

Bryan County Board of Commissioners - July 1, 2003

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2003. The following members were present: Chairman Brooks Warnell, Commissioner Blondean Newman, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Al Dixon, Jr., Commissioner Toby Roberts, Commissioner Ed Bacon, County Administrator David McCranie, County Clerk Donna Waters and County Attorney Charles Brown.

Chairman Warnell called the pre-agenda meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The agenda items were discussed and the agenda was approved as amended.

Chairman Warnell called the regular meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Invocation was given by Commissioner Roberts. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors were recognized.

A discussion was held on the *minutes* of the June 3, 2003 regular meeting. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Al Dixon to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2003 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the *minutes* of the June 19, 2003 called meeting. A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Blondean Newman to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2003 called meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the *consent agenda*. A motion was made by Al Dixon 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***
 - *Totally Tanned - Tonya L. Clemons
 - *Bryan Air, Inc. - Arthur G. Gautreau
 - *S & S Concrete Construction - Christina Sellers
 - *Global Jet Resource - Jon M. Baker

2. ***Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License***
 - *Waterford Golf Associates, LLC - Brett Turner

3. ***Approval of Tax Refund***
 - *Richard Lee - \$75.66

Mary Sherman met with the board to request permission to remain living in a

recreational camper. Ms. Sherman is a widowed, elderly lady not in good health. She purchased a recreational camper and had it placed next to her son's residence in order for her son to help her physically and financially. This is in violation of county ordinances. Ms. Sherman was advised the board would check with the planning & zoning department and review this further to see what options may be available.

Debbie Newman, Tax Commissioner, met with the board to discuss the need for an **additional full time tax/tag/title clerk in the Richmond Hill office**. She has the funds within her budget to move the majority of this salary. She is also in need of additional space in the Richmond Hill office. Mike Melton stated the City of Richmond Hill is contemplating building a facility in the near future across from Mulberry. If so, they will be leasing out space and the county may be interested in leasing from them. A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Ed Bacon that we create another full time tax/tag/title clerk position in the Tax Commissioners office. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Melton, Richmond Hill City Administrator, met with the board to discuss a **proposed annexation** by the City of Richmond Hill. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Al Dixon that the City of Richmond Hill be allowed to annex 494.75 acres of land owned by the City of Richmond Hill, 9.99 acres of land owned by the City of Richmond Hill, and 5.19 acres of land owned by W. A. Yarbrough. Motion carried unanimously.

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

***Priority list** - The Department of Transportation State Aid in Atlanta has reviewed the priority list and has approved some of the roads. The DOT Commissioner should look at the list early next week.

***Frank Hendry Road** - We are in the process of acquiring right-of-way on Frank Hendry Road at this time. We now have ten (10) parcels signed. We are running into problems on one end of this road. Commissioner Newman and Neil Smiley are going to meet with the property owners on the end of the road to discuss this project.

***Groover Hill Road-CDBG Project** - We are in the process of acquiring right-of-way on this project. The project is going very slowly and will be a slow-moving project.

***Oxford Subdivision Walking Trail** - We were successful in working with the property owners. This project should be moving toward completion.

***Ivey Street** - This project was advertised for bids, but we did not receive any bids. We will be working on getting bids.

***Hendrix Road** - The surveyor has been contacted to do the survey and prepare the sketches on this project. This should be completed within two (2) weeks. Because this road

enters onto the highway on a curve and not at a 90E angle, it was the consensus of the board to have the DOT review this project.

***Drainage on Clarktown Road** - Mr. Joe Cox has built a pond behind his home which included the county drainage ditch. He placed a culvert going into his pond and one going out of his pond downstream. It appears he raised the water level of this pipe and as a result, he is flooding Mr. Mark Crab's property. The pipe needs to be lowered, build a by pass ditch or build a berm. We have attempted to contact Mr. Cox, but have been unsuccessful. We will continue trying to get in contact with Mr. Cox and if not successful, the county attorney will need to get involved.

***Meeting in Atlanta** - A meeting will be held with DOT in Atlanta on July 10, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Richard Bodaford of Bodaford Trail met with the board to discuss problems he is having with flat tire due to the crushed material the county has placed on this road. His family has had approximately 23-24 flat tire.

A discussion was held adopting a resolution on the **Solid Waste Short Term Work Program**. A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Toby Roberts that we adopt the resolution to adopt the five year Solid Waste Short Term Work Program. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

WHEREAS, Bryan County has completed a Five Year Solid Waste Short Term Work Program for the period 2003 to 2007.

WHEREAS, the Short Term Work Program update has been approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs per the Solid Waste Planning Act of 1990.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Bryan County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the Short Term Work Program update as an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan, as per the requirements of the Georgia Solid Waste Management Act of 1990.

Adopted this 1st day of July, 2003.

A discussion was held on an **appointment to the Bryan County Library Board**. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Rick Gardner to nominate Mr. Paul Boyette to fill the remaining term of Shirley Cribbs on the Bryan County Library Board, which begins July 1, 2003 and ends June 30, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on two *appointments to the Bryan County Board of Family and Children Services*. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Blondean Newman to nominate Mr. William E. Collins to the Bryan County Board of Family and Children Services to fill the vacancy of Reverend J. P. Hines, the term to begin July 1, 2003 and end June 30, 2008. The board tabled the second appointment until next month in order to contact possible candidates.

