

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – March 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in Pembroke. The following members were present: Chairman Jimmy Burnsed, Commissioner Carter Infinger, Commissioner Rick Gardner, 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 Infinger. 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 Noah Covington to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the February 10, 2015 regular meeting and February 17, 2015 called meeting. A motion was made by Noah Covington and Carter Infinger to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 regular meeting and February 17, 2015 called meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of New Occupational Tax Certificates

- *Starfish Anesthesia, LLC – William Gillis
- *Southern Breeze Lawn & Tree Services – Allen Hendley
- *Southern Yards Landscaping – Stacey Marks
- *Paper Cuts – William & Cody Bacon

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

1. **Kay Salter Rezoning Request** – No one was present for this Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Carter Infinger to close the Planning & Zoning Public Hearing and go back into regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. **Case # Z-161-15 – Kay Salter** makes application to rezone 1.46 acres on Wilma Edwards Road from an AR-1 zone to a B-2 zone. The applicant would like to sell the property and believes it will sell better if it is zoned commercial. The property is tax parcel number 0251-012. The Planning and Zoning Board recommends approval. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the rezoning request of Kay Salter from AR-1 to B-2. Motion carried unanimously.

Alex Floyd with the **Bryan County Extension Service** met with the board to update the board on the JR/SR DPA Program. Mr. Floyd turned the meeting over to Cal Ethridge, Junior Vice-President of the Southeast Board, also a citizen of Pembroke. Mr. Ethridge thanked the board for their support and investing in the 4-H students.

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

***2014 Road Resurfacing Project** – The resurfacing of Olive Branch Road has been completed with a 2 inch asphalt overlay from US 280 to the I-16 bridge. The resurfacing of McGregor Circle has commenced this week. A 2 inch asphalt overlay with mesh reinforcement will be used on this road.

***Oak Level Road Water and Sewer Project** – Construction has begun on the Well House. This will include a 572 SF well house; 7,500 pressurized tank; and two 330 GPM wells. The contract completion date is April 20. The life station deep wells have been installed. Sewer line tying the facility to the LAS adjacent to WaterWays was installed several months ago by the county.

***SR 144 and Belfast River Road Intersection Roundabout** – GDOT has agreed to fast track a roundabout at this intersection. The goal for completion is late July 2015. This will relieve traffic congestion before the widening project slated to be complete late 2018 or early 2019. This roundabout will be enlarged for the widening project. Bryan County will be obligated to pay 30% of the project cost.

***Palmetto Pipe Line** – Kinder Morgan has proposed the Palmetto Project, which is designed to transport petroleum projects. This will be a 360-mile pipeline with a design capacity of up to 167,000 barrels per day. The line will pass through the Southern portion of the County; beginning in Chatham County on the South Side of I-95 and running along the northern portion of Highway 17.

***Motor Vehicle Accident Recovery Fee** – Bryan County Emergency Services has responded to approximately 152 motor vehicle accidents (MVA's) from January 1, 2014 to October 17, 2014; this averages to 15 per month. These accidents occur on a daily basis and many involve non-residents either driving through or to our county. All drivers are required to have insurance; and most all their policies allow fire departments to recover costs associated with personnel, scene remediation, and the replacement or repair of equipment and materials when responding to motor vehicle accidents. The Bryan County Emergency Services recommends the implementation of a cost recovery program for motor vehicle accidents, vehicle fires and hazardous materials incidents. This is a first reading on a Bryan County Ordinance Relating to Costs of Emergency Response. No action required at this time.

***Appointment to the Bryan County Planning & Zoning Board** – With the resignation of Shawn Morrissey in November from the Planning and Zoning Commission, his seat is open on the Planning and Zoning Board. Planning Commissioner Jaime Coleman has nominated Janet Melton, owner of FootPrint Realty. This appointment will be to fill the unexpired term of Shawn Morrissey, which will expire March 31, 2016. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Carter Infinger to appoint Janet Melton to the Planning & Zoning Board. Motion carried unanimously.

***Appointment to the Bryan County Board of Health** – Wallace Holland, M.D. has served on the Bryan County Board of Health for a number of years. His term expired on February 28, 2015 and he will continue to serve until replaced or reappointed. The term for this appointment is six years unless otherwise directed by the County Commissioners. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Carter Infinger to reappoint Dr. Wallace Holland to the Bryan County Board of Health for another six years. Motion carried unanimously.

***House Bill 170** – As it currently stands, House Bill 170 will have a major financial effect on Bryan County. The bill was passed on the House Floor and is scheduled to go to the Senate Floor soon.

Commissioner Infinger introduced **Joe Saxon** to everyone as Bryan County's new Human Resource Director.

A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Wade Price to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.