

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – May 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in Pembroke. The following members were present: Chairman Carter Infinger, Commissioner Noah Covington, Commissioner Wade Price, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Brad Brookshire and Commissioner Steve Myers. Also present: County Administrator Ben Taylor, County Clerk Donna Waters and County Attorney Lea Holliday.

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

A discussion was held on the **agenda**. A motion was made Wade Price and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the April 11, 2017 regular meeting. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Brad Brookshire to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 regular meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Anne Marie Cindardo met with the board to request the board make changes to the Animal Control Ordinance that will require dog owners to provide a minimum standard of humane care to their animals. She feels as though most Bryan County dog owners are responsible and care for their dogs well, but there are a few that do not. She would like for a change in the ordinance that would not allow for an animal to be chained to a stationary object while outside, dog owners provide shelter from direct sun, constant access to water in unspillable containers, living area clear of excrement in order to deter flies and other pest infestations, etc. Ms. Cindardo was told to continue working with Skip Youmans, as he is working on the animal control ordinance.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Brad Brookshire to close the regular meeting to hold **Planning & Zoning Public Hearings**.

1. **Chip Davis Rezoning** – Case #Z 180-17 – Rezoning of property located at intersection of Bell Road and Eldora Road. No one was present to speak on this rezoning.
2. **Chip Davis Rezoning** – Case #Z 179-17 – Rezoning of property located on Warnell Farm Road. No one was present to speak on this rezoning.

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to adjourn the public hearings. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Noah Covington to go back into regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. **Rezoning Application for Chip Davis** for 1.5 acres of land from B-2 to R-30 for the purpose of subdividing the property for two future residential properties. The property is located on Bell Road at the intersection of Eldora Road. The subject property contains the Future Land Use Plan (the Plan) recommendation of Rural Agricultural. Therefore, staff finds the proposal consistent with the objectives of the Plan. The Planning Commission concurs with staff and approval is recommended. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the rezoning application for Chip Davis for 1.5 acres of land from B-

2 to R-30 for property located on Bell Road at the intersection of Eldora Road. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Rezoning Application for Chip Davis** for 3 parcels, totaling 2.89 acres of land from AR-1 and B-2 to R-30, for the purpose of creating residential lots. The property is located on Warnell Farm Road near the intersection of Eldora Road. The subject property contains the Future Land Use Plan (the Plan) recommendation of Rural Agricultural. Therefore, staff finds the proposal consistent with the objectives of the Plan and incompatible with the development currently underway in the immediate vicinity. The Planning Commission concurs with staff and approval is recommended. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the rezoning application for Chip Davis for 3 parcel, totaling 2.89 acres of land from AR-1 and B-2 to R-30 for property located on Warnell Farm Road near the intersection of Eldora Road. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **consent agenda**. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

1. **Approval of Tax Refunds**

- *Real Property Appeals in the amount of \$387.26

- *TAVT (Motor Vehicle) Appeals in the amount of \$416.50

2. **Approval of Atlantic Judicial Circuit's request for funds from DATE for the Drug Court**

- *\$8,955 from DATE funds for Bryan County's pro-rata share of Atlantic Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court

3. **Approval of Atlantic Judicial Circuit Law Clerk FY 2017-2018 Budget**

- *\$1,848.70 for Bryan County's annual share of Atlantic Judicial Circuit Law Clerk's Budget

4. **Approval of Atlantic Judicial Circuit Public Defenders FY 2017-2018 Budget**

- *\$183,807 for Bryan County's annual share of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit Public Defenders FY 2017-2018 Budget

5. **Approval of Atlantic Judicial Circuit Superior Court Judges FY 2017-2018 Budget**

- *\$25,459.24 for Bryan County's annual share of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit Superior Court Judges FY 2017-2018 Budget

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

***Administrator's Monthly Report** for May 2017

-Single Family Home Permits – As of April 30, 2017 there have been 125 building permits issued in the unincorporated areas of Bryan County. This is an increase from last year, with 101 building permits being issued as of April 30, 2016.

-Fire Station #2 Progress – This fire station is located on Daniel Siding Road and is the busiest station as far as EMS calls are concerned. This construction is coming along nicely. We will be having a grand opening in the near future.

-Bryan County Animal Shelter in Pembroke – The property has been purchased. The preliminary plans are complete and the building is going to have 1,150 sf of heated space and 1,200 sf of unheated

space for a total of 2,350 sf. Final plans and bid package is expected to be completed by May 19 with the project going out for bid May 25–June 27; award bid on July 11 and being construction on July 30.

-Industrial Park Activity – Daniel Defense has begun their expansion and is constructing a massive new building.

-Industrial Park Grading Status – This consists of 360 acres and had to be completed before the wetlands permit expired. The east side has a total of 154 acres and of this, 80 acres has been cleared and rough grubbed. The wide side has a total of 206 acres and of this, 60 acres has been cleared and rough grubbed and 8 acres has been fine grubbed. Of the total 360 acres, 140 acres have been rough grubbed and 8 acres fine grubbed.

***Belfast Interchange ROW Agreement Amendment** – A first amendment to the donation agreement for public right-of-way and first amendment to the escrow and closing instruction agreement with Belfast Commerce Centre, LLC & Terrapointe, LLC (both a subsidiary of Rayonier) regarding the donation of the right of way for the upcoming exit on I-95 in Bryan County were discussed. The previous contract was adopted in October 2016 and states the expiration date as May 1, 2017. Necessity has dictated that the expiration date be moved back to July 1, 2017. This does not negate the GDOT let date of September 2017. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Brad Brookshire to approve the authorization for the execution of the First Amendment to the Right-of-Way Agreement and First Amendment to the Escrow Agreement for the Belfast Interchange. Motion carried unanimously.

***Fire Trucks Bid Award** – Bids were advertised to replace two (2) 32 year old Pumper fire Engines, which is consistent with the Bryan County Emergency Service's equipment replacement plan, the FY 2017 budget and the needs of the county. Bids were advertised for two fire pumper engines and opened on Friday, April 28, 2017. The County's Public Safety Director recommends awarding to Deep South, which is the best and low bid in the amount of \$486,590 or \$243,295 each. These two pieces of equipment are intended to be financed from ACCG's equipment purchasing program. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers for the approval of the best and low bid from Deep South in the amount of \$486,590 for (2) two fire pumper engines and to be funded from the 2017 SPLOST budget. Motion carried unanimously.

***LMIG 2016 Resurfacing Bid Award** – LMIG funds are supplied by the Georgia Department of Transportation for paving projects annually. Bryan County's annual allocation is around \$412,187. Applications are due by January of each year and a 30% match is required from the local government, which equates to \$123,656. Matching funds have been budgeted in the SPLOST Budget in anticipation of this expenditure just like previous years. LMIG has been used primarily for resurfacing projects in the past. A couple of years ago, County Engineering and the Roads Department developed a multiyear resurfacing schedule. This year's LMIG road resurfacing list consisted of four roads. The first was *Olive Branch Road*, the portion located on the northern side of interstate 16. The second was *Arden Loop Circle*. The third was a portion of *Belle Island Road*. And the final road was *Kelly Davis Road*. Bids were received and opened on April 27, 2017 with the low bidder being RB Baker, Inc. in the amount of \$681,311.10, which includes the City of Pembroke projects. The county shall be reimbursed \$80,140.35 from the City of Pembroke for their portion of the bid; therefore the County portion of the contract is \$601,170.75. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to award the 2017 road resurfacing project to RB Baker Inc. in the amount of \$681,311.10. Motion carried unanimously.

***Middle Coastal Unified Development Authority Reappointment** – Bryan County is currently a member of the Middle Coastal Unified Development Authority (MCUDA). It consists of 13 counties that include: Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Liberty, Long, Montgomery, Screven, Tattnall, Toombs, and Wheeler counties. Each county appoints two members to the board. Anna Chafin and Brad Brookshire currently serve as the members for Bryan County. Anna Chafin was appointed in April 2016 to fill an unexpired term which expired in April 2017. Ms. Chafin will need to be reappointed to a four year term to expire April 2021. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Brad Brookshire to reappoint Anna Chafin to the MCUDA for a four year term to expire in April 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

***Planning and Zoning Board Reappointment** – Steve Scholar currently serves on the Bryan County Planning Commission. His term on this board expired at the end of April. Mr. Scholar has indicated he would like to continue serving on this board. This is a four (4) year appointment, so the tenure of this term runs from May 9, 2017 to May 8, 2021. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to reappoint Steve Scholar to the Planning Commission to serve a four (4) year term from May 2017 until May 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Rick Gardner to **adjourn**. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.