

Bryan County Board of Commissioners - July 12, 2005

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2005. The following members were present: Chairman Jimmy Burnsed, Commissioner Ed Bacon, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Glen Willard, Commissioner Toby Roberts and Commissioner Blondean Newman. Also present: County Administrator Phillip Jones, County Clerk Donna Waters and County Attorney Charles Brown.

Chairman Burnsed called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Dr. Michael Guido. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors were recognized.

The agenda items were reviewed and the agenda was accepted as presented.

A discussion was held on the *minutes* of the June 2, 2005 regular meeting. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Glen Willard to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2005 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the *consent agenda*. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Rick Gardner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

1. ***Approval of New Occupational Tax Certificates***
  - \*Devillars Lawn Care & Pressure Washing - Michael Devillars
  - \*Harrell Carpentry - William Harrell
  - \*Marlon's Lawn Care - Marlon Devillars
  - \*P 3 Polish Pottery - Jennifer Oeschger
  - \*Timesaver #78 (Change in Ownership) - Cavalier Convenience, Inc.
  - \*Timesaver #105 (Change in Ownership) - Cavalier Convenience, Inc.
  - \*McKenna Auto Sales - Jerry Kenneth Privette, Jr.
  
2. ***Approval of Resolution to adopt various county budgets for fiscal year 2005***

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3. ***Approval of Tax Refunds***

*Glen & Rachel Bacon	088-104.01	\$11.47
*Leon Scott	065-009	\$76.12
*Jack Simms	014-039.02	\$24.90
*James Wilson	065-070.03	\$56.54

4. ***Approval of update to list of roadways for Bryan County***

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5. ***Approval of Water Agreement with Richmond Hill Land Company***

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6. ***Approval of District Attorney’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2006***

Bryan County’s share being \$92,474

***Stanley Walthour, Director of the Department of Family & Children Services***, met with the board to discuss ***appointments to the DFCS Board***. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Ed Bacon that we accept the recommended appointment and appoint Ms. Brenda Farmer to serve the expired term on Michele Seiger through June 30, 2010; Ms. Mary Garrison to serve the unexpired term of Emily Edwards through June 30, 2007; and Mr. Donald Singleton to serve the unexpired term of Gracie Green through June 30, 2006; also Ms. Annie Kennedy and Ms. Virgene Hughes be reserved for future consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

***Tara Jennings, Coordinator for Family Connections***, met with the board to discussion the ***FY 2006 Family Connection*** contract with the Department of Human Resources. This grant will be in the amount of \$50,000. A motion was made by Glen Willard and seconded by Toby Roberts to accept the contract renewal for the Family Connection Grant. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Billy Reynolds was also present and recognized as the new chairman of the Family Connection Collaborative Board effective July 1, 2005.

***Sheriff Clyde Smith*** met with the board to discuss ***roadside pickup for community service***. The courts are fining offenders and dictating community service. The Sheriff would like to put in place a roadside clean up program and use those persons mandated by the courts to perform community service to provide the workforce. He has the van that could be used to transport the people. The only cost would be for the fuel and personnel overtime costs. The program would be done for 8 hours per day, twice per month at a cost of approximately \$2,500 for the remainder of the year. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Blondean Newman to take \$2,500 from contingency to finish the balance of this year to implement the roadside pickup for community service program which the Sheriff has presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Smith also stated he is in the process of implementing a new ***Standard Operations Procedure***. The county attorney has reviewed the SOP and it is very well written.

*Neil Smiley, Director of Engineering & Inspections*, met with the board to give an update on activities in his department.

**\*Harris Trail Road four-laning** - The majority of the paving should be complete by the end of next week. The project is scheduled to be completed prior to school beginning. A discussion was held on the future ownership of this road. The County Administrator stated the City of Richmond Hill has annexed both sides of this road and thus the ownership should be turned over to the city.

**\*Deep Patching: Harris Trail and Port Royal Roads** - This project has been let but has not been put out to bid. It was the consensus of the board to proceed with advertising for bids.

