

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**SESSION I****TUESDAY * JANUARY 4, 2005****9:00A.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 9:07 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- The Minutes from the December 7, 2004- Session I Meeting and the December 21, 2004- Session II Meeting was provided separately. No official action was taken.

Planning & Zoning Requests

The Planning & Zoning Commission considered the three requests during their December 27, 2004 Meeting.

Rezoning of James Peugh's Property on Highway 15 South from A-1 to B-2- The Commissioners received a request for Rezoning Mr. James Puegh's property from A-1 to B-2 located on Highway 15 South, containing 51.72 acres, but the rezoning would only apply to 8.0 acres of property. The property is designated as a part of Tax Map 108. Parcel 3. No official action was taken.

Conditional Use for Vernon Jackson's Property on Cunningham Road- The Commissioners received a request for Conditional Use from Mr. Vernon Jackson to allow for broken concrete to be placed on his property located on Cunningham Road containing 100 acres of property, but the conditional use would only apply to 3.0 acres of property. The property is designated as a part of Tax Map 85, Parcel 36. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved this request with a stipulation that the concrete would only come from the airport project, would only be placed on the old road leading across the property, and the conditional use would expire after one year. No official action was taken.

Variance Request for Bill Schaeffer in Deerfield Subdivision- The Commissioners received information that Mr. Schaeffer has requested that the variance request for his property in Deerfield Subdivision be withdrawn. No official action was taken.

Old Business

Temperance Bell Road Culvert Contract- The Commissioners received information on the Temperance Bell Road Culvert Contract as being a time-sensitive item. The County was instructed by Georgia Department of Transportation to close the Temperance Bell Road Bridge due to the possibility of "imminent failure" back in June 2004. Commissioner Andrews motioned to authorize the Chairman to execute a contract with Cornett Bridge Company for the construction of a box culvert on Temperance Bell Road in the amount of \$155,969.20. Commissioner Boswell seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Local Legislation- Property Tax Assessment Freeze Referendum- The Commissioners received

information on the Local Legislation- Property Tax Assessment Freeze Referendum as being a time-sensitive item. The concept of requesting a referendum through local legislation that would allow the voters to decide whether or not to implement a property tax assessment freeze has been discussed and would need formal Board action if such a request were to be submitted to the State Legislature in the upcoming session. Commissioner Sanders motioned to submit a request through State Representative Channell for local legislation to propose a referendum that would implement a property tax assessment freeze on homesteaded properties if approved by the Greene County electorate. Commissioner Torbert seconded. Commissioners Torbert, Boswell, Sanders and Duvall voted in favor. Commissioner Andrews opposed; the motion carried 4 to 1.

Emerald Shores Subdivision- Road Acceptance- The Commissioners received information that the developer of the Emerald Shores Subdivision has requested that the roads within the subdivision be accepted into the County's Road System. The roads were built in accordance with the Subdivision Regulations. The Road Department has inspected these roads and recommended acceptance of the roads. Commissioner Sanders motioned to accept the roads within the Emerald Shores Subdivision in to the County Road System. Commissioner Torbert seconded. The Board discussed this item. Commissioners Sanders and Torbert rescinded the motion and second. No official action was taken.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate- The Commissioners received information that several inquiries were made requesting that the Board review the Personnel Policy-Mileage Reimbursement Rate. The current Mileage Rate Reimbursement for Greene County is 31 cents per mile and the Internal Revenue Services has adjusted the standard mileage rate allowance for its employees to 40.5 cents per mile. Commissioner Andrews motioned to leave the Mileage Reimbursement Rate at the current 31 cents per mile. The motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Torbert motioned to adjust the mileage reimbursement rate to 40.5 cents the same as the Internal Revenue Services as to whenever its mileage rate changes, Greene County would also. Commissioner Sanders seconded. The Board discussed this item. Commissioners Torbert and Sanders rescinded the motion and second. No official action was taken.

Rules of Order- The Commissioners received information that the Rules of Orders that are in place to establish the procedural guidelines for Board Meetings calls for 2 meetings per month and includes specifics on how Agenda items are to be acted on. Since a new Board has convened for the 2005 year, the Board would need to discuss and take any formal action if needed. The Board discussed this item. No official action was taken.

Chemical Mowing- The Commissioners received information that using herbicide application to control the growth of the grass along state and county right-of-ways has grown in popularity over the last several years due to improvements in the types of chemicals available and the methods of application. Each year, the County takes more paved roads into the road system, which places greater demands on the resources we have available for mowing. The use of herbicides to retard the growth does not kill the grass, but keeps it at an acceptable height without having to mow except for once a year. The potential equipment maintenance and repair savings would probably offset the costs of chemical mowing. The Board discussed this item. No official action was taken.

Appointments to Boards & Committees- Three vacancies exist on Boards/Committees that the Commission makes the appointments to that need to be filled:

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

Recreation Board Appointment- The term of Ms. Lillie Thomas on the Recreation Board expired December 31, 2004. An appointment is needed for this Board. NO official action was taken.

Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Authority Appointment- There has been a vacant position on this Authority for quite some time. Commissioner Torbert currently represents the County but a vacancy position still remains. Commissioner Sanders motioned to appoint Kathleen Mayers to the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Authority. Commissioner Boswell seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Visitor's General Comments- Mr. Vernon Jackson addressed the Board concerning the Conditional Use request.

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 Torbert motioned to adjourn the Session I Meeting at 10:02 a.m. Commissioner Sanders seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Elna Hutchinson, County Clerk

The above Minutes were adopted and approved this ____ day of February 2005.

 Vincent M. Duvall, Chairman

 W. L. Sanders, Vice- Chairman

 R. L. Boswell, Commissioner

 Titus Andrews, Sr., Commissioner

 Gerald W. Torbert, Commissioner