

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – June 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 in Richmond Hill. The following members were present: Chairman Carter Infinger, Commissioner Wade Price, Commissioner Steve Myers, Commissioner Brad Brookshire, Commissioner Rick Gardner and Commissioner Noah Covington. 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 by Noah Covington and seconded by Brad Brookshire to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the May 9, 2017 regular meeting and May 5, 2017 Workshop Minutes. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017 regular meeting and May 5, 2017 workshop. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners honored **David Minning** with a proclamation. Due to illness, Mr. Minning's sons were present to accept the proclamation on his behalf.

A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Noah Covington to close the regular meeting to hold **Planning & Zoning Public Hearings**. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Brad Brookshire to open the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Black Creek Manor, LLC (Robert Shuman) Rezoning** – Rezoning of property located on Highway 280 near the intersection of Church of God Road. No one was present to speak on this rezoning. No one was present to speak on this request.
2. **James C. Wilson and Cuyler LLP Rezoning** – Rezoning of property located on I-16 adjacent to the Interstate Commerce Centre. No one was present to speak on this request.

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Rick Gardner to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. **Rezoning Application for Black Creek Manor, LLC (Robert Shuman)** – This is a proposed rezoning of 2.69 acres of land from AR-1 to B-2 for the purpose of the existing mini-warehouse facility and further business storage. The property is located on Highway 280 near the intersection of Church of God Road. The subject property contains the Future Land Use Plan recommendation of Crossroad Community Area. Therefore, staff finds the proposal consistent with the objectives of the Plan and compatible with the development currently underway in the immediate vicinity. The type of development proposed will improve both the character with the surrounding land uses and could create a higher tax base along Highway 280. The Planning Commission concurs with staff. A motion was made by Noah

Covington and seconded by Wade Price to approve the rezoning request of Black Creek Manor, LLC (Robert Shuman) from AR-1 to B-2. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Rezoning Application for James C. Wilson and Cuyler, LLP** – This is a proposed rezoning of 27.80 acres of land from A-5 to I-1 for the purpose of adding potential for industrial users and to facilitate the placement of an outdoor advertising display on I-16. The property is located on I-16 adjacent to the Interstate Commerce Centre. The subject property contains the Future Land Use Plan recommendation of Regional Commercial Area, which calls for appropriate industrial users. Therefore, staff finds the proposal consistent with the objectives of the Plan and compatible with the development currently underway in the immediate vicinity. Staff does have some concerns regarding the rezoning of this acreage only to facilitate an outdoor advertising display, for a user that has not announced plans for construction at this point. The Planning Commission concurs with staff. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the rezoning request of James C. Wilson and Cuyler, LLP from A-5 to I-1. Voting for: Myers, Covington, Brookshire, and Price. Voting against: Gardner. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the **consent agenda**. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Brad Brookshire to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda.

1. **Approval of Tax Refunds**

\*TAVT (Motor Vehicle) Appeal Refunds - \$602.00

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

**\*Administrator's Monthly Report** for June 2017

**-Grand Opening** was held on June 9 for Fire Station # 2 on Daniel Siding Road.

**-Growth** – Population for Bryan County for 2015 was projected at 38,984 with a projected population for 2020 to be 45,272; 2025 to be 52,466 and 2030 to be 59,534. Residential building permits for Bryan County for 2016 was 234 for South Bryan County and 46 for North Bryan County. Bryan County is preparing for the growth by: responsible and realistic zoning practices; understand how the decisions of other jurisdictions impact county infrastructure; more investment in public safety; updated facilities; updated equipment; infrastructure improvements; planning; involving local and federal agencies; development of county capital improvement plan; and establishing the development goals of the community.

**\*Coastal Regional Commission Appointment** – The term for the Non-Public Representative for the Coastal Regional Commission Council is due for appointment. Currently serving in this capacity is Mr. Sean Register. Mr. Register has indicated that he would like to continue serving on the CRC Council. The tenure of this term runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Steve Myers to reappoint Mr. Sean Register to the CRC Council for a one (1) year appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Department of Corrections Work Detail Contracts** – For the past several years, Bryan County has been contracting with the State of Georgia for the services of prison labor. We have an agreement for a ten offender detail and a full-time correctional officer from the Women’s Probation Detention Center in Claxton, Georgia. The detail performs manual labor tasks such as grounds maintenance primarily in Hendrix Park and is under constant supervision of the assigned guard. This contract is up for renewal of these services for the State’s July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 budget year, and has been budgeted for in the FY 2017 Bryan County Budget. The cost for this crew is \$39,500 annually. We also have an agreement for two ten offender details with full-time correctional officers from the Long State Prison in Long County, Georgia. These details perform manual labor tasks such as ground maintenance primarily in Henderson Park, Timber Trail Park and the Administration Building. The details are under constant supervision of the assigned guard. This contract is a renewal of these services for the State’s July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 budget year and has been budgeted for in the FY 2017 Bryan County Budget. The cost for these two crews is \$79,000 annually. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to authorize the execution of these contracts with the State of Georgia. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Family Connection Fiscal Agent Contract** – Bryan County was first awarded the Family Connection Grant in July 2001 for FY 2002 and has received the grant every year since. The award amount for FY 2018 is in the amount of \$48,500. In order to be awarded the FY 2018 Family Connection Grant, a contract between the Department of Human Services and Bryan County must be signed. Wendy Sims serves as the Director for the Bryan County Family Connection Program. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Brad Brookshire to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract between the Department of Human Services and Bryan County board of Commissioners for the FY 2018 Family Connection Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*ACCG Capital Lease Program for Fire Trucks** – In keeping with the decision to purchase two fire engines last month, financing through ACCG & GMA’s Governmental Finance program for both has been arranged. Total cost of the two engines is \$486,590. We have procured a rate of 2.58% for a term of 120 months, which is consistent with the project description originally presented in the FY 2017 budget. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to authorize the execution of a lease purchase agreement with ACCG. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Budget Amendment for SPLOST & Ambulance Refurbishment** – Necessity has dictated that we move one of the anticipated ambulance remount projects up one year from FY 2018 to FY 2017. These projects are purchased with SPLOST funds and the SPLOST Fund has an adequate bank balance to accommodate this request. The remount project has already been advertised and bids will be awarded in accordance with the purchasing policy. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to authorize the purchase of an ambulance remount and box refurbishment and amend the budget to reflect this. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Heavy Equipment Bid Award Consideration for Dump Truck** – In keeping with the FY 2017 Budget, bids were advertised and accepted in accordance with the purchasing policy and specification parameters were established. Two bids were received that were within these specifications. The lowest bid was \$127,351 for a 2018 Freightliner 122SD from Freightliner of Savannah. The second bid was \$137,377 for a 2018 International HX620 6x4 from Roberts International. Public Works Director Buddy Shuman has reviewed these bids and recommends we proceed with awarding the bid to Freightliner of

Savannah in the amount of \$127,351 for a 2018 Freightliner 122SD. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Noah Covington to proceed with awarding the bid to Freightliner of Savannah in the amount of \$127,351 for a 2018 Freightliner 122SD Dump Truck. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ereka Akers** voiced her concerns on the development of the Belfast River Road area.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Brad Brookshire to go into **executive session** to discuss acquisition of real estate. Motion carried unanimously. The board went into executive session at 6:24 p.m.

A motion was made by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Steve Myers to go back into **regular session**. Motion carried unanimously. The board went back into regular session at 6:56 p.m.

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to **adjourn**. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.