

**GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****SESSION I****TUESDAY \* FEBRUARY 1, 2005****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 9:05 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.

**Minutes-** Commissioner Andrews motioned to approve the Minutes from the January 4, 2005-Session I Meeting and the January 18, 2005- Session II Meeting. Commissioner Torbert seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**Planning and Zoning Requests**

The Planning & Zoning Commission considered two requests during their January 24, 2005 meeting.

**Preliminary Plat Approval for Hidden Hills in Harbor Club-** Commissioner Sanders motioned to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Hidden Hills Development in Harbor Club containing 60 acres of land, and designated as a part of Tax Map 55, Parcel 8. Commissioner Torbert seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**Variance Request for Kay Stevens for Lot 5 on Village Park Lane -** Commissioner Torbert motioned to approve the Variance Request for Lot 5 on Village Park Lane containing 1.09 acres of land, and designated as a part of Tax Map 56A, Parcel 38A, to allow for a 10-foot setback from the right-of-way. Commissioner Sanders seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

**Rules of Order-** Commissioner Sanders motioned to adopt the revised Rules of Order with an effective date of March 1, 2005. Commissioner Torbert seconded. Mr. Carlos Sumner addressed the Board concerning this item. The Board discussed this item. Commissioners Torbert, Sanders and Duvall voted in favor. Commissioners Andrews and Boswell opposed. The motion carried 3 to 2.

***(Attachment- Rules of Order)***

**Chemical Mowing-** Commissioner Andrews motioned to authorize the implementation of a chemical mowing program on County right-of-ways on a trial basis. Commissioner Torbert seconded. The Board discussed this item. Commissioner Andrews and Torbert rescinded the motion and the second. No official action was taken.

**Resolution for the Comprehensive Plan Adoption-**Commissioner Torbert motioned to approve the Resolution to adopt the Comprehensive Plan and to waive the reading of said Resolution. Commissioner Sanders seconded. The Board discussed this item. Chairman Duvall announced that a Called Meeting- would be held on Monday, February 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss Binding Arbitration between the Cities and the County. The motion carried unanimously. ***(Attachment- Resolution for the Comprehensive Plan)***

**Dedication of Carey Station Village Roads-** Commissioner Sanders motioned to accept the paved roads located within the Carey Station Village Subdivision into the County Road System. Commissioner Torbert seconded; the motion carried unanimously. (*Attachment- Quit Claim Deed- Carey Station Village Roads*)

**Reimbursement Resolution- Property Purchase-** Commissioner Torbert motioned to approve the Reimbursement Resolution concerning the property purchased on December 15, 2004, and to waive the reading of said Resolution. Commissioner Andrews seconded; the motion carried unanimously. (*Attachment- Reimbursement Resolution- Property Purchase*)

### **New Business**

**Special Tax Districts – Fire Protection-**The Commissioners received information that the County had nine fire service districts that provide fire protection to all of Greene County. The County provides \$30,000.00 to one of the departments and \$24,000.00 to each of the other eight departments. Three of the nine Fire Departments utilize a Special Tax District to provide additional funding for their respective service areas. The Special Tax District will provide specific information to the taxpayers regarding the funding of their fire department. Each area will be empowered to attain the level of service they desire without adverse impact to other areas. Each fire department will be held more accountable directly by the people they serve. The Special Tax Districts would allow for the County millage rate to be lowered the equivalent of the \$222,000.00 that is currently included in the County's General Fund Budget. Commissioner Andrews motioned to implement Special Tax Districts for Fire Protection that will provide funding for each of the fire departments in the County and to adopt the Resolution regarding such districts. Commissioner Sanders seconded. The Board discussed this item. Commissioners Andrews and Sanders rescinded the motion and second. No official action was taken.

