

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – March 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Pembroke. The following members were present: Chairman Jimmy Burnsed, Commissioner Carter Infinger, Commissioner Steve Myers, Commissioner Wade Price, and Commissioner Noah Covington. Also present: County Administrator Ben Taylor, County Clerk Donna Waters and County Attorney Lea Holliday. Commissioner Rick Gardner was not present.

Chairman Burnsed called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Commissioner Infinger. 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 Carter Infinger to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the February 9, 2016 regular meeting. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the minutes of the February 9, 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 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 in the amount of \$621.74 and Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$1267.35

2. Approval of Software Purchase Agreement

*Approval of Contract for Computer Software from Edmonds & Associates

Eric Greenway, Planning Director, met with the board with two (2) Preliminary Plat Approvals.

Case # SD 3004-16 – Woodland Trail Phase 3 – The applicant is Lot Pros Southeast, LLC. This proposed subdivision would consist of 58 single-family lots and is the third phase to the current Woodland Trail Development located off Oak Level Road. Phase III is accessible via Timberland Way and Timberland Circle. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Wade Price to approve the Preliminary Plat Approval for Woodland Trail Phase 3 with condition that all items identified in the Engineer's review letter are addressed as required by Bryan County regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Case # 2094-15 – Buckhead East Phase 6 – The applicant is Bryan Land and Timber c/o Earl Benson. The subdivision would consist of 60 single family lots. This Phase will be located within Buckhead East PUD off of Veteran's Memorial Parkway. A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Wade Price to approve the Preliminary Plat Approval for Buckhead East Phase 6 with condition that all items identified in the Engineer's review letter of the preliminary plat and construction plans are revised as noted. Motion carried unanimously.

Kirk Croasmun, County Engineer, met with the board with an update of a couple of projects.

***Tennis Courts at DeVaul Henderson Park** – Bids for this project will be opened on March 29. The projected completion is the end of July/August time frame. Depending on the bids, it is the goal to construct 10 courts.

***2016 LMIG Projects** – We are looking to advertise these projects in April, have a letter of recommendation at the May meeting, authorize construction the first part of June with completion in July.

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

***Bryan County Board of Assessors Appointments** – Two members are due for reappointment with the Bryan County Board of Assessors. Thomas Haynes is currently serving on the board as Chairman and was originally appointed back in 1997. Bob Floyd has served on the Board since 2009. As with all boards, it is important to provide consistency through experience and both of these appointees' past experience on the board makes them a valuable asset. In order to comply with the O.C.G.A. 48-5-295 which states that having a voting majority of the Board's term expirations in the same year should be avoided; these reappointments will be for three years. After this initial re-appointment, those seats will revert back to six years. A true staggered appointment schedule can be established with this initial 3 year reappointment thus maintaining consistency in board knowledge and experience. A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Noah Covington to adopt the resolution appointing Mr. Thomas Haynes and Mr. Bob Floyd to the Bryan County Board of Assessors. Motion carried unanimously.

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***Bryan County Extension Agent Consideration** – Currently, Bryan County does not have a dedicated extension agent which puts us in the minority of Georgia counties. Trish West with the Extension Service has informed us that the opportunity may exist in getting this service for the County once again. However, it will take a local financial commitment for the County in the amount of \$19,426. For FY 2016, the amount of the required allocation would be around \$10,000 since the State's fiscal year begins July 1. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to approve the resolution of support for the reestablishment of a Bryan County Agricultural and Natural Resources Agent. Motion carried unanimously.

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***Republic Waste Contract Amendment** – On February 14, 2006 Bryan County originally entered into an agreement with Republic Waste Services for the collection and disposal of solid waste. In March of 2011 the First Amendment was adopted for the agreement which extended the term to February 29, 2016 and added recycling to the agreed services. A Second Amendment to the agreement is presented for review. This amendment proposes an extension of the contract term for three years expiring on February 28, 2019. The household solid waste rate (\$10.27) will remain the same this year. However, recycling will increase by 25 cents monthly per household (\$2.98 to \$3.23). The company cites a

decrease in the demand of recyclable materials, which has yielded disposal cost for these materials, as the reason for this necessity. The company also proposed to discontinue the individual recycle incentive “coupon” program due to low participation. The bulk rate for both convenience centers will increase from 8 cents to 11 cents per pound. A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Steve Myers to adopt the second amendment to the Republic Waste Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

***Zoning Code Amendment** – 25 acre lots and structures – Currently the Agricultural Zoning Districts allow the placement of one dwelling per lot regardless of the parcel size. This may create an undue hardship or an extreme inconvenience for larger land owners who may desire to place a second dwelling on their property for the use of a family member or as a caretaker’s residence. The proposed amendment would ease the burden of land owner’s having to incur the expense of a survey and wait for the plat approval and recordation process to be completed prior to obtaining a permit to develop the newly created parcel. This amendment will create more flexibility for those who own larger tracts. This is a first reading of this ordinance and no action is necessary.

Commissioner Carter Infinger announced his **resignation** as 4th District Commissioner in order to qualify for Chairman of the Board.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:23 p.m.