

Bryan County Board of Commissioners - July 11, 2006

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2006. The following members were present: Chairman Jimmy Burnsed, Commissioner Ed Bacon, Commissioner Toby Roberts, Commissioner Glen Willard and Commissioner Rick Gardner. Also present: County Administrator Phillip Jones, County Clerk Donna Waters and County Attorney Jay Stewart. Commissioner Blondean Newman was not present due to illness.

Chairman Burnsed called the pre-agenda meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. The agenda was accepted with one addition.

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

A discussion was held on the *minutes* of the June 6, 2006 regular meeting. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Glen Willard to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2006 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the *consent agenda*. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Ed Bacon to approve the consent agenda with changes to item 2 being off premises consumption only and change the alcoholic beverage license application to request drivers license number instead of social security number. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

1. ***Approval of New Occupational Tax Certificates***
 - *Ruby Gleason - Ruby's Cleaning Service
 - *Sam Patel - Zip-N-Food Store #6
 - *Dan King - King Technology Management
 - *Felix Akuffo - PCG Contracting
 - *Tracy Bergman - Free Roll Poker of Richmond Hill
 - *William Scott Reynolds, Jr. - Reynolds Building & Remodeling
 - *Richard Bath - Rick's Thrift Shop
 - *Deborah Grubb - These Old Books, Ltd.

2. ***Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License***
 - *Sam Patel - Zip-N-Food Store #6 (Off Premises Consumption)

3. ***Appointment of Magistrate Judge***
 - *Appoint Darrell R. Snider for a term of office from August 2006 thru December 31, 2008

4. ***Approval of District Attorney's Budget for FY 2007***
*Bryan County's share being \$101,931
5. ***Request to Deliver Water/Sewer Services outside of previous defined boundaries***
*Amend to Service Delivery Strategy to provide water/sewer to the Belfast Keller Road area
6. ***Approval of Industrial Park Road Extension Contract & Bid***
*Authorize Chairman to execute the agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation and award the bid to BRYCO, Inc. in the amount of \$186,651.49

Fred Tomlinson of the ***Cove Subdivision*** met with the board to discuss his ***concerns over traffic*** and the need for turning lanes. He also expressed his concern with the intersection of Highway 144 & Port Royal Road once the Publix Supermarket opens.

Tara Jennings, Coordinator of Family Connections, met with the board to give several updates.

****Family Connections*** - Consensus to authorize the chairman to sign the Department of Human Resources FY 2007 contract for family connections in the amount of \$50,000.

****Juvenile Diversion*** - An application has been filed in the amount of \$49,000 for this program.

****Facility in Richmond Hill*** - A number of projects have been going on in this building at no cost to the county or the community. This has been donated materials, time and labor. Volunteers continue to work on this building, but we have a need for electrical work. If no volunteers come forward, the county will need to fund this. The goal is for an August 1 opening, with a ribbon cutting and the naming of the building at a later date.

****Senior Citizens Program*** - The senior citizens program in Pembroke is running great with an average of 35-40 daily attendance. Approximately 27 meals are being delivered on the north end. The senior citizens program in Richmond Hill is averaging about 10 per day and we need an average of 20 each day per our state contract, if we cannot get the attendance up, the state has the right to come in and shut this site. Approximately 30 meals are being delivered on the south end.

****Summer Lunch Program*** - Approximately 600 meals were served daily during the month of June.

Chairman Burnsed called a ***public hearing*** to order at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear input from the public on the ***abandonment of Fancy Hall Drive***. One citizen spoke in favor of the abandonment. The public hearing was declared closed.

A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Rick Gardner that the Board of Commissioners abandon ***Fancy Hall Drive*** and place it in the hands of the Fancy Hall Community Association, Inc. and they pay the \$85.00 fee required to cover cost for the abandonment process. Motion carried unanimously.

Skip Youmans, Coordinator for Animal Control, met with the board to give an update on complaints the county has received on our ***animal shelter in Pembroke***. The complaint was in regards to unclean shelter, sick animals, over populated, etc. and was registered with the Department of Agriculture, WTOC and Eric Johnson. The Department of Agriculture did make an inspection immediately and they did not note any major issues concerning the operation of the facility.

Billy Mock met with the board to express his concerns over the I-16/Highway 280 interchange and the need for a study on the proper use of this property. He also expressed his concerns over the traffic at this location.

