

MINUTES

WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 2, 2008

8:00 A.M.

The Worth County Board of Commissioners met in special session Wednesday, January 2, 2008 in the Commission Board room, 3rd Floor Courthouse.

Chairman Miller called meeting to order. Commissioner Hall opened with prayer.

Present

Chairman Dan Miller, Commissioners Tony Hall, Fred Dent, Bettye Bozeman, Jerry Childree, Attorney Clarence Miller, Accounts Payable Clerk Laverne Watkins, and Personnel Payroll Clerk Buffy Walker.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to add Fran Grimsley with Bozeman Agency under invited guest. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioner Dent, Hall, and Childree.

Minutes

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve November 6, 2007 and November 28, 2007 minutes with corrections. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall, Bozeman, and Childree.

Public Hearing

Glenice King, Zoning Administrator, presented three agenda items from the Planning Commission for the board to consider.

1. Appendix 1 Article II Section 2.02 Definitions "Conditional Use".
2. Appendix 1 Article IV Section 4.17 "Conditional Uses".

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the text amendment. Robert & Company also recommended the text amendment for the Definitions "Conditional Use". Under section 2.02 and the revision in the amendment of section 4.17.

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve section 2.02 Definitions "Conditional Use" and Section 2.02 and Section 4.17 "Conditional Uses". Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Bozeman, Hall, and Childree.

3. Appendix 1 Article X Section 10.03 Conditional Uses (C) Chicken Houses (commercial)*
*Development Standards for Commercial Chicken Houses

The Planning Commission recommends that section 10.03 be amended to include new development standards. Robert & Company also recommends that section 10.03 be amended to include new development standards.

Public Hearing Continued

Commissioner Dent motioned to amend Development Standards for Commercial Chicken Houses. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Bozeman, Hall, and Childree.

Glenice King, Zoning Administrator requested that the board take action on lifting the moratorium on accepting application on poultry houses that was extended until January 31, 2007.

Brief discussion was held.

Commission Dent motioned to lift the moratorium. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall, Bozeman, and Childree.

Glenice King, Zoning Administrator briefed the board regarding Sunset Zoning regulation 23.10 which will expire at the first scheduled meeting in 2008. The Planning Commission requests that the board readopt the Zoning regulation as it is currently written.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to readopt Sunset Zoning regulation 23.10. Commission Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioner Dent, Hall and Childree.

Invited Guest

Judy Hall, representative for the Rice Family approached the Board to dispute the claim that the Community Center was not cleaned after the family reunion. After a brief discussion the Board advised Ms. Hall that they will talk to the people that wrote the report and follow-up with her.

John NeSmith, Auditor talked to the Board regarding the Financial Statements for June 30, 2007 audit. He recommended that a vendor list be prepared monthly, cross train employees, and consider creating an audit committee. Overall the county is in good shape.

William (Bill) Cash approached the board to discuss issues regarding the Garbage service and the accountability of payments made for garbage pick-up. He requested the board reconsider reducing the \$20.00 charge for the elderly. He also requested that the program be audited.

During a brief discussion it was suggested that a clause be added to the contract for citizens that pay a year in advance.

Fran Grimsley with Bozeman Agency presented their proposal to the Board for Workers Compensation. Brief discussion was held. No action.

Chairman called a short recess. Meeting reconvened in the Commission Board Room at 9:20 a.m.

Reports

Attorney Miller presented the Golf Course Rental Agreement to be executed by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve the Golf Course Rental Agreement entered into this 2nd day of January 2008 by and between Worth County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereinafter called "LANDLORD", and Lewis Jordan and Wade Bowen, hereinafter collectively "TENANT". Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Dent, Hall, and Childree.

Attorney Miller gave brief report regarding Federal Aid Projects.

Chairman

For Your Information:

1. Worth County Dept. of Family & Children Services Annual Report
2. ACCG Certificate to Worth County as a Member in Good Standing of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia for 2008.
3. OSHA 30-Hour Safety Training
4. VEOLIA Environmental Services – Environmental Fee Implementation
5. Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center 8th Annual Housing Symposium Albany, GA – April 8th & 9th 2008.
6. ACCG The Speaker's New Plan Update

Items Needing Attention:

1. City of Sylvester Mayor & Council Meeting is January 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Tabetha Dupriest submitted list of mobile homes that did not sell at the last tax sale.

Attorney Miller stated that the county has no further duty because the mobile home property brought no value for sale. Property owners of mobile home parks need to take action. If it becomes a nuisance the property owner can be turned over to magistrate court.

The Board requested that Attorney Miller take the ConAgra MOU and send to the Attorney General to get a ready on it.

Commissioner Bozeman excused herself from the meeting at 9:24 a.m. for an emergency.

District 1 – Tony Hall

Commissioner Hall motioned that a job announcement be prepared and advertise for the County Clerk job. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Dent, and Childree.

Reports Continued

Commissioner Hall motioned to have someone do a walk through the Community Center after each function. Brief discussion was held. Motion died for lack of second. No action.

District 2 – Dent

Commissioner Dent motioned to waive garbage fee for Ernest & Lurette Causey. Commissioner Childree seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Childree and Hall.

District 3 – Bozeman

Commissioner Bozeman had to step out.

Need 60 feet ROW deeds for CR 55 before anything can be done.

