

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – July 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 in Pembroke. The following members were present: Chairman Jimmy Burnsed, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Steve Myers, Commissioner Noah Covington, Commissioner Wade Price and Commissioner Carter Infinger. 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 Wade Price to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the June 9, 2015 regular meeting. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015 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 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**

\*Karine Mauprivez – Paws in Motion, LLC

\*Earl Futch – Earl's Auto Craft

**2. Approval of Tax Refunds for June Appeals**

\$10,084.65 for Real Property and \$366.45 for Motor Vehicles

A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Carter Infinger to close the regular meeting to hold **Planning & Zoning public hearings**.

1. **Case # Z-162-15 – Johnny A. Luker Rezoning** – Three citizens were present to speak in opposition of this rezoning request.

2. **Case # Z-163-15 – Jay and Angie Utley Rezoning** – No one other than the applicant was present to speak on this rezoning request.

A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Rick Gardner to close the public hearing and go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously. The public hearings were closed and the regular meeting was called back to order.

**Christy Williams, Zoning Administrator**, met with the board with planning & zoning issues.

1. **Case #Z-162-15 – Johnny A. Luker** makes application to rezone tax parcel number 034-025-03, 034-025-04, 034-025-05 and 034-030 from the current zone of R-1 to R-30. The property is tract A, B, C & D Jarrell Road. The applicant wants to combine all four tracts and put one mobile home on combined parcel. The Planning & Zoning staff recommends that tracts A, B, C and D be rezoned to R-30. The Planning Commission concurs with the staff. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to deny the rezoning request of Johnny A. Luker. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Case #Z-163-15 – Jay and Angie Utley** makes application to rezone tax parcel number 033-001-01, 033-001-02, and 033-001-03 from current zone of AR-1.5 to R-30. The property is located at 2856 Eldora Road, 101 and 106 Croft Road, Lot 1, 2 and 3. The applicant wants to take .76 of an acre from Lot # 1 and add it to Lot # 2. The Planning & Zoning staff recommends that Lots 1, 2 & 3 be rezoned to R-30. The Planning Commission concurs with the staff. A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the rezoning request of Jay and Angie Utley. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Case #SD-2078-15 - Murphy Benson Investments, LLC** seeks approval for the Article XI Preliminary Plat and Construction Plan of the 4<sup>th</sup> Phase of the Buckhead East subdivision. This phase consists of fifty (50) total single-family and multi-family lots. The preliminary plat shows 18 single-family and 32 multi-family (townhomes). The preliminary plat is consistent with the latest PUD authorization. Staff recommends approval on the condition that Soil and Erosion plans are approved by NRCS before clearing or construction begins and all items identified in the June 3<sup>rd</sup> review letter. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Carter Infinger to approve the Preliminary Plat and Construction Plans for Murphy Benson Investments, LLC for the 4<sup>th</sup> Phase of the Buckhead East subdivision on the condition that Soil and Erosion plans are approved by NRCS before clearing or construction begins and all items identified in the June 3<sup>rd</sup> review letter are met. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**\*Belfast River Road/SR 144 Roundabout** – The paving and temporary stripping has been complete. The installation of the quick curb (pre-fabricated curb) will start tomorrow and should be complete by the end of the week. Proper signage will also be installed.

**\*Bacontown Road Resurfacing LMIG Project** – We have a goal of August 26 bid opening date with award of contract at the September meeting for the Bacontown Road Resurfacing project. Our crews are prepping for the resurfacing now.

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

**\*Building Permits** – A comparison of building permits issued for single family homes in the unincorporated areas of Bryan County shows 88 permits were issued during the first six (6) months of

2014 compared to 120 permits issued during the first six (6) months of 2015. This shows construction is picking back up.

**\*Library Board of Trustee Appointments** – The Bryan County Library Board of Trustees currently has two (2) vacancies and (1) reappointment. The Regional Library Director, Ms. Jennifer Durham is asking that the Board of Commissioners appoint Mr. Alex Floyd and Mr. John Hoskins. The two vacancies on the board came from the resignation of Jana Smolinski and the end of service for Stephanie Morrison. Ms. Durham is also requesting Mr. Peter Fox be reappointed. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Carter Infinger to appoint Alex Floyd and John Hoskins and reappoint Peter Fox to the Bryan County Library Board for a term of July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Bryan County Development Authority Appointments** – The terms of Derrick Smith, Noah Covington, Steve Croy, and Bea Betsworth expires this month. Derrick Smith, Noah Covington and Steve Croy are seeking reappointment. Their terms will run for four years. Ms. Betsworth will not be returning as a board member and the board is requesting Mr. Boyce Young be appointed to her post for the upcoming four year term. Commissioner Covington abstained from voting on this issue. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to reappoint Derrick Smith, Noah Covington and Steve Croy to the Bryan County Development Authority and appoint Boyce Young to fill the vacancy left by Bea Betsworth; the terms will be July 14, 2015 through July 14, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Coastal Workforce Investment Board Appointment** – The Coastal Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) is currently taking steps to transition to the new Workforce Act, known as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, effective July 2015. Under WIOA, all Chief Local Elected Officials must reappoint their County's representative under the new regulations. In accordance with WIOA regulations, it has been requested that Board Member, Tara Jennings, be reappointed to the Coastal Workforce Development Board (known as CWDB), as of July 1, 2015 under WIOA as a Community Based Organization, Workforce Representative under the same term expiration date of June 30, 2017 as appointed previously. A motion was made by Carter Infinger and seconded by Steve Myers to reappoint Tara Jennings to the Coastal Workforce Development Board (known as CWDB) as of July 1, 2015 under WIOA as a Community Based Organization, Workforce Representative under the same term expiration date of June 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Coastal Regional Commission Appointment** – The term for the Non-Public Representative for the Coastal Regional Commission Council is due for appointment. Currently serving in this capacity is Mr. Sean Register. Mr. Register has indicated that he would like to continue serving on the CRC Council. The tenure of this term runs from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Also serving on the Council is the Chairman (or their elected designee) of each county commission in the region and the Mayor (or their elected designee) from the largest municipality in each county in the region. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to reappoint Sean Register to the Coastal Regional Commission Council as the Non-Public Representative for the term of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Annexation of Parcel 054-054 into the City of Richmond Hill** – Lot Pros, LLC wishes to annex 7.91 acres on Harris Trail Road. Should the property be annexed into the City of Richmond Hill, the proposed zoning is R-3 multi-family. The property is currently undeveloped and has no residents. The property requesting to be annexed is contiguous to the City of Richmond Hill. This annexation helps to alleviate an unincorporated island within the City of Richmond Hill. According to State law the City is required to notify the County of any annexation requests. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the annexation of Parcel 054-054 into the City of Richmond Hill. 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.