**\*State Route 144 four-laning proposed typical** - Beginning of project to Port Royal Road-4 lane urban with 20' raised median; Port Royal Road to State Route 144 Spur - 5 lane urban, wide enough to put a 20' raised median in the future; State Route 144 Spur to Belfast Keller Road - 4 lane rural with 24' raised median. County officials will be meeting with Mr. Priester and staff to discuss this typical within the next couple of weeks.

**\*Pembroke Connector Road** - A meeting will be scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> week in August to meet with the DOT in regards to this project.

**\*Pine Ridge Road** - The hauling of the GAB to the project has been delayed due to weather. Mr. Wood stated he hopes to start hauling by the end of the week.

**\*Harris Trail Extension @ Dunham Swamp Road** - The surveyor is doing survey work at this time at the intersection of Belfast Siding Road and Belfast Estate Road. We should have something by the next meeting date.

**\*Highway 17** - The DOT is doing some ditch work on Highway 17 from Daniel Siding Road to the canal. They are going to take the pipe out at Oak Creek and dig a ditch down to the Oak Creek Swamp area.

**Brett Turner** met with the board to discuss the *requirements for paving county roads*. After a discussion, a motion was made by Glen Willard and seconded by Ed Bacon that BPI paves to the entrance and additional 100' and the county go ahead and do an engineering plan for the section of the road involving the watershed and this motion be a replacement for the previous decision. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Burnsed called the *planning & zoning public hearings* to order.

1. **William Allen Stewart - Rezoning** of 8.20 acres on Highway 204 from A-5 to AR-1.5. No one was present to speak on this public hearing.

2. **Milton Smith - Rezoning** of .72 of an acre on Highway 280 from AR-1 to B-1. Two citizens were present to speak in opposition of this rezoning request.

Chairman Burnsed closed the public hearings.

**John Butler, Zoning Administrator** met with the board with planning & zoning issues.

1. **William Allen Stewart** makes application to rezone 8.2 acres on Highway 204 across from Kathy Drive from A-5 to AR-1.5. The property is tax parcel numbers 36-1-22 and 36-1-16.02, which consists of a 7.8 acres lot and a .4 acre lot. The proposed development is light commercial/residential. The requested AR-1.5 zone would allow for the recommendation and re-division of the property into two conforming residential lots of approximately the same size (approximately 3.9 acres each). Because of the limited road frontage of the parcels on Highway 204, the AR-1.5 zoning is necessary to create two conforming lots without having to build an access road. A motion was made by Blondean Newman and seconded by Toby Roberts that we approve the rezoning request of William Allen Stewart for tax parcel numbers 36-1-22 and 36-1-16.02 from A-5 to AR-1.5. Voting for: Roberts, Gardner, Newman and Willard. Voting against: Bacon. Motion carried.
2. **Milton Smith** makes application to rezone a parcel consisting of .72 of an acre on Highway 280, 1.3 miles west of Pembroke from AR-1 to B-1. The property is tax parcel number 012-015. The proposed development is light commercial/residential. The requested B-1 zone would allow for a use of the existing structure as a commercial enterprise, with a residential apartment upstairs in the two-story building. Commissioner Bacon stated his concerns with the flooding in this area. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Blondean Newman to deny the rezoning request of Milton Smith for tax parcel number 012-015. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Proposed Plat Requirement** - A 1<sup>st</sup> reading was held on an amendment to the proposed plat requirements.
4. **Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Chapter XII** - A 1<sup>st</sup> reading was held on an amendment to Chapter XII, Section 1111 of the Zoning Ordinance.
5. **Amendments to the Bryan County Building Code Ordinance** - A 1<sup>st</sup> reading was held on amendments to the Bryan County Building Code, Chapter XI. It was the consensus of the board to make several changes to the recommendations. These changes will be implemented before the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

6. **Appendix A - Permit Fee Structure** - A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Toby Roberts to approve the new fee structure rate as described by Planning & Zoning for commercial and industrial. Motion carried unanimously.

