



MINUTES
WORK SESSION
TROUP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Troup County Government Center
100 Ridley Avenue
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Thursday, February 1, 2018

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Patrick Crews called the meeting to order and asked Commissioner Ellis Cadenhead to pronounce the invocation.

Citizens To Address the Board

Riley & Jennifer Bowles to Address the Board

Riley and Jennifer Bowles addressed the Board regarding their property at 1528 Bartley Road. They would like a guardrail or something installed that would protect the home from car accidents. The Bowles showed pictures and gave several examples of incidents including the one where a car crashed into the home when they were living in it. They expressed their frustration with both the County and the GA Department of Transportation who have both explained that one is not needed. County Engineer James Emery showed a presentation which explained why the area of roadway did not meet the criteria for a guardrail and how it would expose the county to liability if one were placed there. After discussion Chairman Crews asked if Mr. Emery could review the issues and comeback in two weeks with possible solutions.

RESULT: REVIEWED

Roll Call

Staff Present:

Tod Tentler, County Manager
Eric Mosley, Assistant County Manager
Buddy Cashwell, Chief Finance Officer
Jerry Willis, County Attorney
Valerie West, County Clerk
James Emery, Director of Engineering & Development
Dexter Wells, Airport Director
Cajen Rhodes, Parks & Recreation Director
Jay Anderson, Building Official / Zoning Administrator
Valerie Heard, Human Resources Director
Shane Morris, Shop / Convenience Ctr. Coordinator
Kevin Kinnersley, Civil Engineer
Sonya Conroy, Assistant Finance Officer, Deputy Clerk
Diana Evans, Purchasing Director

Media Present:

Alicia Hill, LaGrange Daily News
Jeremy Andrews, Troup County News

Others Present:

Riley & Jennifer Bowles

Agenda Items

1. Discuss Parks & Recreation Request to Allow Participation in the 2019 DHR Grant Application(Cajen Rhodes/ Lynn Howard)

Parks & Recreation Director Cajen Rhodes presented a request for permission to proceed in pursuing a Department of Human Resources Grant in the amount of \$300,000 for Transportation.

RESULT: DISCUSSED **Next: 2/6/2018 9:00 AM**

2. Review of FY17 Audit Report(Susan Black)

Susan Black, Lead Auditor with J.K Boatwright, presented the FY2017 Audit Report. Ms. Black stated that the audit report has been submitted to and accepted by the State of Georgia and the Government Finance Officers Association. Troup County has been awarded the Excellence in Governmental Accounting Award for the past 28 years and also has over three months of operating funds in the bank. Commissioner Ellis Cadenhead commended the staff and the auditors for a very good report.

RESULT: PRESENTATION

3. Update on Sanitation(Shane Morris)

Shane Morris, Coordinator of the Shop & Convenience Centers, gave an overview of the many changes and upgrades to the twelve convenience centers. He stated that all are now equipped with surveillance cameras and as of March 1, 2018 will have a 78% increase in operating hours. He stated that the new equipment is very user-friendly and hopes to cut down on illegal dumping. In addition, all sites have signs with the hours of operation and the phone number of the supervisor should problems occur. Commissioners suggested that signs be put up with holiday closing hours and also that an ordinance may be in order to assist with citations for illegal dumping. County Manager Tod Tentler stated that staff is looking into having stickers for those permitted to use the centers from outside of the county to use at the unattended centers and that he would be bringing it back to the board at a later date.

RESULT: PRESENTATION

4. Bonding of SPLOST Projects Discussion(Tod Tentler)

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a staff proposal to potentially bond some SPLOST projects, including a 911 phone system, courthouse building renovation, jail equipment and improvements, and Parks & Recreation projects as examples of countywide projects. County specific projects include replacing the fueling system at the County Shop, roof repairs/ replacements at various county buildings, construction of new training and Emergency Management Centers and a new Fire Department Headquarters building. The proposal also includes the purchase of three new fire trucks, two tankers, a boon truck, a chipper, and vehicle replacements. Mr. Tentler stated that staff is looking to finance only 85% of the projects to allow for interest payments. In addition, Mr. Tentler stated that constructing the projects now will save money later as was the case in SPLOST 2 and SPLOST 4 in previous years, thus saving taxpayers money.

RESULT: PRESENTED TO

5. Consideration of February 6, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Agenda Items(Chairman Patrick Crews)

County Manager reviewed items to be considered at the Tuesday, February 6, 2018 Board of Commissioner meeting.

RESULT: REVIEWED

ADJOURNMENT

Patrick Crews, Chairman

Attest: _____
Valerie West, County Clerk