

**MINUTES  
WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**Thursday February 19, 2009**

**7:00 P.M.**

The Worth County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday February 19, 2009 in the Commission Board Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Courthouse.

Chairman Matt Medders called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Present:** Commissioners Fred Dent, Bettye Bozeman and Jerry Childree. Chairman Matt Medders, County Administrator Robert Zellner, County Attorney Clarence Miller and Buffy Walker Payroll Clerk.

**Absent:** Commissioner Tony Hall and County Clerk Deborah Robinson.

**Invited Guests:**

Mr. S. Thomas Jolly was on the agenda under invited guests. Chairman Medders invited Mr. Jolly to come forward and address the Board.

Mr. Jolly explained he was here to ask for a stop sign to be replaced at the intersection of Joe Sumner Road and Ephesus Church Road. He stated the stop signs had first been placed there in 1955 and remained until about 7 years ago when the County did some road work and for some reason the stop signs did not get put back up. Mr. Jolly explained the area north of the intersection has a hill and to the south is a dangerous curve. Mr. Jolly stated it is very hard for people to get out on to the road from their drive ways when vehicles are running so fast. Attorney Miller asked Mr. Jolly if he wanted this to be a four way stop. Mr. Jolly responded with a yes to this question. Stating there are already stop signs on Ephesus Church Road he would like the Stops Signs on Joe Sumner Road to be put back up where the two roads cross.

Chairman Medders thanked Mr. Jolly for coming and informed him the Board would take his request under consideration and let him know once a decision had been made.

Reports from Attorney, Administrator, Commissioners, Department Heads and Committees.

**Attorney Clarence Miller:**

Attorney Miller addressed the Board from the podium.

Mr. Miller informed the Board that he had received the Bill that he had drafted for the purpose of forming a joint Board of Elections & Registrars back from the Legislators. He explained he had to make some changes where they had made a couple of errors in their attempt to dress it up a little bit. He explained the Legislators had included duties of Municipalities and given a title to the Bill and this was not correct. He explained therefore this was a second draft of the Bill and in actuality only a couple of words had been changed as well as staggering the Terms of the first Board so they all would not go out all at once causing a whole new Board to come in.

At this time Attorney Miller read aloud the second draft of the Bill to the Board of Commissioners. On completion of the reading Attorney Miller explained he had prepared a Resolution titled as follows:

**“A Resolution Approving the Second Draft of Local Legislation to Provide for the Creation of a Combined Board of Elections & Registration for Worth County.”**

Attorney Miller explained the reason for the Resolution is because the Legislators want to make sure they have the Boards approval of the second draft as the final Bill.

Attorney Miller read aloud the Resolution to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Dent seconded.

Motion carried with yes votes from all.

Next Attorney Miller gave an update on the Carla Miller/ EEOC complaint. Mr. Miller stated he had come to the conclusion that Carla Miller has an advocate who is not a lawyer but is attempting to persuade other members to file complaints that are unfounded. He stated we have submitted all of those materials and it will be several weeks or months in the future before we hear from them.

Next item for Attorney Miller was to inform the Board that he had received the Deeds for Cypress Lane, for the subdivision in Bridgeboro. Also he expected to have all the Deeds for Pearson Road and Seabrook Lane on or before the next meeting.

Commissioner Bozeman asked Attorney Miller if he had the survey for the Deeds to Zion Hope Church Road. Attorney Miller stated he did not recall seeing them.

Ms. Bozeman asked Mr. Zellner to find the survey to Zion Hope Church Road and give to Attorney Miller.

### **County Administrator – Robert Zellner**

Mr. Zellner informed the Board he had a 1% Application from Mr. Frank Barbee for the appraisal of 3 parcels on Shady Lane/Ephesus Church Road. Mr. Dent stated this had been discussed at the last meeting, the total was \$750.00.

Commissioner Dent motioned to accept the 1% Application and pay Mr. Frank Barbee in the amount of \$750.00. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with a yes vote from all.

At this time Attorney Miller informed Chairman Medders he would need the Clerk to fix him a certified copy of the Resolution approving the second draft of the Bill for Local Legislation for the creation of the combined Board of Elections & Registrars.

### **Commissioner Dent – District 2**

Commissioner Dent started out with a question in reference to the “Junk Yard” on West Road. Is it licensed? He stated not only did he think it was not licensed but also he did not think the property was zoned for that kind of business. Mr. Dent suggested the Building & Zoning Administrator Glenice King check into this and reports her findings to the Board.

