

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – January 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 in Pembroke. The following members were present: Chairman Jimmy Burnsed, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Carter Infinger, Commissioner Noah Covington, Commissioner Wade Price and Commissioner Steve Myers. Also present: County Administrator Ben Taylor, County Clerk Donna Waters and County Attorney Lea Holliday.

Chairman Burnsed called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Commissioner Carter Infinger. Eagle Scout Brett Kohler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors were recognized.

The Board of Commissioners recognized and presented **Eagle Scout Brett Kohler** with a Proclamation honoring him for the outstanding accomplishments. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Carter Infinger to approve the proclamation recognizing Eagle Scout Brett Kohler. Motion carried unanimously.

“Copy Proclamation”

A discussion was held on the **agenda**. A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the agenda with one amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the December 9, 2014 regular meeting. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Wade Price to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **consent agenda**. A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Wade Price to approve the consent agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of New Occupational Tax Certificates

- *Edward Futrill – FLC Machine Services, LLC
- *Benjamin Mois – Mois Family Tech
- *Tammy Pike – Pristine Home & Office Cleaning
- *John Mark Perry – Southern Cartridge

2. Approval of Tax Refunds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
William O. Rockwood, Jr.	2012	\$1,340.75
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R & H Development Inc.	2014	\$ 64.53
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W. Carla Silver	2014	\$ 534.33
Roger & Songre Pennington	2014	\$ 271.16
R. Frederick Decosimo	2014	\$ 149.64
Susan & Charles Lyon	2014	\$ 223.34
Betty Alexander	2014	\$ 198.77
Plantation Apartments IV HP PA	2014	\$4,607.89
Madeline Fore	2014	\$ 165.73
Sanchez Jose Alvarez	2014	\$ 125.54
Brian & Kathleen Eichorn	2014	\$ 28.17
Price Georgia 204 Holdings, LLC	2014	<u>\$ 21.40</u>
Total for Real Property		\$8,217.80

Isiah Blige		\$ 111.38
Pamela Rene Watson		\$ 189.00
Joseph Devin Davis		\$ 108.00
Jennifer S-Delgado		\$ 42.19
Tonya Wells Davis		<u>\$ 801.56</u>
Total for Motor Vehicles		\$1,252.13

3. Approval of New Alcoholic Beverage License

*Ashish Pravin Patel – Akshar P. Enterprises, Inc. dba Black Creek General Store

4. Approval of Refund of Interest

*Mr. P. L. Weldy - \$32.79

5. Approval of Purchase of County Vehicle for North Bryan Recreation Department and Budget Amendment to Pay for Vehicle from Contingency

*2015 Ford F150 in the amount of \$17,937.00 from Allen Virgil Ford

6. Approval of Temporary Sales Mobile Home Permit Extension – Savannah Land Holdings

*For the operation of a mobile office facility at 18542 Highway 144 East

A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Noah Covington to close the regular meeting for **Planning & Zoning Public Hearings**. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Burnsed called the Public Hearings to order.

1. **Simcoe at Belfast/John Mowry Conditional Use Rezoning Request** – No one other than the applicant was present to speak on this request.
2. **C. Pickett Enterprises Rezoning Request** – No one other than the applicant was present to speak on this request.

3. **BCLD, LLC/Tim Casey & Larry Galbreath Rezoning Request** – No one other than the applicant was present to speak on this request.
4. **John Hopkins Rezoning Request** – No one was present to speak on this request.

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Carter Infinger to close the public hearing and go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Christy Williams, Zoning Administrator, met with the board with Planning & Zoning issues.

1. **Case # CUP-145-14 - Simcoe at Belfast/John Mowry** makes application for a conditional use to rezone 5.66 acres located at 1472 Belfast River Road from an A-5 zone to an A-5 Conditional zone. The applicant would like to conduct a sand mining operation on this parcel. The property is located at 1472 Belfast River Road, tax parcel # 056-047. Staff recommends approval of a change in zone to an A-5 Conditional for a sand mining operation with the condition that Site Plan and Permit from EPD must be approved before any excavation begins. The Planning & Zoning Board recommends approval with the same condition. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Carter Infinger to approve the change in zoning for Case # CUP-145-14 from A-5 to an A-5 Conditional Zone with the condition that Site Plan and Permit from EPD must be approved before any excavation begins. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Case # Z-160-14 - C. Pickett Enterprises** makes application to rezone a .99 acre tract on the corner of Barnard and Harris Trail Road, tax parcel # 0055-039 from an A-5 zone to an R-30 zone. This is a preexisting lot that was not approved by the Planning & Zoning Department. The staff recommends approval of the change in zone from A-5 to R-30. The Planning & Zoning Board recommends approval. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Wade Price to approve the change in zoning for Case # Z-160-14 from A-5 to R-30. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Case # Z-153-14 - BCLD, LLC/Tim Casey and Larry Galbreath** make application to rezone 55 acres on Highway 144 across the highway and just south of Highway 144 Spur. The current zone is A-5 and the requested zone is R-1 – Single Family Residential District. The applicant would like to develop a tract with approximately 110 lots. The staff recommends approval of a change in zone from an A-5 to R-1 zone with condition that all the requirements for county water and sewer and requirements for DOT approval for entrances are met. The Planning & Zoning Board recommends approval with the same conditions. A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the change in zoning for Case # Z-153-14 from A-5 to R-1 with the conditions that all the requirements for county water and sewer and requirements for DOT approval for entrances are met. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Case # Z-159-14 - John Hopkins** makes application to rezone 28.77 acres located south of Belfast Keller Road and west of Belfast River Road. The current zone is A-5 and the