**First Presbyterian Church- Sign Request-** The Commissioners received a request from the First Presbyterian Church to allow for an off- premises sign that had been denied by the Building Official based on the provision of the Zoning Ordinance that prohibits off-premises signs. Commissioner Andrews motioned to deny the request from the First Presbyterian Church for the installation of an off-premises directional sign. Commissioner Sanders seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**Linger Longer Development – Road Construction Request-** The Commissioners received a request from the Linger Longer Development Company to allow approval to construct a bridge with an underpass connecting a large tract of land they own that is separated from the Reynolds Plantation Development by a public road known as Kings Way. The cost of the proposed project would be paid by Linger Longer Development Company; Greene County Taxpayers would not fund any portion of the construction of the improvement. No official action was taken.

**Alcoholic Beverage License- El Rancho Bar-** Commissioner Sanders motioned to approve a Beer & Wine License for consumption on the premises for the El Rancho Bar. Commissioner Andrews seconded. Commissioners Torbert, Sanders, Andrews and Duvall voted in favor. Commissioner Boswell opposed. The motion carried 4 to 1.

**Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Resolution-** Commissioner Torbert motioned to approve the Resolution to adopt the Northeast Georgia Multi-jurisdictional Solid waste Management Plan and to waive the reading of said Resolution. Commissioner Sanders seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**Contract for the Greene County Extension Service-**Commissioner Torbert motioned to approve the

contract with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service for the Extension Service in Greene County. Commissioner Boswell seconded; the motion carried unanimously. (*Attachment- Contract for the Greene County Extension Service*)

**Lease Agreement for Sheriff's Vehicles-** The Commissioners received information that the Sheriff has indicated his need for 4 new patrol cars now and will need an additional 6 by the end of the year. SPLOST III fund has around \$88,000.00 remaining for Sheriff's vehicles and SPLOST IV included funding for patrol cars. The cost for the vehicles which will include equipment and lettering is about \$34,500.00 each. No official action was taken.

**Indigent Defense Application Fee-**Commissioner Andrews motioned to adopt the Resolution & Ordinance that establishes an Indigent Defense Application Fee and to waive the reading of said Resolution. Commissioner Sanders seconded; the motion carried unanimously. (*Attachment- Indigent Defense Resolution & Ordinance*)

**Authorization for Tax Commissioner to Receive Checks-** Commissioner Sanders motioned to authorize the Tax Commissioner to accept checks for payments due to the Tax Office pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-146. Commissioner Andrews seconded; the motion carried unanimously. (*Attachment- Authorization to Receive Checks*)

**Animal Control Agreement with Morgan County-** Commissioner Torbert motioned to approve the Animal Control Agreement with Morgan County. Commissioner Sanders seconded; the motion carried unanimously. (*Attachment- Animal Control Agreement with Morgan County*)

#### **Appointments to Boards & Committees**

- **Tax Assessor Board Appointment-** Mr. Carl Oslund resigned from the Tax Assessor's Board in November. An appointment is needed to fill the un-expired portion of his term (7/31/2007). No official action was taken.

- **Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center Private Sector Appointment-** Mr. Vincent Lewis resigned from the Northeast Georgia Regional Development Commission in January. An appointment is needed to fill the un-expired portion of his term (6/30/2005). No official action was taken.

**Visitor's General Comments-** None

#### **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- Personnel-** Commissioner Boswell motioned to leave the Session I Meeting and enter into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Andrews seconded. Commissioners Torbert, Boswell, Sanders, Andrews and Duvall voted in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Andrews motioned to leave the Executive Session and resume the Session I Meeting at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Torbert seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Duvall announced that while in Executive Session, the Board discussed Legal, Personnel and Contractual Matters. No official action was taken.

**Adjournment-** There being no further business, Commissioner Sanders motioned to adjourn the Session I Meeting at 11:07 a.m. Commissioner Torbert seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elna Hutchinson, County Clerk

The above Minutes were adopted and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of March 2005.

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Vincent M. Duvall, Chairman

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W. L. Sanders, Vice- Chairman

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R. L. Boswell, Commissioner

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Titus Andrews, Sr., Commissioner

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Gerald W. Torbert, Commissioner