

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – Work Session – September 6, 2017

A work session of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 in Pembroke. The following members were present: Chairman Carter Infinger, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Steve Myers, Commissioner Wade Price, Commissioner Noah Covington and Commissioner Brad Brookshire.

Chairman Infinger called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Freddy Howell, Director of Emergency Services, met with the board to give an update on Hurricane Irma, which is threatening our area in the next couple of days.

A discussion was held on a **Right of Entry Agreement with Georgia Power**. This would allow Georgia Power to use the Hendrix Recreational Park as a staging area for electric power restoration efforts in the event of a hurricane, ice storm, or similar disaster. This agreement shall be for a period of five (5) years from its execution. The County has approved this in the past. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Brad Brookshire to approve the Right of Entry Agreement with Georgia Power. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on a **Post Disaster Debris Collection Ordinance**. In the aftermath of a disaster, there are federal resources available for debris removal but the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) generally does not provide for removal of debris from private roads and property unless a local government provides information indicating the debris removal is both in the public interest and that the local government has legal responsibility to remove the debris. Our ordinances need to contain a provision granting Bryan County authority to collect debris from private property in cases of emergency. An ordinance is being presented for the Boards approval. Due to the threat of Hurricane Irma, the board will dispense with the second reading of this ordinance. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Rick Gardner to dispense with the second reading and adopt the Post Disaster Debris Collection Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to go into **executive session** to discuss real estate. Motion carried unanimously. The board went into executive session at 4:59 p.m. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Rick Gardner to go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously. The board went back into regular session at 5:42 p.m.

Ben Taylor, County Administrator, gave an update on ongoing projects.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 5:58 p.m.