

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – February 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in Richmond Hill. The following members were present: Chairman Jimmy Burnsed, Commissioner Carter Infinger, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Wade Price, Commissioner Steve Myers, and Commissioner Noah Covington. 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 Gardner. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors were recognized.

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

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the January 13, 2015 regular meeting. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Rick Gardner to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 regular meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **consent agenda**. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Carter Infinger 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

- *New Windows – Patrick New
- *Pinault’s Defensive Solution, LLC – Mike Pinault

2. Approval of Tax Refunds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Map & Parcel</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Richmond Hill Retailers LLC	047-006-02	\$ 421.60
Erick Opsahl	0549-019	\$3,005.39
Marion Kay Abel	061-036	\$ 7.05
Joseph DeCosimo	0544-111	\$ 288.18
Dublin Dr Compound, LLC	0544-044	\$1,190.11
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Nonodecs GP	0544-052	\$ 444.32
Plantation LTD	0474-384	\$4,545.51
Richmond Hill LTD	0474-384	\$2,679.55
Madeline Sekara	0544-101	\$ 902.44
Michael Sekara	0547-026	\$ 383.75
Carl A. Luce	0548-021	<u>\$ 942.12</u>
Total for Real Property		\$15,090.78

TAVT (Motor Vehicle) Appeal Refunds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lladner Thompson	\$ 91.53
Penny Sprowson	\$ 241.31
Glenda Brady	\$ 423.56
David Flesch	\$ 160.31
Victor Sanchez	\$ 195.75
Carla & Charles Howard	\$ 126.56
Albright Polite	\$ 33.75
Karson Rahn	\$ 121.50
Van Nguyen	\$ 97.88
Mark Muhlenberg	\$ 77.63
Benjamin Shaffer	\$ 484.47
Michelle Erwin	\$ 89.44
Connor Electric, Inc.	\$ 295.90
Shane Redfield	<u>\$ 73.50</u>
Total for Motor Vehicles	\$2,513.09

A discussion was held on **House Bill 170, the Transportation Funding Act of 2015**. This bill makes significant changes to taxation of motor fuel. Bryan County stands to lose 33% of our SPLOST dollars. ACCG has focused on identifying solutions to help counties replace the proposed loss of funds from the sales tax on gasoline while maintaining local control over transportation dollars. Many of the recommendations supported by ACCG have been incorporated into the changes made to HB 170. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Carter Infinger to draft and adopt a resolution to our Legislators regarding House Bill 170. Motion carried unanimously.

Earl Benson and Johnny Murphy of Bryan Land & Timber, LLC met with the board to discuss transportation infrastructure accessing Buckhead East. A discussion was held on the extension of Veterans Memorial Parkway beyond the new school and out to Spur 144. Bryan Land & Timber are willing to contribute rocks, asphalt, clearing & grubbing toward the paving of this road. A discussion was also held on landscaping the entrance into the Administrative Complex. Bryan Land & Timber will purchase landscape material and install the landscape material if the county will install an irrigation system and allow them to tie into it. The irrigation system will cost approximately \$87,000. There will also be an annual cost for the maintenance of the landscaping. No action was taken on either discussion at this time.

Emily Markestyne from Ogeechee Riverkeepers met with the board to request Bryan County's support in joining with our State Representatives and State Senators in opposing the Aquifer Storage and Marsh Buffer issues, more specifically, the study or practice of injection and storage of water in the Floridian Aquifer by the State of Georgia or any of its political subdivisions, or by any private entity or individual. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Carter Infinger to approve a resolution supporting the aquifer. Motion carried unanimously.

“Copy Resolution”

Randy Dixon, Municipal Services Manager of Republic Waste, met with the board to discuss the Solid Waste Collection Annual CPI Increase. This rate increase for this year is 1.3%. Their increase is based on the Consumer Price Index published by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. This annual increase is allowable in the contract and has been a standard practice in each February in the past. It is intended this cost of living will be passed to our residents by means of the County’s Curbside and Recycling Fee which is collected annually with taxes. This would equate to \$2.13 annually for each customer and the annual fee would be adjusted prior to tax bills being sent out in October 2015.

Kirk Croasmun, County Engineer, met with the board to discuss several issues.

***Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade/Expansion** – The design is ongoing. It is approximately at 60% completion.

***Oak Level Road Well and Lift Station** – Building construction has started. The contract is to be completed by April 2015.

***Bill Futch Extension** – A public meeting was held on January 20 in order to discuss proposed “one-way” traffic pattern from US 280 to Wilma Edwards Road. Recommendation is striping as per layout plan. The citizens of this road would also like to have the name changed. We will move forward with the striping of this road and add it to the contract we have on Olive Branch Road.

***2014 Road Resurfacing Project** – Notice to proceed has been issued to the contractor. Construction is to begin in February. Harry Hagin Road overlay has been added to the contract. The contract is to be completed in March 2015.

***Murphy McKeel Walking Trail** – Notice to proceed has been issued to the contractor. A preconstruction meeting was held on February 2, 2015. The contract is to be completed in March 2015. We will have a ribbon cutting once this project is complete and we will invite Erica McKeel to attend.

Ben Taylor, County Administrator, met with the board.

***Development Authority of Bryan County Appointment** – The current term of the DABC Director’s seat held by W. C. (Billy) Conley, Jr. will expire on February 28, 2015. Mr. Conley currently serves as an officer on the board as Treasurer. It is the responsibility of the Bryan County Commission to appoint all Directors of the Board. Mr. Conley would like to serve another term. A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Steve Myers to re-appoint Mr. W. C. (Billy) Conley to the Development Authority of Bryan County for a term of March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Burnsed declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.