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7. **Amendment to Chapter XII, Section 1007** (Guest Houses) - A 1<sup>st</sup> reading was held on amendments to Chapter XI, Section 1007.
8. **Appointments to the Planning & Zoning Board** - A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Blondean Newman to appoint Ted Akins, Karen Hewitt and Ronald Carswell to the Planning & Zoning Board with a term to expire June, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Butler stated a **workshop** being sponsored by the Department of Community Affairs will be held in Statesboro in mid August. Those interested in attending should contact Mr. Butler for registration.

**Phillip Jones, County Administrator**, met with the board on several issues.

\*Items required completing the **SPLOST V Cycle** in order to hold an election. The board is required to adopt a resolution authorized the Chairman to work with the cities to development an intergovernmental agreement; if the intergovernmental agreement is reached, the agreement must be adopted and signed by the Chairman and Mayors and a resolution calling for the imposing of a county one percent sales and use tax as authorized by O.C.G.A. 48-8, signed by the Chairman and Mayors.

A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Glen Willard to approve the **resolution** of the Board of Commissioners of Bryan County, Georgia approving and authorizing execution, by the Chairman of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners, of an **intergovernmental agreement** between the county and certain municipalities of Bryan County concerning a county one percent special purpose local option sales and use tax enacted pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-8-110 et seq.; repealing prior resolutions in conflict; and for other purposes. Motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Ed Bacon to approve the **intergovernmental agreement** for the use and distribution of proceeds from the **2006 special purpose local option sales tax** for capital outlay projects as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Blondean Newman to approve the **resolution** of the Board of Commissioners of Bryan County, Georgia **imposing a county one percent sales and use tax** as authorized by Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, specifying the purposes for which the proceeds of such tax are to be used; specifying the period of time for which such tax shall be imposed; specifying the estimated cost of the facilities to be funded from the proceeds of such tax; seeking approval to issue general obligation debt; requesting the election superintendent to call an election of the voters of Bryan County to approve the imposition of such sales and use tax; approving the form of ballot to be used in such an election; and for other purposes. Motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Bacon stated he wanted it to be clarified that we would have the money annually to support our **roads program**. The County Administrator stated we should make no commitments for the road projects for the first seven months but thereafter we will allocate funds equally over the remaining years.

**County Attorney Charles Brown** met with the board to give an update on several projects.

**\*Richmond Hill Land Company Water Agreement** - A couple of corrections need to be made to this agreement. These corrections will be made prior to signature and will be reflected in the agreement listed under consent 5.

**\*City of Richmond Hill Annexation** - The City of Richmond Hill has notified Bryan County of two intended annexations. The first annexation is the River Oaks Tract developed by North Point and the city will be zoning it to the same zone we have it. The second annexation is an area that lies adjacent to the existing city limits and this does not need our approval to annex. The board has no objection with the two annexations.

**\*Sheriff’s Standard Operations Procedure** - The new SOP the Sheriff is implementing provides and compels continuing education for officers. We should express our support to the Sheriff for this continuing education.

**\*Development Authority** - A discussion was held on dissolving the current development authorities and creating a new development authority. A motion as made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Blondean Newman to adopt the four resolutions on the development authority as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

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*\*Development Authority Members* - A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Rick Gardner to appoint the following members to the development authority. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Frank DuBose	2 years	Pembroke
Terry McCoy	2 years	Pembroke
Danny Warnell	2 years	Pembroke
Owen Thayer	2 years	Richmond Hill
Steve Croy	2 years	Richmond Hill
Sean Register	4 years	Richmond Hill
Linda Bragg	4 years	Pembroke
Linda Barker	4 years	Richmond Hill
Dell Keith	4 years	Richmond Hill

It was the consensus of the board to hold a dinner to recognize the outgoing members of the development authorities and swear in the members of the new development authority.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.