

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**SESSION I MEETING
TUESDAY * JUNE 1, 2004**

9:00 A.M. * COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM

Chairman Duvall gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order- Chairman Duvall called the Session I Meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call- County Clerk Hutchinson called the roll with Commissioners Torbert, Boswell, Sanders, Andrews and Duvall being present. Also present was County Manager Lombard.

Petitions & Communications

Golden Harvest Food Bank - Derek Dugan- Mr. Dugan was absent.

Minutes- The Minutes from the May 4, 2004- Session I Meeting and the May 18, 2004- Session II Meeting was provided separately. No official action was taken.

Planning & Zoning Requests

The Planning & Zoning Commission considered the following items during their May 24th meeting:

Final Plat for Jackson Ridge, Section III in Reynolds Plantation, (7 Single- Family lots)- that includes 6.09 acres. The property is located south of the intersection of Linger Longer Drive and Jackson Ridge Road and is designated as a part of Tax Map 78, Parcel 1.

Final Plat for Howell's Grove, Section II in Reynolds Plantation, (12 Single- Family lots)- that includes 15.38 acres. The property is located along Howell's Grove Road near Linger Longer Drive and is designated as a part of Tax Map 78, Parcel 1.

Commissioner Sanders motioned to approve both the Final Plat for Jackson Ridge, Section III in Reynolds Plantation, (7 Single- Family lots), that includes 6.09 acres and is designated as a part of Tax Map 78, Parcel 1; and the Final Plat for Howell's Grove Section II in Reynolds Plantation, (12 Single- Family lots), that includes 15.38 acres and is designated as a part of Tax Map 78, Parcel 1. Commissioner Andrews seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Northeast Georgia RDC Community Service Board Appointment - The Commissioners received information that the Community Service Board appointee Ms Evelyn Beeland to fill the position vacated by Mr. Bryant Miller has decided to continue working at GRO. This will create a conflict precluding her from serving on the Community Service Board. The remaining term will expire June 30, 2005, and needs to be filled. Names submitted for possible nominees were Ms. Cornilia Lowery and Ms. Elaine Ellis. No official action was taken.

New Business

Tax Assessor's Board Appointment - The Commissioner received information that the term of Mr. Carl Oslund expires July 23, 2004. No official action was taken.

Development Authority Appointments- The Commissioners received information that the term of Mr. Derry Drake on the Development Authority expires June 30, 2004. Also, Mr. Noel David resigned from his position on the Development Authority by letter dated May 16, 2004, which leaves an un-expired term through June 30, 2006. No official action was taken.

Committee on Zoning Ordinance Update- The Commissioners received information that there are several areas of the Zoning Ordinance in need of review and possible revision. In recent years, committees have been impaneled to assist with performing the reviews, which allows for varied perspectives and input. No official action was taken.

Special Tax Fee for Solid Waste- The Commissioners received information that the Special Tax Fee for Solid Waste approved in 2003 to offset the costs of solid waste service in Greene County would need approval for the FY 2005 Budget preparation. The fee was set at \$60.00 per year, and appeared on the improved residential properties, and allowed for an exemption for homes valued under \$10,000.00. Commissioner Sanders motioned to approve the \$60.00 Special Tax Fee for Solid Waste, but to eliminate the exemption for homes valued under \$10,000.00. Commissioner Torbert seconded. Commissioners Torbert, Boswell, Sanders and Duvall voted in favor. Commissioner Andrews opposed. The motion carried 4 to 1.

Special Tax Fee for Hospital- The Commissioners received information that the continued financial needs of Boswell Hospital would need satisfying with revenues in some way if the Hospital is to remain open. Even if a reduction in expenses and an increase in the revenues from daily activity at the Hospital, it is unlikely that the Hospital would break-even in the near future. The funding that was approved during the Called Meeting held on May 27, 2004 will have to be borrowed by the County and will need to be recovered in some way. A Special Tax Fee that would provide an annual fee of \$100.00 per parcel is expected to generate around \$1.2 million in revenues. The current bond payments of \$380,000.00 per year can be paid from these proceeds, and provide additional support for the Hospital. The Special Tax Fee would be evaluated each year and if the Hospital improves financially, the burden would be shifted from the taxpayers so that the fee would be reduced. Commissioner Torbert motioned to establish a Special Tax Fee in the amount of \$100.00 per parcel to provide funding for the payment of the Hospital obligations. Commissioner Sanders seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Visitor's General Comments

Ms. Julie Von Haam, representative of C.I.C. in Reynolds Plantation, addressed the Board and presented a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Rural Education & Agriculture Center project. The Board thanked Ms. Von Haam for the donation. Mr. Carlos Sumner addressed the Board with several concerns. The Board responded and thanked Mr. Sumner for his concerns.

Commissioner's Reports

District One Commissioner had no report.
District Two Commissioner had no report.
District Three Commissioner had no report.
District Four Commissioner had no report.
Chairman Duvall had no report.

Executive Session- None

Adjournment- There being no further business, Commissioner Andrews motioned to adjourn the Session I Meeting at 9:43 a.m. Commissioner Torbert seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elna Hutchinson, County Clerk

The above Minutes were adopted and approved this ____ day of July 2004.

Vincent M. Duvall, Chairman

W. L. Sanders, Vice- Chairman

R. L. Boswell, Commissioner

Titus Andrews, Sr., Commissioner

Gerald W. Torbert, Commissioner