Chairman Warnell called *planning & zoning public hearings* to order and stated the purpose of the public hearings was to receive public input on the following topics:

1. ***Dolvin and Gloria Dunn Rezoning*** - No one present to speak for or against.
2. ***Gregory B. Hatcher Rezoning*** - No one present to speak for or against.
3. ***Michael T. Casey, Jr. Rezoning*** - No one present to speak for or against.

Chairman Warnell declared the public hearings closed.

Christine Stringer, Interim Planning Director, met with the board with planning & zoning issues.

1. ***Dolvin & Gloria Dunn*** makes application to rezone 1 acre to a B-2 zone so she can move her video store from its Effingham County location to her lot in Bryan County. The property consists of 1 acre on the west side of Highway 80, tax parcel number 34-027, zoned A-5. The adjacent zonings are A-5 on the north side, R-1 on the south, A-5 on the east and B-2 on the west. The planning commission recommends approval with provision that a buffer or privacy fence be installed. A motion was made by Blondean Newman and seconded by Ed Bacon to approve the rezoning request of Dolvin & Gloria Dunn for 1 acre of property from A-5 to B-1 with provision that a buffer or privacy fence be installed. Motion carried unanimously.
2. ***Gregory B. Hatcher*** makes application to rezone 8.83 acres from AR-5 to AR-1.5. The property consists of 8.83 acres bounded on the north by Mill Creek Canal, on the south by Pevey Road, on the west and the east by other landowners, tax parcel number 025-31, zoned A-5. The adjacent zonings are AR-2.5 on the west, A-5 on the north, AR-1 on the south and A-5 on the east. The proposed development is residential. The planning commission recommends approval with the stipulation that the road must be paved to county standards before final plat

approval. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Blondean Newman to approve the rezoning request of Gregory Hatcher from A-5 to AR-1.5. Voting for: Gardner, Newman, Roberts and Bacon. Voting against: Dixon. Motion

carried.

3. **Michael T. Casey, Jr.** makes application to rezone 10.6 acres from A-5 to AR-1.5. The property consists of 10.6 acres bounded on the north by Belfast Keller Road, on the south by other lands owned by Tim Casey, on the west by Blige Road and on the east by other landowners, tax parcel number 056-14, zoned A-5. The adjacent zoning are R-30 on the west and A-5 on all other sides. The proposed development is residential. The planning commission recommends approval. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Al Dixon to approve the rezoning request of Michael T. Casey, Jr. from A-5 to AR-1.5 with a maximum of two (2) curb cuts on Belfast Keller Road. Motion carried unanimously.

David McCranie, County Administrator, met with the board to give an update on several projects.

***Harris Trail** - Construction continues but we are having to slow down this project due to the utilities not being moved. All the utility companies have been notified and we are waiting for them to complete their work.

***Tivoli River Fishing Pier** - This project has been completed. Boards have been replaced, pilings cemented to prevent water damage, and a metal guardrail has been replaced.

***Credit Card through Bank of America** - We are still working on securing a credit card through the Bank of America for the county and it's department heads, as well as use by individual employees.

***Sheriff Property** - Sheriff Smith is proceeding with work with the Sheriff's Complex and 911 Center in Richmond Hill. Topographical maps have been received of this property. The architect, McCall and Associates, will meet with the Sheriff and County Administrator again and then begin some advanced drawings.

***Richmond Hill Courthouse** - It appears that this building is sagging in the back. The County Administrator will continue working on a solution for this problem.

***Belfast Siding/Belfast Keller Intersection** - We are attempting to work with Rayonier concerning the Belfast Siding/Belfast Keller Intersection. Rayonier will require Bryan County give them the old road bed for the new road bed.

***Genesis Point** - There will be a meeting on July 8, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the Genesis Point site. Commissioner Dixon discussed the possibility of contracting with a firm to represent Bryan County in trying to negotiate with Genesis Point developers in working out a master plan

that we will be proud of years down the road. The County Administrator was asked to contact a firm to meet with the board.

***Advanced Versite Services Contract** - This contract needs to be renewed. It was the consensus of the board to bring this back next month if order to review.

***Roof at Pembroke Library** - A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Al Dixon that we accept Derrell Newman's recommendation and go with the low bidder, M. Smith Construction, which is for 30 year Timberline shingles in the amount of \$11,995.00 with funds to come from contingency. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **District Attorney's Budget**. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Toby Roberts to approve the District Attorney's Budget for FY 04 with Bryan County's portion being \$64,822. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Toby Roberts to go into **executive session** to discuss litigation. Motion carried unanimously. The board went into executive session at 5:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Blondean Newman to go back into **regular session**. Motion carried unanimously. The board went back into regular session at 5:45 p.m.

A discussion was held on setting dates for **interviews for the Planning & Zoning Director**. It was the consensus of the board to meet on July 16, 2003 and July 17, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Library to conduct these interviews.

A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Blondean Newman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.