Also present were County Administrator Chas Cannon, County Attorney Lester Castellow and County Clerk Melissa Lawson.

At this time, Chairman Clark welcomed back Commissioner Luke Strong, who had been hospitalized in recent weeks due to health issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2015: Commissioner Strong made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for meetings held on February 3, 2015. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS HAVING BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY: None.

APPROVAL OF LIST OF UNPAID INVOICES: Commissioner DeMott made a motion to approve payment of the list of unpaid invoices. Commissioner Herndon made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TAX RELIEFS AND ADDITIONS: Commissioner Strong made a motion to approve the list of tax reliefs and additions. Commissioner Giddens made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator Chas Cannon presented the following agenda items:

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT CDBG APPLICATION: Commissioner Hardin made a motion to approve the resolution necessary to begin the 2015 Community Development Block Grant application process. Commissioner Giddens made a second. The motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 2015-R-2 is hereby made a portion of the minutes by reference thereto.)

APPROVAL TO BEGIN ROAD CLOSURE PROCEDURES – BEATY ROAD: Commissioner Hardin made the motion to begin road closure procedures in regards to Beaty Road, on behalf of Williams Suber, landowner. Commissioner Giddens made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY: Commissioner Giddens made the motion to declare Unit #7887, a 930 G CAT Front End

Loader formerly utilized by the Landfill, as surplus to the county's needs. Commissioner Herndon made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF VETERANS SERVICE RENTAL CONTRACT: Commissioner DeMott made a motion to renew the rental contract with the Department of Veterans Service for the term July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Commissioner Herndon made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR CREW VAN – ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT: Commissioner Strong made a motion to approve the low and recommended bid from Penske Used Trucks, in the amount of \$15,000.00, for the provision of a crew van to be utilized by the Roads & Bridges Department. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR SIDE LOADER GARBAGE TRUCK – SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT: Commissioner DeMott made a motion to approve the low and recommended bid from Consolidated, in the amount of \$258,179.00, for the provision of a side loader garbage truck to be utilized by the Solid Waste Department. Commissioner Herndon made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF LIVE SCAN FINGERPRINT SYSTEM – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Commissioner Strong made a motion to approve the purchase of a Live Scan Fingerprint System, in the amount of \$17,480.00, based on the contingency that county funds would be reimbursed when grant funds are received from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: At this time, Mr. Cannon addressed items received after the agenda deadline

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF ONMI DIRECTIONAL WARNING SIREN – CITY OF FUNSTON: Commissioner Giddens made the motion to approve the purchase of a directional warning siren, in the amount of \$18,867.93, from Sirens for Cities, Inc., contingent upon reimbursement of county funds when grant funds are received. Commissioner Strong made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION SIGNS: Commissioner DeMott made a motion to approve the low and recommended bid from Universal Signs and Accessories, in the amount of \$5,480.00, for the provision of road construction signs to be utilized by the Roads & Bridges Department. Commissioner Strong made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

The following public hearing was duly called and advertised for the purpose of a request for rezoning. Lester Castellow, County Attorney, called the public hearing to order.

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Request for Rezoning – Russell Moody, Deputy Chief Compliance Officer, presented an application received from James Nash/Sarah Nash Estate, regarding the rezoning of a 1.5775 acre tract located at 1358 Old Doerun Road, from AG to C3 for future commercial use. Mr. Moody stated that the property was located in Land Lot Number 244 of the 8th Land District, and was recommended for approval by the Moultrie – Colquitt County Planning Commission.

At this time, Mr. Castellow asked for comments in support of the request for rezoning.

James Tabor addressed the board, stating that he was in favor of the application for rezoning. Mr. Tabor stated that the property was an eyesore to anyone traveling into Colquitt County, and stated he was fully in favor of getting the property cleaned up.

Mr. Castellow asked for any comments in opposition to the application. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST: Commissioner Hardin made a motion to approve the request for rezoning as presented in the public hearing. Commissioner Giddens made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jennifer Alexander, resident of J R Suber Road, addressed the board to revisit the issue of an impending poultry operation to be located upon J R Suber Road. Mr. Alexander mentioned photographs that she had previously sent to Mr. Cannon regarding road and bridge conditions. Ms. Alexander declared that the bridge would not sustain the weight of a tractor trailer, and further declared her concern for the safety of teenage drivers upon J R Suber Road. In closing, Ms. Alexander thanked the commission for their time.

Commissioner Giddens questioned the status of the chicken house operation.

Mr. Russell Moody stated that a soil scientist had recently been hired and anticipated his report within the next two weeks. Mr. Moody further stated the project was on hold until it was cleared of any environmental issues.

At this time, Commissioner Giddens declared that he was totally opposed to the poultry operation on J R Suber Road. He declared that chicken litter presented serious problems, both environmentally and health wise.

Commissioner Nagy inquired as to what exactly the soil was being tested for. Mr. Moody replied that overall, the purpose of the testing was to determine the existence of wetlands that could possibly be encroached upon.

Commissioner Herndon questioned if the Army Corp of Engineers had been contacted. Mr. Moody explained that due to a shortage of staff, currently the responsibility of testing fell upon the landowner.

Brian Glass, resident of J R Suber Road, questioned what would transpire if results of the testing indicated the presence and possible disruption of wetlands.

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Mr. Moody explained the final decision would be the responsibility of the Army Corp of Engineers.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Clark
Chairman

Melissa Lawson
County Clerk

Approved: _____

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Board of Commissioners of Colquitt County, Georgia, to authorize submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

WHEREAS, Colquitt County has held the required Public Hearing to obtain citizen input as part of the application development process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Colquitt County, Georgia, has conducted an assessment of eligible program activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Colquitt County, Georgia, has determined the existence of community needs that can be addressed by Community Development Block Grant Program Funds; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Colquitt County, Georgia, that the Chairman of Colquitt County, or his successor, is hereby authorized to submit to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs a Community Development Block Grant application, and shall also serve as the Authorized Certifying Official for such supporting and collateral materials as may be necessary.

SO RESOLVED, this 3rd day of March, 2015.



Terry R. Clark, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Colquitt County, Georgia

Voting For:

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Voting Against:

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ATTEST:



Melissa Lawson, County Clerk
Colquitt County, Georgia