requested zone is R-1 – Single Family Residential District. The applicant would like to develop a subdivision consisting of 18 lots with a minimum of 1.25 acres of each lot. The staff recommends approve of a change in zone from an A-5 to R-1 zone. The Planning & Zoning Board recommends approval. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Carter Infinger to approve the change in zoning for Case # Z-159-14 from A-5 to R-1. Motion carried unanimously.

Kirk Croasmun, County Engineer, met with the board to give an update on several projects.

***Oak Level Road** – Wet well has been installed and backfilled. Installation of site piping is ongoing. The contract is to be completed by April 2015.

***Bill Futch Extension** – A public meeting is scheduled for January 20 in order to discuss proposed “one-way” traffic pattern from US 280 to Wilma Edwards Road.

***2014 Road Resurfacing Project** – The notice of award has been issued to the contractor. We will be finalizing the contract documents with the contractor for this project. This project includes McGregor Circle and Olive Branch Road. We will also include Harry Hagan Road in this contract.

***Murphy McKeel Walking Trail** – The notice of award has been issued to the contractor. We will be finalizing the contract documents with the contractor for this project.

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

***Amendment to Chapter 8 of the County’s Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance** – This is a second reading on this amendment. At the November elections, the citizens voted to approve Sunday sales of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Therefore, it is necessary to amend the County’s Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance to reflect this change. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Wade Price to approve the amendment to Chapter 8 of the County’s Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

***Daniel Defense Employment Incentive Grant Resolution** – Daniel Defense is expanding its facility from approximately thirty eight thousand square feet to ninety five thousand square feet in the Interstate Centre. As part of this expansion, the county has agreed to construct and install a permanent loop road around the project area. A preliminary cost estimate for the loop road totals \$445,290. In order to pay for the construction costs of this road, the county has proposed to provide in-kind road bed work. As a method to close the remaining funding gap, the County has been awarded a GDOT grant in the amount of approximately \$120,000 and will apply for an Employment Incentive Grant in the amount of \$219,020. The resolution authorized the submission of a 2014 Community Development Block Grant-Employment Incentive Program (CDBG-EIP) application to Georgia Department of Community Affairs. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Carter Infinger to approve the Daniel Defense Incentive Grant Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

***Savannah Harbor-Interstate 16 Corridor Joint Development Authority Appointments** – As a tool to promote economic development and promote mutually beneficial regional projects, Bryan

County along with Bulloch, Chatham, and Effingham counties recently passed a resolution creating the Savannah Harbor-Interstate 16 Corridor Joint Development Authority. This was a proactive measure to ensure that the participating jurisdictions will have the proper tools in dealing with regional economic development projects if the need ever arises. With the formation of the JDA, the enacting resolution states that the initial members of the JDA Board are to be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of each participating county at their first open meeting following the adoption of the enacting resolution. Two members of the JDA Board are appointed by each county. There is an initial appointment of 2 years for one of the appointments and 4 years for the second. The 2 year appointment will be converted to a 4 year appointment after the first cycle in order to provide for staggered service cycle. One member of the Board from each county may be a member of the Board of Commissioners. The other member of the Board from each county may be a taxpayer residing within the county. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to appoint Chairman Jimmy Burns for a two year appointment and Development Authority Director Derrick Smith for a four year appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

***Appointment of Vice-Chairman** – Each year the Board of Commissioners appoints one of its members as the Vice-Chairman. Several years ago, the Board decided the rotation would be 5th District, followed by 3rd District, then 4th District, 2nd District and 1st District. The Vice-Chairman for FY 2014 was 2nd District Commissioner Wade Price. The proposed Vice-Chairman for FY 2015 will be the 1st District Commissioner Noah Covington. A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Wade Price to appoint Noah Covington as the Vice-Chairman for 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

***Appointment of County Clerk** –The County Clerk is considered the personal staff for the Board of Commissioners and subsequently, the Board must reappoint the County Clerk to serve in that capacity each year. Donna has worked for the county since May 1979. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Rick Gardner to appoint Donna Waters as County Clerk for 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

***Appointment of County Depository** – Each year, the Board of Commissioners appoints a local bank as the County Depository. First Bank of Coastal Georgia has been the County Depository for many years, as it is convenient to the main county offices in Pembroke. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Carter Infinger to nominate three banks: First Bank of Coastal Georgia, South Bank, and Ameris Bank as the County Depositories for FY 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **Public Works Director** position. Buddy Shuman has been serving in this capacity since January 1, 2013 but his title has not been changed to reflect this. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Steve Myers to change the title of Buddy Shuman to Director of Public Works. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Wade Price to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.