

Bryan County Board of Commissioners - October 3, 2006

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2006. The following members were present: Vice Chairman Rick Gardner, Commissioner Ed Bacon, Commissioner Blondean Newman, Commissioner Glen Willard and Commissioner Toby Roberts. Also present: County Administrator Phillip Jones, Deputy County Clerk Charlene Butler and County Attorney Charles Brown.

Vice Chairman Gardner called the pre-agenda meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. An addition was made to the Administrator topics to set a workshop to discuss water/sewer, recreation and administrative building and other issues.

Vice Chairman Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Commissioner Willard. Commissioner Newman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors were welcomed.

A discussion was held on the minutes of the September 5, 2006 regular meeting. A motion was made by Glen Willard and seconded by Blondean Newman to accept the minutes 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 accept items on the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Transfer of equipment - The Commissioners approved the transfer of on 1991 Ford Ranger Pickup (VIN # 1FTDGR1V9MUD13110) Unit number 4210 from the Maintenance Department to the Bryan County Development Authority. The Authority will be responsible for the care, maintenance and upkeep of the vehicle.
2. Occupational Tax Certificates - Approved
Donald Evan, Jr. - Evans Electric Company
Patrick Schado - Schado & Associates
Joyce Heath - Irish Rose Photography
Billy J. Butler - B & D Mobile Fabrication
Robert F. Foy - Savannah Renovations
Amanda B. Ruf - The Cleaning Assistant
Tobias J. Ruf - Practical Technology
Jim F. Brooks, Jr. - Blue Mesa Construction
Jack R. Bulloch - R & B Homes Services
David A. Lamb - Atlantic Automation Services
Candace A. Graham - Grahams Professional Cleaning Service
Gregory G. Rials - Diversified Properties

Second Reading Ordinance - Chapter 11, Section 401 of the Bryan County Building Code Ordinance. A motion was made by Blondean Newman and seconded by Toby Roberts to adopt the ordinance change as read which adds this sentence to the end of the paragraph "Existing and registered mobile homes that meet the area applicable wind zone standards and the requirements of Section 11-404 may be moved within the County. Voting for: Newman, Roberts, Willard. Voting against: Bacon.

A workshop date was set for October 18th at 1: 00 p.m to discuss water/sewer, recreation, administrative complex and other matters that may arise. Location will be determined later.

Tree ordinance proposal was presented for review. No action was taken on this matter but ordinance is expected to be presented at the November 2006 meeting.

ORAFOL PARKWAY - The ORACOL USA company request the name change of Orafol Parkway to Oracal Parkway as a result of a merger the company believes that Oracal is the recognizable name for the marketed products in the USA. A motion was made by Blondean Newman and seconded by Toby Roberts to grant the name change to ORACAL PARKWAY. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Walden of Republic Waste met with the Board to give an update on how Republic intends to provide better solid waste collections since numerous complaints from residents of missed services. He said they had been having problems with failing equipment and driver staff turnover. He stated that the operations manager has been put in the field, also an additional truck had been added, that they had purchased better diagnostic equipment and qualified mechanics had been hired. Most of these changes were implemented a few weeks ago.

First Step Program - Tara Jennings introduced Deidre Mickelson of Liberty County Family Connections program. Ms. Mickelson spoke of Jennifer Hatcher, First Step Coordinator, a licensed clinical person capable of providing information and assistance to new mothers. Ms. Mickelson requested funding of \$2,640 from county funds to help with the cost of providing services for the number of increasing participants. The Commissioners directed Tara Jennings to add a line item in her FY07 budget request to cover this request.

Budget Amendment - Tara Jennings requested the Board approve a budget amendment for additional revenues received in the Amount of \$17,340. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Glen Willard to approve this budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Services Director Jim Anderson presented a proclamation requesting that November 4, 2006 be declared as Public Safety Display Day. This display of public equipment will give emergency personnel a chance to interact with the public and provide residents and opportunity to see various pieces of firefighting, rescue and police equipment. This event will take place in the Kroger parking area. A motion was made by Glen Willard and seconded by Blondean Newman to authorize the proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

Second Reading Special Tax District Ordinance - County Attorney Charles Brown presented a Special County Road Paving Tax District for a second reading and adoption. A motion was made by Glen Willard and seconded by Ed Bacon to adopt the ordinance as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Firing of Weapons in Residential Areas & County-Owned Property - After discussion the Vice Chairman appointed a committee consisting of Ed Bacon and Toby Roberts to work with the County Attorney and make modifications as necessary before approval and present changes at a later date.

Vice Chairman Gardner called the planning & zoning public hearing to order.

1. Case # Z-0321-06 - Nelson Sprowson Rezoning of one (1) acre, 2858 Highway 204, Ellabell, Georgia. No one was present to speak on this rezoning other than the applicant.
2. Case # Z-0322-06 - Matthew Young/Ben Brewton Rezoning of 64.9 acres, Wilma Edwards Road, Ellabell, Georgia. C. J. Chance of Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung was present and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Gardner declared the public hearings closed.

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

1. Case #Z-0321-06 - Nelson Sprowson makes an application to rezone one (1) acre at 2858 Highway 204, Ellabell, Georgia. The tax parcel is 031-01-159 is zoned BN . The requested zoning is B1. The intended use is for a restaurant location. A motion was made by Blondean Newman to approve changing the zoning from BN to B1, Provisional for case #Z-0321-06 for the purpose of constructing and operation of a restaurant. Motion was seconded by Toby Roberts and carried unanimously.
2. Case #Z-0322-06 - Matthew Young/Ben Brewton makes an application to rezone 64.9 acres on Wilma Edwards Road, Ellabell, Georgia. The tax parcel number is 019-046.03 and is zoned A-5. The requested zoning is R-1. The intended use is for a subdivision of single family homes consisting of approximately 110 lots. A motion was made by Ed Bacon to approve the rezoning from A-5 to R-1 and seconded by Glen Willard. Motion carried unanimously.

Subdivision Regulations of Bryan County - County Attorney Charles Brown presented an amendment to the subdivision regulations for a First Reading.

Chief Appraiser Dan Rollf gave a presentation of aerial photography software that been acquired. The Commissioners were very pleased with the County's progress in advancing technology.

The Commissioners set a budget workshop date for October 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Richmond Hill Annex Building.

Adjournment - Vice Chairman Gardner adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.