Next item for Commissioner Dent was in reference to the 3 parcels of land on Shady Lane/Ephesus Church Road that were recently appraised by Mr. Barbee. Mr. Dent stated he had spoken with Beth Mullis and felt sure there would not be an issue there; however, a letter should be sent to her stating the property had been appraised, that the County appreciates their donation which allows us to fulfill their request for the road to be paved. Mr. Dent stated that in regards to the other two property owners he would like authorization to be able to offer them the appraised value if negotiations fail before moving forward with condemning the road.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to give Commissioner Dent authorization to deal with the land owners on Shady Lane/Ephesus Church Road. Commissioner Childree seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from all.

### **Commissioner Bozeman – District 3**

First item from Commissioner Bozeman was to ask Mr. Zellner to send Glenice out to Silver Lake and look into the animal situation. Ms. Bozeman stated there are animals all over the place and that she has been unable to get in touch with Ms. King even though she has called numerous times to the Building & Zoning Office.

Next item was a question to Mr. Zellner. Commissioner Bozeman asked if he knew how much we had collected on our garbage for this month. Mr. Zellner said that presently he did not know but he would find out.

Next item for Commissioner Bozeman also was in reference to Glenice King. Ms. Bozeman stated Ms. King needed to ride out in the County and check on all the “Junk Yards” in the County to see if they are properly licensed. Ms. Bozeman stated there is a “Junk Yard” in Commissioner Childree’s district as well as Commissioner Dent’s and now one had started in her district out on Hwy 313.

Mr. Zellner explained Teresa from the Building & Zoning Office is out sick and will be for quite some time and this had made it difficult for Glenice to keep the office open and be out in the County. He explained they were in the process of trying to get some part time help in the form of an intern from the Moultrie Tech School or the Labor Department. Ms. Bozeman suggested giving the camera to Mr. Merritt to take pictures while he is out in the County.

At this time Commissioner Dent motioned to approve the “Telephone Poll” conducted on 02/17/09 for the purpose of hiring a temporary clerk to work with the landfill office on a contract basis at \$15.00 per hour for approximately 2 weeks or longer if necessary. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from all.

### **Commissioner Childree – District 4**

Commissioner Childree wanted to know where the Motorgrader for his district was. Ms. Bozeman informed him it was in district 2. Commissioner Childree stated the Motorgrader should only leave his district to help in another district when the work in his is completed. Commissioner Dent stated that this particular Motorgrader was supposed to go in his district.

Chairman Medders asked Mr. Zellner if he had an update on Mr. Leonard Shaw in reference to if he had met the conditions set by the Board in order for him to have a kennel license.

Mr. Zellner stated that Mr. Shaw had met the conditions. He had received a "Sewer Inspection" stating it is in compliance. He had poured cement in the areas where the dogs exercise outside. There was a site plan enclosed for the Commissioners to look at. Ms. Bozeman asked Mr. Shaw to point to the new septic tank on the site plan, which he did. Mr. Shaw also informed the Commissioners he had put a shelter over the pen, a concrete lip around it to stop any water from being washed out of that area and a 8"inch to 2'foot footer on it so that water cannot drain underneath. Ms. Bozeman asked if Mr. Shaw if he had two wells on his property. He replied that he did have another well at the front of his property by the trailer. Attorney Miller stated the Commissioners and the Administrator could inspect everything themselves if they wanted to. Mr. Shaw stated that Mr. Merritt had inspected the cement work and the Health Department had inspected the septic tank and drain lines. Mr. Dent commented he thought everything appeared to be in order and that Mr. Shaw had done what the Board had asked him to do. Commissioner Childree agreed.

Commissioner Childree motioned to approve for Mr. Shaw to receive his kennel license. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from all.

At 7:40 P.M. The Board went into Recess.

At 7:55 P.M. The Board Reconvened.

Chairman Medders announced:

Sheriff Tompkins was requesting permission from the Board to apply for a Grant through the COPS Office Funding in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. For the purpose of hiring two additional employees for 8 hours each day.

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve the Grant Application. Commissioner Childree seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from all.

### **Consent Docket:**

Kim Gilman EMS Director is requesting waiver of fees to use the Worth County Community Center for ITLS Class on May 1, 2009.