A discussion was held on two appointments to the ***Bryan County Library Board***. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Toby Roberts that Ms. Shirley Akins be appointed to fill the vacancy that was created when Ms. Renee Houser passed away and Mr. Chris Baker be appointed to the Bryan County Library Board with both terms of appointment beginning July 1, 2006 and expiring on June 30, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on ***Otterhole Branch Road***. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Glen Willard to authorize the Chairman to sign the DOT contract for the paving of Otterhole Branch Road and award the bid for base and paving of this road to Ellis Wood in the amount of \$125,464.70 with county portion of funds to come from SPLOST IV. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the ***well for Genesis Point***. Several years ago, the county signed an agreement with the City of Savannah to provide water for the Genesis Point Project. Recently, the Governor announced the new guiding principles for Coastal Georgia Water & Wastewater permitting. Previously, Bryan County was capped. Under the latest policies and procedures, we will be allowed an additional water. The City of Savannah is willing to terminate the contract with Bryan County, meaning Bryan County will install the well for Genesis Point. We would need to assume the costs and obligations from the City of Savannah for the design and construction of the Genesis Point well(s). The design costs for the well is \$25,650, of that amount the City of Savannah has already paid \$11,610 with a remaining balance of \$14,030 due the design engineering firm. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Toby Roberts that we authorize the Chairman to send a letter to EPD clarifying where we stand on the water allocation and upon a positive response, we pay the \$25,640 that has been allocated by the City of Savannah for the well study with the funds to come from the water & sewer fund. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on an **Internet Usage Policy**. This was the second reading for the policy. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Glen Willard that we adopt the Internet Usage Policy as part of our personnel ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. **Case #Z0309-06 - Daniel Johnson Rezoning** of 2.1 acres off Highway 80 in Blitchton. One person present to speak in favor of this rezoning.
2. **Case #0311-06 - W. K. Polk Rezoning** of 52.16 acres on Carlos Cowart Road in Ellabell. One person present to speak about his concerns with this rezoning.
3. **Case #0313-06 - Shirley Geary Rezoning** of 15.53 acres off Highway 280 in Pembroke. No one present to speak on this rezoning.

Chairman Burnsed declared the public hearings closed.

Christine Stringer, Zoning Administrator, met with the board with planning & zoning issues.

1. **Case #Z0309-06 - Daniel Johnson** makes application to rezone lots 1 & 2 consisting of 2.1 acres off Highway 80 in Blitchton. The property is tax parcel number 034-1-158 and is currently zoned AR-1. The requested zoning is B-1 and the proposed use is for an office & shop for a roofing business. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Glen Willard to allow the rezoning of Case #Z0309-06 - Daniel Johnson - from AR-1 to B-1 with condition that a 60' right-of-way on the west side of property be established for future road paving. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Case #Z0311-06 - W. K. Polk** makes application to rezone 52.16 acres on Carlos Cowart Road in Ellabell. The property is tax parcel number 026-035 and is currently zoned AR-1. The requested zoning is R-1 and the proposed use is residential (**Magnolia Landing Subdivision**). A motion was made by Glen Willard and seconded by Ed Bacon to approve the rezoning of Case #Z0311-06 - W. K. Polk - from AR-1 to R-1. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Case #Z0313-06 - Shirley Geary** makes application to rezone 15.53 acres off Highway 280 in Pembroke. The property is tax parcel number 08-097 and is currently zoned AR-1. The requested zoning is A-5 and the proposed use is to build a house and raise large and small farm animals. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Rick Gardner to allow rezoning of Case #Z0313-06 - Shirley Geary - from AR-1 to A-5 with condition of 100' setback on property line adjoining the properties south of Highway 280. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Tree Ordinance** - A first reading was held on a tree ordinance for Bryan County.

5. **Revision to Section 1107(c) of the Bryan County Zoning Ordinance** - A second reading was held on a revision to Section 1107(c) of the Bryan County Zoning Ordinance. The revision being: Section 1107(c) Lot and Building Requirements: There shall be no more than one Principal Building permitted for every two acres of land in the parcel selected for building. Revision was approved.

A discussion was held on an **appointment to the Coastal Area District Development Authority**. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Glen Willard to appoint Dell Keith to the Coastal Area District Development Authority with a term of office from July 2006 thru July 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on an **appointment to the Historic Preservation Advisory Council**. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Toby Roberts to appoint Carolyn Downs to the Historic Preservation Advisory Council with a term of office of July 2006 thru June 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on a **Coastal Incentive Grant**. The purpose of this grant is to take the sidewalks that will parallel Highway 144, when widened, from a point of Highway 144 to Spur 144 along the drainage canal across the back of the new recreational park. The pathway will eventually connect to the pathways planned in the new park via a bridge. The grant is for the first phase of a walking trail/boardwalk. The application for a \$50,000 grant was awarded to the county and the county is required to provide an equal match. Employee's time can contribute to the county's portion. The total estimated construction cost of the project is around \$230,000 with a construction cost of approximately \$63,340. We have \$63,987 funds remaining in SPLOST III which can be allocated towards this project. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Toby Roberts to accept the grant and allocate the remaining SPLOST III funds towards phase 1 and additional phases. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on an application for reimbursement from Georgia EPD's **Hazardous Waste Trust Fund**. Last year the county made application for \$70,400 from this fund and actually received \$17,600.13. The application this year will be for the remaining \$52,799.87. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Ed Bacon to approve the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute the contract with EPD for the \$52,799.87 from the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Ed Bacon that we take part of these funds and use to complete our landfill ramps for the unloading of garbage, etc. into containers. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on a request from the **City of Richmond Hill** for **annexation** of 266 acres abutting the city wastewater treatment facility. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Rick Gardner to deny the annexation. Motion was withdrawn. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Toby Roberts that pursuant to Chapter 36-36-11a, we are making a bonafide objection for the annexation of a 266 acre tract into the City of Richmond Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was property for the *courthouse annex*. The committee recommendation is to locate this facility at Henderson Park on the last 10 acres we are looking at.

A discussion was held on *future developments*.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.