

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – October 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 in Richmond Hill. The following members were present: Chairman Carter Infinger, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Steve Myers, Commissioner Brad Brookshire, Commissioner Wade Price 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 Gardner. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors were recognized.

A discussion was held on the **agenda**. A motion was made by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Steve Myers to accept the agenda with the addition of executive session to discuss real estate and personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the September meetings. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Rick Gardner to approve the minutes of the September meetings as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Gloria Shearin with **Friends of the Library**, along with other members, met with the board to request the board move forward with the construction of a new library in South Bryan County.

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

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

**1. Approval of Tax Refunds**

- \*Real Property Appeal Refunds - \$1,557.56
- \*TAVT (Motor Vehicle) Appeals Refunds - \$34.65

**2. Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License**

- \*Alton Hal Godwin, Jr. – Black Creek Golf Club

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

**\*Administrator's Monthly Report** for October 2017 included:

**-Imagery Update** – We recently updated our imagery. The last time this was done was in 2013. This is a great help in the Tax Assessor and GIS Departments.

**\*Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance** of Bryan County to **combine the Home Business Office and Home Occupation provisions** into one approval and to create a provision for customers to visit home occupations in all zoning districts. This is a second reading on this amendment. Stacy Hamlin spoke in regards to these provisions and her opposition to some of the restrictions imposed in the changes. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Brad Brookshire to approve the amendment to the zoning ordinance of Bryan County combine the Home Business Office and Home Occupations in all zoning districts with certain signage requirement in some zoning districts. Commissioner Myers rescinded his motion. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Rick Gardner to table this amendment for 30 days. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance** of Bryan County to **create a provision for solar farms** to be allowed in the A-5 zoning district as a conditional use which will require a public hearing by the Board of Commissioners. This is a second reading on this amendment. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Wade Price to approve the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create a provision for solar farms. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Wade Price to close the regular meeting for **executive session** to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.

The board went into executive session at 6:25 p.m. The board went back into regular session at 6:54 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:55 p.m.