Commissioner Dent motioned to have a workshop January 10, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. to go over vacancies on the boards. Commissioner Childree seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Childree and Hall.

District 4 – Childree

Carlton road needs to be surveyed

Consent Docket

Commissioner Hall motioned to waive garbage fee for Andrew & Garnett Allen. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Dent and Childree.

No action was taken to waive garbage fee for Doris Casey due to the fact her income needs to be further researched.

Commissioner Bozeman returned at 9:52 a.m.

Action Docket

Commissioner Dent motioned to verify telephone pole for the following:

- a. City of Sylvester SPLOST PROJECT 2006-10-08. Hatcher Tractor Service Inc. in the amount of \$22,285.84
- b. Margaret Jones Public Library SPLOST PROJECT Repair and Renovation to Brittain Thompson Bray Brown Inc. in the amount of \$1,096.46.
- c. Margaret Jones Public Library SPLOST PROJECT Renovation and Repair to Webster Construction in the amount of \$32,667.00.

Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall, Bozeman, and Childree.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve 1% application for SPLOST PROJECT for the Worth County Morque in the amount of \$50,000.00. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall, Dent, and Childree.

Action Docket continued

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to pay SOWEGA Engineering, Inc. for Pope Street Improvement in the amount of \$96,289.83. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioner Hall, Dent, and Childree.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve John M. Johnson request to operate in arrears due to expenses for telephone, repairs and maintenance of vehicle and equipment. Commissioner Dent seconded for discussion. Motion rescinded.

L. Clark Landrum, Solicitor General State Court of Worth County request to increase David Bryan salary from \$450.00 to \$600.00 a month. No action. Letter needs to be sent stating that the salary requested is not budgeted.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve Chairman sign E&R's for the month of November 2007 Property in the amount of (\$18,160.91) County portion (\$6,723.32). This includes public utilities. Total E&R's for the month of October 2007 Mobile Homes was (\$1,065.74) County portion (\$455.36). Commissioner Childree seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Childree, Hall, and Dent.

W.C. Youngblood, 1723 Red Rock Road, Sylvester GA 31791 requested for payment of \$300.00 submitted for reimbursement for the light bill at the Red Rock Community Center. No action.

The NRCS office request to pay \$100.00 payable to USDA in order for LaTosha Daniel to access sensitive computer system. Tabled.

A letter will be sent to DOT Commission in regards to their request for reimbursement of \$33,175.37 for overpayment of PR 413-2(321) C1 for work done on CR 413 Sledge Road.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve the Chamber of Commerce request to reserve the Community Center for January 24, 2008 for their annual dinner. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Dent, Hall and Childree.

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve Tabetha Dupriest's request to reserve the Community Center February 20, 2008 for MVD Training. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Bozeman, Hall, and Childree.

Action Docket continued

Commissioner Hall motioned to observe the followings date for 2008 Designated Holidays for Worth County Employees:

- January 21, 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday
- May 26, 2008 Memorial Day Monday
- July 4, 2008 Independence Day Friday
- September 1, 2008 Labor Day Monday
- November 27 & 28, 2008 Thanksgiving Holidays Thursday & Friday
- December 25 & 26, 2008 Christmas Holidays Thursday & Friday
- January 1, 2009 New Year’s Day Thursday

Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Dent, Bozeman, and Childree.

Unfinished Business

- A. Billing and Fee Collection Agreement between Worth County and the City of Sylvester.
- B. R 91 Cane Mill Road – Bridge Replacement
- C. Date of acceptance of Beaver Agreement with Kirk DeKalb – December 4, 2008.

New Business

Golf Course Rental Agreement was placed in each Commissioners mailbox.

Personnel

Mary Seabolt, Collection Clerk, last day of employment will be March 31, 2008. Commissioner Hall motioned to advertise for a Collection Clerk. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Dent, Bozeman, and Childree.

Request to hire Amanda Brown for the Public Works Clerk I job at \$8.00 an hour was tabled.

Commissioner Hall motioned to schedule a second interview for the top three applicants for Public Works Clerk I job. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Dent, Bozeman, and Childree.

The Board acknowledged separation of employment for Jerry Austin, part-time Clerk. Last day was December 5, 2007 at \$7.00 an hour. Terminated for cause.

The Board acknowledged separation of employment for Jeffery J. Thompson, Drug Investigator effective December 14, 2007. Employee resigned in Good standing at \$13.80 an hour.

Personnel Continued

The Board acknowledged separation of employment for Sandra Wallace, Non-certified Communication Officer at \$8.50 an hour. Last day of employment was December 17, 2007. Resigned in good standing.

The Board acknowledged separation of employment for Kathy Oliver, Certified Communication Officer at \$9.50 an hour. Last day of employment was September 13, 2007. Resigned in good standing.

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve full time status for Jan Casey, Certified Communication Officer at \$9.50 an hour. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall, Bozeman, and Childree.

Commissioner Dent motioned to pay the Music and Art Center \$1,172.64 for the purchase of a P.A. System for the Community Center (taken out of line item 100-20-1565-52-2200-00, Building & Grounds). Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall, Bozeman, and Childree.

Commissioner Hall motioned to adjourn at 10:42 A.M. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motioned carried with yes votes from Commissioners Dent, Bozeman and Childree.

Buffy Walker, Personnel Payroll Clerk

Dan Miller, Chairman