

Bryan County Board of Commissioners - Called Meeting - September 18, 2003

A called meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 18, 2003. The following members were present: Chairman Brooks Warnell, Commissioner Ed Bacon, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Al Dixon, Jr., Commissioner Toby Roberts, County Administrator Phillip Jones and County Clerk Donna Waters.

Chairman Warnell called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m. and stated the purpose of the meeting was to complete unfinished business carried over from the September 2, 2003 regular meeting.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Al Dixon. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan Rollf, Chief Tax Assessor, met with the board to review his 2004 *proposed budget* and to give an update on the *re-evaluation*.

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

***Ditch around Cox Pond** - Mr. Cox has signed a right-of-way easement to relocate the drainage canal around the pond and the canal has been relocated. This will be monitored to see how it works out.

***Ivey Street** - It was the consensus of the board to run this project back by the Department of Transportation to potentially get more state funding.

***Oxford Subdivision Walking Trail** - The stone was put in place on this project yesterday. Project will be standing by for the completion of asphalt to be placed at a later date.

***Jerico Subdivision** - The contractor moved to this project today, contractor is working on the necessary road improvements and widening in this area.

***Groover Hill Road** - We are winding down on this project. Out of 25 parcels, 16 signed and 9 were condemned (5 for title and 4 because they did not want the road). This total could change due to outstanding right-of-way deeds that may or may not come in at a later date.

***Belfast Siding** - Now is the time to move and get right-of-way on this project. This project has been looked at by Rayonier personnel and they are recommending another route to be taken for this tie-in. It will be necessary to have this surveyed and platted, and at that time a decision can be made by county personnel.

***Port Royal Road** - This road is starting to fail. Mr. Smiley was instructed to get with the state transportation testing department and have borings made in this area to come up with a logical reason for failure for this project.

***Road Priority List** - We currently have 21 roads on the priority list. We are currently surveying 4 roads - Blige, Otterhole, Fancy Court and Power Circle.

Richard Deal of Franklin, Mikell & Deal met with the board to present the 2003 **financial audit**. Mr. Deal reviewed the audit with the board and answered questions.

A discussion was held on **releasing taxes on mobile homes** which are either no longer located in Bryan County or are dwellings that are no longer livable. A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Rick Gardner to authorize the Tax Commissioner to write off the taxes on the enclosed list of mobile homes and delete them from the tax rolls. Motion carried unanimously.

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A discussion was held on the current **mileage rate** for county employees. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Al Dixon to raise the mileage rate from 25 cents to 31 cents per mile, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on **relocating the Planning & Zoning Department** to the old wire building located at the J. Dixie Harn Industrial Park. It was the consensus of the board to proceed with this move.

A discussion was held on a proclamation on **Public Safety Display Day**. The South Bryan Fire Department is sponsoring a “Public Safety Display Day” in Richmond Hill on September 27, 2003. The display will be setup in the Kroger parking lot from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. The goal for the event is to educate the public on the types of equipment available in the Coastal Region for emergency response and to raise money for the Shriner’s Hospital and Burn Foundation. Over sixteen different agencies have agreed to participate and will be on hand with men and equipment for the display. This is a worthwhile event and needs to recognition and support of the board. A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Ed Bacon that we approve the proclamation on Public Safety Display Day. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Gardner will present the proclamation.

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A discussion was held on **health insurance**. A motion was made by Al Dixon and seconded by Toby Roberts that we approve the addition of the PPO to the County Health Care Plan only to employees outside our service area and the employee pay the difference in the rates. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on *preliminary plat approval for Kinsale Bluff Subdivision*. Mr. Danny Bryant owns a parcel of land identified as an out parcel in Kinsale Bluff Subdivision. Mr. Bryant would like to subdivide the property into two lots. The property is zoned R-1 and is 1.93 acres in size. A plan was submitted to the Planning and Zoning Department on August 28, 2003 and was found to meet all of the requirements for approval. Since the subdivision was done under Article 12 of the Subdivision Ordinance, final approval rests with the Board of Commissioners. A motion was made by Toby Roberts and seconded by Al Dixon that we approve the subdivision of parcel for Danny Bryant on Kinsale Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ed Bacon and seconded by Toby Roberts to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.