

THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. C. D. Zeigler, Chairman, Mr. Reginald S. Loper, Sr., Vice-Chairman, Mr. Robert Brantley, Mrs. Vera Jones, Mr. Steve Mason, and Mr. Phil Kieffer met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Eric Gotwalt, County Attorney, Mr. David Crawley, County Administrator, Mr. Adam Kobek, Project Manager, Mr. George Shaw, Zoning Administrator, Mrs. Joanna Wright, Finance Director, Mrs. Patrice Crawley, County Clerk, and Mr. Jack Gavin.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Chairman Zeigler gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Chairman Zeigler led the pledge to the American Flag.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Vice-Chairman Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

County Clerk explained that there was a correction to the minutes.

Vice-Chairman Loper made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 12, 2011, July 19, 2011, July 21, 2011, July 22, 2011, and July 26, 2011 Board of Commissioners meetings with the stated corrections. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Zeigler stated that if anyone would like to discuss an Agenda Item, they may do so when that item is presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Zeigler read aloud items on the consent Agenda.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve the Second Reading to amend the Effingham County Zoning Map and release errors submitted by the Tax Commissioner for the following:

- (01) Bible Lutheran Church, Inc. zoning map 414-6B for a conditional use to allow for a cemetery on the property located on Blue Jay road with the stipulations (1) A twenty foot buffer must be shown between the cemetery and the neighboring property and (2) a plat of the property shall be recorded delineating the cemetery area;
- (02) Theresa Hildebrandt zoning map 391-18 to rezone 2 acres located on Little McCall Road from AR-1 to AR-2 with the stipulations (1) Each lot shall meet the requirements of the AR-2 Zoning District (2) Site development plans shall comply with the Effingham County Water Resources Protection Ordinance and the Storm Water Management Local Design Manual (3) All wetland impacts shall be permitted by the USACE and (4) A subdivision plat shall be approved by the Health Department and the Zoning Office;
- (03) Dennis Dozier, Sr. on behalf of Emma Aiken Estates zoning map 477-14 to rezone 2.50 acres located on Old Augusta Road from AR-1 to AR-2 with the stipulations (1) Each lot shall meet the requirements of the AR-2 Zoning District, (2) Site development plans shall comply with the Effingham County Water Resources Protection Ordinance and the Storm Water Management Local Design Manual, (3) All wetland impacts shall be permitted by the USACE, and (4) A subdivision plat shall be approved by the Health Department and the Zoning Office
- (04) Errors and releases for property tax;
- (05) Errors and releases for mobile home tax;

Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO PRESENT A QUESTION TO THE VOTERS THAT STATE IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST ARE OPPOSED TO THE ELIMINATION OF ELECTED CHAIRMAN-AT-LARGE, SELECT WHETHER YOU FAVOR CHANGING THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN-AT-LARGE POSITION FROM PART-TIME POSITION TO A FULL-TIME POSITION (01): Commissioner Jones made a motion to deny the resolution to present a question to the voters that state if a majority of the votes cast are opposed to the elimination of elected Chairman-At-Large, select whether you favor changing the elected Chairman-At-Large position from part-time position to a full-time position. Vice-Chairman Loper seconded the motion. Chairman Zeigler opposed the motion. Vice-Chairman Loper, Commissioner Brantley, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Mason, and Commissioner Kieffer voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT THREE TO THE FLEET MANAGEMENT AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH FIRST VEHICLE SERVICES, INC. (1): Project Manager Kobek explained that the County has been using the services of First Vehicle Services, Inc. since 2007. First Vehicle provides preventative maintenance and corrective repairs for the County's vehicles, heavy equipment. This amendment is to extend their contract for an additional year and affix the fee structure for the upcoming year. The contract carries an annual price tag of \$738,261 and covers all labor for the technicians and supervisors, repairs and preventative maintenance, repairs outside the lifecycle are charged accordingly with county approval, all re-repairs are credited to the County. The contract terms by this amendment would be extended from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 and this price is a reduction of \$25,000 from last year's contract price.

Vice-Chairman Loper made a motion to approve amendment three to the fleet management and vehicle maintenance contract with First Vehicle Services, Inc. (see minute book page _____). Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Vice-Chairman Loper discussed the following:

- ◆ Community signs

Commissioner Mason discussed the following:

- ◆ Memorial signs for the side of the road where accidents had happen

Commissioner Kieffer discussed the following:

- ◆ Speed limit on Chimney Road

County Clerk Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Board voting procedures on Agenda Items

Public Safety Director Wright discussed the following:

- ◆ Tropical storm Emily

County Administrator Crawley discussed the following:

- ◆ Update on current project bids
- ◆ Jail tours to be held off until workshop
- ◆ House count audit
- ◆ Finance Department working to close year end
- ◆ Insurance Committee Meeting
- ◆ Drainage projects
- ◆ Goshen station to be discussed at a workshop
- ◆ Recycling program to start soon and contract to be on the August 16th Commissioners Meeting Agenda

- ◆ Letter to the City of Guyton to be on the August 16th Commissioners Meeting Agenda
- ◆ Liaison Commissioners/Committees will be either advertised or scheduled for a workshop
- ◆ Community Retreat – David Crawley to attend
- ◆ SPLOST Tier One Projects request a meeting concerning the jail – Commissioner Kieffer to send an email
- ◆ Transportation roundtable executive committee meeting
- ◆ Vehicle Policies and Procedures
- ◆ Appointment to the Public Defender Supervisory Panel

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:16 p.m., Chairman Zeigler made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, property, and pending litigation. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Zeigler left the meeting.

County Administrator Crawley and Commissioners discussed personnel, and pending litigation. (See copy of Chairperson’s affidavit on minute book page number _____).

RECONVENED

At 8:16 p.m., the Board reconvened into Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:16 p.m., Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. D. Zeigler, Chairman

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk