

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – September 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 in Pembroke. The following members were present: Chairman Jimmy Burnsed, Commissioner Rick Gardner, 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.

Chairman Burnsed called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Commissioner Covington. 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 Steve Myers to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the August 11, 2015 regular meeting. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 regular meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **consent agenda**. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of New Home Occupation and Home Business Office Permits

- *Deffanie Rawls – The Lifestyle Chronicles
- *Sherry Harriss – DD & I – Deception Detection and Investigation
- *Cedric Phillips – Fine Carpet and Flooring Service
- *Andrea Rivers Morgan – Southern Cleaning Group
- *Scott Olinski – Pelican’s Perch Clothing, LLC

2. Approval of Tax Refunds for August Appeals

\$8,571.55 for Real Property and \$761.08 for Motor Vehicles

3. Approval of Purchase of a County Website Redesign

*Vision Internet in the amount of \$29,765.00

A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Wade Price to close the regular meeting to hold a **planning & zoning public hearing**. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Burnsed called a planning & zoning public hearing to order.

1. **Case # Z 165-15 – Michael T. Casey & Larry Galbreath/BCLD, LLC Rezoning** – No one other than applicant was present for this public hearing.

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Burnsed declared the public hearing closed and reopened the regular meeting.

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

1. **Case # Z 165-15 – Michael T. Casey & Larry Galbreath/BCLD, LLC** makes application to rezone a 55 acre tract of land located 750 feet from Highway 144 on Bryan Fisherman’s Co-op Road. The current zoning is A-5 and the requested zoning is R-1. This rezoning is for the purpose of the construction of a proposed development of 31 to 33 lots. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the rezoning request of Michael T. Casey & Larry Galbreath/BCLD, LLC from A-5 to R-1 with the conditions that: Lots shall be a minimum of one acre in size; Evaluation of the pavement of Bryan Fisherman’s Co-op Road shall be provided; Applicant submit a subdivision plan to GDOT for review and comments. Motion carried unanimously.

Wendy Sims, Bryan County Family Connections, met with the board to discuss efforts taken locally to prevent suicide. Her appearance coincides with **National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week** which is set for September 7-13, 2015. This year’s theme is “Preventing Suicide: Reaching Out and Saving Lives.” Bryan County Board of Commissioners in partnership with Bryan County Family Connection is encouraging Bryan County citizens to join them in supporting suicide prevention awareness efforts. She is asking that the Commission issue a proclamation recognizing the week. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the proclamation recognizing September 7-13, 2015 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week. Motion carried unanimously.

“Copy Proclamation”

Kirk Croasmun, County Engineer, met with the board with an update on the CRS Program. Bryan County has been awarded a Class 7 Community Rating. The citizens in the flood zone will see an additional 5% decrease in their flood insurance when their policy renews.

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

***Home Occupation and Home Business Officer Permit Ordinance Amendment** – The Home Occupation and Business Office Permits act as an extension of the Occupation Taxes in order to accommodate for “in-home” professions. The current practice now requires planning commission approval for all HOPs and HBOs. This often leads to long wait times for permits and customer dissatisfaction. The standard Bryan County wait time is for over 30 days for HOPs and HBOs that already adhere to code. The proposed amendment allows for faster issuance time for businesses not requiring a conditional use. The amendment allows Bryan County to be in line with other County’s and City’s when it concerns HOPs and HBOs. This is a first reading of this ordinance amendment; therefore no action is required at this time.

***Quit Claim Deed to Release Any Interest in Hobart Property** – There was a bond transaction with Hobart in 1977. Hobart conveyed the property to the Bryan County Industrial Development Authority, which was dissolved by the county commission several years ago. The property was then leased back to the Hobart Corporation with the end of the term being September 2002. The property should have been conveyed back to Hobart in 2002, but due to an oversight this never occurred. Last month, the Board conveyed the property to the Hobart Corporation. However, the conveyance should have been made to Hobart's successor in interest the ITW Food Equipment Group, LLC. This corrects that conveyance. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to authorize the execution of this Quit Claim Deed to release any interest in the Hobart property and convey this property to the ITW Food Equipment Group, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

***Bacontown Road – LMIG Recommendation of Award** – Bacontown Road is the upcoming LMIG project for Bryan County. The project has been advertised in accordance to Georgia law and on August 25, 2015 a bid opening was held. A total of two bids were received for work which also included the resurfacing of three roads in the City of Pembroke. Pembroke will fund their portion completely. East Coast Asphalt submitted the lowest bid at \$705,833. Bryan County's portion is \$656,345. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to award East Coast Asphalt the total project with each alternate in the amount of \$705,833. Motion carried unanimously.

***Coastal Workforce Consortium Agreement** – 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. Due to this transition, new Coastal Workforce Consortium Agreement must be adopted by the participating counties. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to authorize the Chairman to execute the Coastal Workforce Consortium Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

***Intergovernmental Agreement Jail Services with the City of Pembroke** – Earlier this year, the County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement for Jail Services (Jail Contract) with the City of Richmond Hill. Presented for approval is the contract for the City of Pembroke and this contract has the same terms as the earlier adopted agreement with City of Richmond Hill. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to authorize the Chairman to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for Jail Services with the City of Pembroke. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Durham, Regional Library Director, met with the board to give an update of the library system. They have contracted with a consultant to host a group of community meetings to find out what the people of the community want in a library.

A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Noah Covington to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.