Angel Gray is requesting waiver of fees to use the Worth County Community Center on March 28, 2009 for fund raiser to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Shelly McPhaul - Best Friends Humane Society is requesting waiver of fees to use The Worth County Community Center on March 14, 2009 for a fund raising event.

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve the above 3 requests. Commissioner Bozeman Seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from all.

**Action Docket:**

Glenice King Worth County Building & Zoning Administrator is requesting reimbursement less 10% for Dave Bryan. This is for an electrical permit.

Motion to approve Bettye Bozeman                      Second Fred Dent                      Vote All Yes

Glenice King Worth County Building & Zoning Administrator is requesting reimbursement less 10% for Vanessa Hall. This is for a relocation permit.

Motion to approve Bettye Bozeman                      Second Jerry Childree                      Vote All yes

Christine Patterson is requesting Waiver of Fees for Garbage Pick-Up. Commissioner Dent stated Ms. Patterson meets all requirements.

Motion Fred Dent                      Second Jerry Childree                      Vote All Yes

Raymond Howell is requesting Back-Door Service for Garbage Pick-Up.

Motion Fred Dent                      Second Jerry Childree                      Vote All Yes

Tony Strenth Chief Magistrate is requesting hours needed per month for Judge Mike Carter. After a discussion between the Board it was decided to table making a decision until the next meeting to give the Commissioners time to look at the budget.

Bryce A. Johnson Solicitor-General is requesting office space in downtown Sylvester. After a discussion between the Board it was decided that until the EDA moves out of the governmental Building and in to the Old Post Office the county does not have any office space available. A letter should be sent to Mr. Johnson explaining this situation.

SPLOST Application for Sowega Soil & Property Services in the amount of \$400.00 for Soil Sample.

Commissioner Dent commented that the BFHS cannot submit an application for 1% funds. The application should be submitted by the Worth county Board of Commissioners. It was agreed by all the Board this application should be corrected and put on the next agenda.

SPLOST Application for Worth County Economic Development Authority in the amount Of \$1,373.03 for Yielding, Wakeford, & McGee Architectural Bidding Phase Invoice #0817.

Motion Fred Dent

Second Bettye Bozeman

Vote All Yes

Resolution changing the name of Lupo Road to Kari Hobby Road.

This had been approved at the last meeting. The Resolution just needed to be signed by the Chairman of the Board and the County Clerk. Mr. Zellner stated then it would have to be advertised. Attorney Miller stated all you had to do was call the post Office that you did not have to advertise unless you are closing a road.

Quote for 1993 Peterbilt 357 4, 000 Gallon Water Truck for \$39,900 plus \$2,550 for delivery to Sylvester. Total cost of \$42,450.00.

Commissioner Bozeman stated she would not vote on this because it mentioned a Brand Name and this was illegal. Attorney Miller stated anything for anything over \$20,000.00 you have to advertise and send out a RFP {request for proposals} listing the specifications you are looking for.

Commissioner Dent mentioned the price seemed high for a truck that is 16 years old. Chairman Medders stated we should get the information together and advertise.

## Personnel Considerations

### E911

- Request to change Kermit Coker status from part-time to full-time communication officer. Rate of pay \$9.50 an hour effective February 15, 2009 (new pay period).

Commissioner Bozeman mentioned the fact that this employee had been full time and had requested to go to part time. Ms. Bozeman stated she did not want to see his name again requesting another change of status.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve: Commissioner Dent seconded.

Motion carried with yes votes from all.

- Recommend hiring Felicia Baisden as a part-time certified communication officer at \$9.50 an hour.

Tabled due to certification being under review by post.

- Recommend full-time status for Adam Celinski, certified communication officer effective February 16, 2009.

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve: Commissioner Childree seconded.

Motion carried with yes votes from all.

At 8:15 P.M. Commissioner Bozeman motioned to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Commissioner Childree seconded.

Motion carried with yes votes from all.

At 9:15 P.M. The Board resumed to the Public Meeting.

Chairman Medders informed Mr. Zellner the Board had decided on the following action.

For Ms. Robinson a written warning for 2 violations of State Regulations concerning the dogs at the Animal control Pound.

For Clay Smith a verbal warning for not following up with his employee to see if the dogs were being fed over the weekend of February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2009.

At 9:18 P.M. Commissioner Bozeman motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dent seconded.

Motion carried with all yes votes.

County Clerk

Chairman

Deborah Robinson

Matt Medders

