

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, May 5, 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 Johnny Hardin.

PRESENT: Those present were Commissioners 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.

ALSO PRESENT: Alan Mauldin, Reporter with the Moultrie Observer.

ABSENT: Commissioner Luke Strong.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 7 & 21, 2015: Commissioner Hardin made the motion to approve the minutes as presented for meetings held on April 7 & 21, 2015. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS HAVING BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY: None Requested.

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

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

County Administrator Chas Cannon presented the following agenda items:

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH ARCHWAY PARTNERSHIP: At this time, Mr. Cannon called upon Whitney Costin, Archway Public Health Professional, to discuss the Archway contract and program in Colquitt County.

Ms. Costin gave an overview of current programs and activities within the Archway Program. She stated that she was extremely grateful for the continued support from the board and spoke of community collaboration and achievements as a result of Archway program. In closing, Ms. Costin thanked the board for their time and valuable partnership.

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH ARCHWAY PARTNERSHIP: Commissioner DeMott made the motion to renew the contract with

the Archway Partnership for the term of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF RENTAL CONTRACT – CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES – Commissioner Hardin made the motion to approve renewal of the rental contract concerning the provision of rental space for the Division of Child Support Services for the term of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. Commissioner Herndon made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS: Commissioner Herndon made the motion to renew the contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the term of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, for the housing of state inmates at the county prison. Commissioner Hardin made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR INMATE PHONE SERVICES – JAIL & PRISON: Commissioner Giddens made the motion to approve the recommended bid from Pay Tel Communications, Inc., for the provision of inmate phone services at the jail and prison. Commissioner DeMott made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEM - EMS: Commissioner Hardin made the motion to approve the purchase of a LUCAS 2, 2.2 Chest Compression System, in the amount of \$15,177.35, from Physio – Control, Incorporated. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 2016 LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS: Commissioner Hardin made the motion to approve the presented list of 2016 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) recommendations. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ADOPT UPDATED HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: Commissioner Nagy made the motion to adopt the resolution presented in order to authorize adoption of the updated Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Herndon made a second. The motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 2015-R-5 is hereby made a portion of the minutes by reference thereto.)

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT: Commissioner DeMott made the motion to approve the budget amendment, as presented, by Finance Director Wayne Putnal. 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 PAYMENT OF INVOICE – COUNTY ATTORNEY: Commissioner Hardin made the motion to approve the invoice, in the amount of \$5,430.00,

representing the provision of legal services by County Attorney Lester M. Castellow for the month of April 2015. Commissioner Nagy made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

The following public hearing was duly called and advertised for the purpose of a request for road closure for a portion of Beaty Road. Lester Castellow, County Attorney, called the public hearing to order.

Request for Road Closure – Beaty Road – Mr. Cannon presented some background information on the request for closure. He stated that Commissioner Hardin, on behalf of William Suber, landowner, requested that road closure proceedings commence at the March regular board meeting. As a result, Mr. Cannon stated that all adjacent property owners were notified and the required public hearing advertisements were printed in the legal organ, as required by county ordinance.

Mr. Castellow verbally recited the legal description of the closure.

At this time, Mr. Castellow asked for any comments in favor or in opposition of the road closure. There being none, this public hearing was closed.

Request for Variance – Mr. Castellow called the next public hearing to order for the purpose of a request for variance from James Smith, owner of SSS Broilers, requesting a reduction in the required setback of 1500 feet to 450 feet for the construction of a stack house. At this time, Mr. Castellow called upon Justin H. Cox, Chief Compliance Officer, to discuss the request.

Mr. Cox stated that the application for variance submitted by Mr. Smith was presented to the Moultrie – Colquitt County Planning Commission last month and was unanimously recommended for approval.

At this time, Mr. Castellow asked for in comments in favor or in opposition of the request for variance.

James Smith, applicant and owner of SSS Broilers, addressed the board. Mr. Smith stated that he had been in the poultry business for approximately ten years and did not know what a stack house was until recently. He stated that he would like to construct the stack house in order to prevent storing litter on the ground, but could not do so without a variance.

At this time, Commissioner Nagy stated that he had visited Mr. Smith's property and stated that the proposed stack house was great for the community.

Chairman Clark commended Mr. Smith on his desire to construct the stack house.

Mr. Smith stated that he wished Sanderson Farms would have worked more diligently to educate poultry farmers regarding the benefits of the construction of stack houses.

Ronald McMullen addressed the board, stating that Mr. Smith was a good farmer and wished to work with the commission. However, Mr. McMullen stated that an employee of the county originally wanted to construct the stack house in an incorrect location and advised the board to obtain employees that were efficient instead of proposing stack houses in locations where they should not be. Mr. McMullen stated that the employee did not need to be employed by the county if he or she were not efficiently capable of performing the essential functions of their job. In closing, Mr. McMullen thanked the board for their time and consideration of the request for variance.

Brian Glass addressed the board, voicing his support for the request for variance. He stated that granting the variance would be good for the county and the environment. Mr. Glass stated that per conversations with Mr. Cox, Chief Compliance Officer, less than 1% of remaining areas in Colquitt County would be able to construct a chicken house without a variance, essentially meaning that all of these requests would need to be presented to the commission for approval. In closing, Mr. Glass voiced his desire for the commission to grant the request for variance, and thanked the board for their time.

There being no further comments for or against the request for variance, this public hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTS: Commissioner Nagy made the motion to approve the public hearing requests, as presented in the public hearings. Commissioner Herndon made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Cannon stated that he fully supported his employees and although mistakes were bound to happen in the course of performing job duties, he would ensure that those mistakes were rectified.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Clark
Chairman

Melissa Lawson
County Clerk

Approved: _____

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED COLQUITT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN


WHEREAS, Colquitt County and its municipal governments are required to complete a Hazard Mitigation Plan by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and,

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local governments that complete Hazard Mitigation Plans will remain eligible for Federal mitigation funding; and,

WHEREAS, Colquitt County and its municipal governments have completed an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan that fulfills the Federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

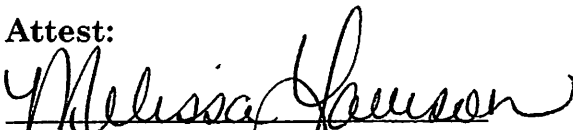
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners elects to formally adopt this Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RESOLVED, this 5th day of May, 2015.



Terry R. Clark, Chairman
Colquitt County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Melissa Lawson, County Clerk
Colquitt County, Georgia