

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – July 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 in Pembroke. The following members were present: Chairman Jimmy Burnsed, Commissioner Wade Price, Commissioner Noah Covington, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Dallas Daniel, and Commissioner Steve Myers. Also present: County Administrator Ben Taylor, County Clerk Donna Waters, and County Attorney Lea Holliday.

Chairman Burnsed called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Commissioner Covington. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors were recognized.

A discussion was held on the **agenda**. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded Noah Covington to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the June 12, 2016 regular meeting. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2016 regular meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **consent agenda**. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the consent agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of Tax Refunds

*Real Property Appeal Refunds - \$2,779.68

*Motor Vehicle Appeal Refunds - \$548.45

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to adjourn the regular meeting for a **planning & zoning public hearing**. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Leland Schuman Rezoning** – Case # 173-16 – No one other than the applicant was present for this public hearing.

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Wade Price to adjourn the public hearing and go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Greenway, Planning Director, met with the board with Planning & Zoning issues.

1. **Leland Schuman Rezoning** – Mr. Schuman requests to rezone Parcel 38-002 and an approximate 2 acre portion of Parcel 38-001 from A-5 to AR-1.5 to ultimately create two parcels of land for immediate family. He meets the subdivision requirements under the County's Article 13 clause and understands this subdivision hinders future subdivision of property under this clause. The Planning & Zoning Board and staff recommends approval. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Wade Price to approve the rezoning request of Leland Schuman from an A-5 zone to an AR-1.5 zone. Motion carried unanimously.

Lamar Smith spoke with the board reference the zoning ordinance.

Ben Taylor, County Administrator, met with the board with several issues.

***Library Board Appointments** – The Bryan County Library Board of Trustees currently has two vacancies. The two vacancies on the Board came from the expiration of the terms Jake Mullins and Dave Pflieger. Four (4) individuals are interested in being appointed to the two vacancies. A motion was made by Dallas Daniel and seconded by Steve Myers to appoint Ms. Erin Shultz and Ms. Betty Rosenthal to the Library Board for a three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

***Alcohol License Consideration** – Alkeem Oluwon Collins has applied for an alcoholic beverage license for the Blu Diamond Lounge located at 6908 US Highway 280 East, Pembroke, Georgia. This business location is formerly the old “Hill Top Tavern” and more recently “Hart’s Tavern”. This location is zoned for this type of business. All the necessary paperwork has been submitted and is in order for approval. Criminal background checks have been approved and the required fire inspection has been conducted. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the alcohol license for Alkeem Oluwon Collins for the Blu Diamond Lounge. Motion carried unanimously.

***Planning & Zoning Board Appointments** – With the resignation of Jamie Coleman from the Planning & Zoning Commission, his seat is open on the Planning & Zoning Board. Jon Seagraves has expressed interest in serving on this board and would like to be considered for this seat. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to appoint Jon Seagraves to fill the unexpired seat of Jamie Coleman on the Planning & Zoning Board with a term to expire in November 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

***Shumantown Road Closure Consideration** – Shumantown Road is located in the Northern portion of Bryan County. A portion of this road is located in what has become the yard of Ms. Clara Nell Sims. It is reported that this portion of the road is rarely traveled by the surrounding residents and its condition would indicate that fact. Ms. Sims has requested that this portion of the road be closed. The required notices and public hearing as specified in Georgia Law was fulfilled on May 17. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Wade Price to approve the resolution to abandon and close a portion of Shumantown Road. Motion carried unanimously.

***Rolling Stock Plan and Budget Amendment** – The purpose of this plan is to officially recognize the need for a formal plan to establish the replacement of rolling stock within each County department. This specific amendment refers to the EMS Unit Component of the plan and establishes recommended dates that the County should consider for the replacement of the mentioned rolling stock inventory. This document should be used for planning purposes only; however each fiscal year’s recommendations will require approve in the annual budget. The overall goal for the County is to establish a multi-year Rolling-Stock Replacement Plant for Bryan County for each department. In the coming months, we hope to bring this to the Commission in individual department components. The acceptance of this plan does give the authority to amend the FY 2016 SPLOST Budget to include the purchase of ambulance remount services for two EMS units in FY 2016. This cost was not originally included as expenditure in this year’s SPLOST budget but it was included in the overall multiyear SPLOST budget. Cost is estimated to be \$180,000. The multi-year overall estimated budget stated in this year’s budget for SPLOST will not change. However, funding allocation for FY 2016 will change due to project need and project readiness. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Rick Gardner to approve the EMS Unit Replacement Plan and the FY 2016 budget amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

A FEMA Flood Map Open House will be held next Monday from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Wetlands Center in Richmond Hill.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Rick Gardner to amend the agenda to allow the board to discuss the McAllister PUD Rezoning. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Dallas Daniel to **reconsider the rezoning** request of McAllister PUD Rezoning and bring it back up next month. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Wade Price to go into **executive session** to discuss litigation. Motion carried unanimously. The board went into executive session at 6:05 p.m. The board went back into regular meeting at 6:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Rick Gardner to **adjourn**. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.