

Bryan County Board of Commissioners - June 3, 2003

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2003. The following members were present: Chairman Brooks Warnell, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Blondean Newman, Commissioner Ed Bacon, Commissioner Al Dixon, Jr., Commissioner Toby Roberts, County Clerk Donna Waters and County Attorney Jay Stewart.

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

Chairman Warnell called the regular meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Invocation was given by Commissioner Dixon. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors were recognized.

A discussion was held on the *minutes* of the May 6, 2003 regular meeting. A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Toby Roberts to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2003 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 Al Dixon 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***
  - \*Charlyanna's - Charles H. Broad, Sr.
  - \*Examtech - Regina D. Rieger
  - \*Scholar Rehab, LLC - Lauren Scholar
  - \*Highway Signs - Michael W. Jordan
  - \*Alan Arnsdorff Plumbing Company, Inc. - Alan Arnsdorff

***Chris Carter and John Neidlinger*** met with the board to discuss the paving of ***Conley Road***. Commissioner Bacon stated he would start the process of getting this road back on the paving list. He also stated the process of having a road paved can take 3 to 4 years. Mr. Smiley was asked to have this road graded.

***Dana Ingram of JC Vision & Associates, Inc.*** met with the board to give an overview of the programs they provide. They are a non-profit organization dedicated to providing employment preparation, development, and retention training for tomorrow's employees and managers. They are an advocate of housing and credit counseling, fair housing education, low income tax clinic, personal money management, employment preparation and retention programs and economic development. The County Clerk was asked to pass this information to Tara Jennings of Family Connections.

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

**\*Oxford Subdivision Walking Trail** - We are in the process of doing an appraisal on Lot #2. The county attorney has been notified and we should have this cleared up within thirty (30) days. It was the consensus of the board to start working on the portion of this project which is ready and complete the remainder when it is ready. The remainder should be ready by the time the first portion is complete.

**\*Patching Contract-Cartertown Road, Clarktown Road and Charles Shuman Road** - The final paper work has been signed by the Chairman and mailed back to the general office for their further handling. A contract should be in hand no later than June 15, 2003. The state will be paying 50% of this project. The Chairman will check with Derrell Newman to determine the work load of county forces and whether they should do the work for this project or whether it should be contracted out.

**\*Frank Hendry Road** - We have received the preliminary title work on this project and are in the process of acquiring right-of-way at this time. There will probably be at least six (6) condemnations on this project.

**\*Jerico Subdivision** - We are waiting of legal work from the homeowners attorney. Mr. Smiley was asked to look into this matter.

**\*Hendrix Road** - It was the consensus of the board to have this road surveyed from Bill Futch Road to just beyond Old Mill Creek Road and begin with right-of-ways.

**\*Highway 144 Bypass** - This project is presenting at a stand still. Darrell McNeill of Growth Solutions was working on this project. He is no longer with Growth Solutions.

**\*Belfast Keller/Belfast Siding Proposed Intersection** - The commissioners discussed contracting with Moreland Altobelli to work on the project and submit for federal aid. We could also use them on the Highway 144 bypass project. Mr. Smiley was asked to invite Moreland Altobelli to a meeting to discuss these projects, prices, etc.

**\*Oxford Subdivision Street Light** - The homeowners have requested a street light be placed at the entrance to this subdivision. Mr. Smiley was asked to contact Coastal EMC and get information on placing a street light at this location. We will give this information to the Homeowners Association.

A discussion was held on the **2004 proposed budget calendar**. A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Blondean Newman to adopt the 2004 proposed budget calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on a **Section 5311 resolution**. A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Ed Bacon to adopt the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Department of Transportation, United States of America, for a grant for public transportation assistance under Section 5311 of the federal transit laws under Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United State code. Motion carried unanimously.

“Copy Resolution”

A discussion was held on an **appointment to the Bryan County Library Board**. A motion was made Ed Bacon and seconded by Blondean Newman to appoint **Ms. Renee Houser** to serve on the Bryan County Library Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on **lighting at I-95 and Highway 144**. A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Rick Gardner that the county give the Coastal Bryan Development Authority the go ahead and install lighting at I-95 and Highway 144 and when SPLOST dollars become available it goes to repay that endeavor. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Roberts abstained from voting.

A discussion was held on an **appointment to the Coastal Bryan Development Authority**. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Al Dixon to appoint **Steve Croy** to fill the unexpired term of Barry McElveen on the Coastal Bryan Development Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on repairs to the **Tivoli River Fishing Pier**. The Chairman will look into the status of this project.

Chairman Warnell called the **planning & zoning public hearing** to order and stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public input on a **rezoning request by Charles Tillman**. No one was present to speak in favor or opposition of this request.

Chairman Warnell declared the public hearing closed.

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

1. **Charles Tillman** makes application to **rezone** 41.88 acres on Belfast Keller Road from A-5 to R-1. The property is located at tax parcel number 56-029. The applicant wants to develop a subdivision consisting of approximately 75 lots. The adjacent zonings are A-5 on all sides. The applicant plans on providing community water and a septic system for the subdivision. The planning department recommend approval. The planning commission recommends approval. No motion was made on this item.
2. **Buddy Polk** makes application for approval of an **Article XI-Preliminary Plat**

**and Construction Plans for Victoria Place.** The property is located at off Mack English Drive and Polk Road in North Bryan County, tax parcel number 26-3-021. The total acreage is 55.5 acres. The proposed development is to be divided into 77 lots. The current zoning is R-1. A motion was made by Blondean Newman and seconded by Ed Bacon to approve an Article XI-Preliminary Plat and Construction Plans for Buddy Polk for Victoria Place. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Ernest Williams** makes application for approval of an **Article XI-Preliminary Plat and Construction Plans for Tranquilla Hall, Phase III.** The property is located at the northwest corner of Georgia Highway 144 and Belfast Keller Road in South Bryan County, tax parcel number 63-1-110. The total acreage is 49 acres. The proposed development is to be divided into 60 ½ acre lots. The current zoning is R-1. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Al Dixon to approve an Article XI-Preliminary Plat and Construction Plans for Ernest Williams for Tranquilla Hall, Phase III. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mike Melton**, City Administrator for the City of Richmond Hill met with the board to discuss SPLOST funding for a **fire truck** for the City of Richmond Hill. The board stated all projects are going to have to be re-prioritized and some projects may not be funded under the current SPLOST due to funds not coming in as projected. Mr. Melton stated the city has programmed for a fire truck for 2003. If the truck is ordered, he will not need these funds for six (6) months. It was the concurrence of the board to allow Richmond Hill to order a fire truck at the same financial level as the other fire trucks we purchased.

**Michele Henderson** met with the board to discuss a proposal by the **City of Pembroke** in regards to the **Service Delivery Strategy.** A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Toby Roberts that Bryan County will allocate an additional 50,000 gallons of water per day to the City of Pembroke, upon request, two (2) years from the receipt by Pembroke of the initial 50,000 allocation. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Toby Roberts to adopt a resolution approving amendment to service delivery strategy. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

WHEREAS, Bryan County and the Cities of Pembroke and Richmond Hill desire to amend the existing service delivery strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the amendments to the Service Delivery Strategy shown on the attached "Service Delivery Strategy Update" are approved, and the Chairman is authorized to execute the same.

A discussion was held on the **Charles Tillman rezoning** request. A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Al Dixon that we deny the request of Charles Tillman for rezoning

and the land stay zoned at A-5. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on a **proposed annexation** of 69.76 acres of land owned by **Speir & Brogdon**. A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Toby Roberts to approve the annexation of 69.76 acres of land owned by Speir & Brogdon into the City of Richmond Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on advertising for the **planning & zoning director**. It was the consensus of the board to proceed with advertising and advertise on the ACCG/GMA web sites, savannahjobs.com and the local paper. The board would like to review the applications received by the next meeting.

A discussion was held on the **PUD Ordinance**. Christine Stringer needs to complete incorporating the changes that have been made and give a completed copy to each commissioner. The board will hold a called meeting, if necessary, to adopt this ordinance.

A discussion was held on a **tax refund request by Michael Woods**. A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Toby Roberts to approve the tax refund request of Michael Woods in the amount of \$278.74. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on a **refund of fire tax for Denise Jennings**. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Blondean Newman to approve the refund request of Denise Jennings in the amount of \$56.25. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Blondean Newman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.