

MINUTES

WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 20, 2008

7:00 P.M.

The Worth County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 20, 2008 in the Commission Board room, 3rd Floor Courthouse.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order.

Present

Chairman Dan Miller, Commissioners Fred Dent, Bettye Bozeman, Attorney Clarence Miller, Accounts Payable Clerk Laverne Watkins, Personnel Clerk Buffy Walker and County Clerk Deborah Robinson.

Commissioner Jerry Childree arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Public Hearing

Glenice King, Zoning Administrator presented one agenda item from the Planning Commission for the Board to consider.

1. Worth County Board of Education/R-1 Conditional Use/Elementary School

Robert & Company, planning consultants for Worth County, as well as the Planning Commission recommended an approval of the conditional use and the height variance of 35 feet to be granted. Making a note that this was difference of one foot one & seven eighth of an inch. After brief discussion:

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve the variance. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion was carried with yes vote from Commissioner Childree.

Invited Guest

Judy Rogers and Sheryl Hall approached the Board to discuss Election Issues. Sue Potts was unable to attend as originally planned due to an illness. Judy Rogers read a letter from Sue Potts to the Board explaining some of the issues because of new mandates from the State. Sue Potts is requesting to be allowed to work fulltime in the Registrar's office and have Judy Rogers as a part-time assistant.

Chuck Fields, Executive Director SW GA Workforce Board made a presentation to the Board of Commissioners. He explained the services that are available such as, Adult Literacy, student retention and Graduation as well as incentives for social programs throughout the area that this Board covers.

**Chairman's Report
For Your Information:**

1. Chairman Miller shared information from Bob Garrett, EMS Director. This service received the inaugural EMS for Children Award for this region. This award benefits children from New born to age 18 years.
2. Mauldin & Jenkins is requesting to be considered for auditing services.
3. Bridges-Environmental Specialist is offering professional services.
4. Labor Finders sent in an article outlining the services they offer.

Items Needing Attention:

1. Road Striping list to be put in priority order and then re-addressed.
2. City of Sylvester interested in the possibility of acquiring vehicles that the County has in surplus.
The Board wanted to check the needs of other County Departments before moving forward with the City of Sylvester.
3. The American Cancer Society is requesting waiver of fees for use of the Worth County Community Center, for their Annual Relay for Life Survivors' Dinner to be held on the evening of May 1, 2008. This was approved with a \$100.00 utility fee required.
4. Board Acknowledged a Renewal Notification from Millennium Insurance group. Commissioner Dent informed the Board that he had received a call from Sam Williams and that Williams Insurance Agency was also interested in submitting a bid for Vehicle, Property and Medical Insurance.
5. Mutual Aid Agreement between Worth County and Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany Georgia is open for renewal.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to sign contract, Commissioner Childree seconded. Motion carried with yes vote from Commissioner Dent.

District 1 – Tony Hall – Absent

District 2 – Fred Dent

Commissioner Dent had spoken with Ronald Hudson's office in reference to the Landfill situation. Their recommendations were basically on procedures and computer programming and net working of the landfill to the Commissioner's office through computer software.

Commissioner Dent made the motion to approve the purchasing of the software. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with yes vote from Commissioner Childree.

Commissioner Dent explained that there was an issue with storage space in the Clerk of Courts office and that they would like to purchase 6 low-rise desk organizers and 1 printer stand. They have excess monies in the repairs and maintenance equipment fund, and would like to use it to buy these items.

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve the purchase. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with yes vote from Commissioner Childree.

District 3 – Bettie Bozeman

Commissioner Bozeman stated that Budget time is practically upon us and that it was time to cease spending. A memo should be sent out to all departments freezing spending effective immediately.

Commissioner Bozeman had received a complaint from a resident of Mercer Mill Trace subdivision, off of Hwy 32. The residents' complaint was that there are no ditches on his road; therefore, creating no drainage for rainwater.

After some discussion between Attorney Clarence Miller and Zoning Administrator Glenice King, Chairman Dan Miller stated that he did not know what the circumstances were but he would find out about it.

District 4 – Jerry Childree

Commissioner Childree had concerns about some roads in District 4 that needed the shoulders clipped. Chairman Miller suggested that a list of these roads be submitted and he would make sure that they got done.

At 7:50 p.m. Chairman Miller called a short recess.

Meeting reconvened in the Commission Board Room at 8:00 p.m.

Consent Docket:

- A. Sheriff Freddie Tompkins requested to operate in arrears for the following:
Line Item #100-07-3300-52-2200-01 (Repair and maintenance to vehicles and equipment).

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve. Commissioner Childree seconded. Motion carried with yes vote from Commissioner Dent.

- B. Magistrate Court is requesting to transfer \$500 from travel fund into postage.
Line Item #100-12-2400-52-3200-02.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to allow the Magistrate Court to run in arrears on postage. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes vote from Commissioner Childree.

There was a brief discussion between the Board on some postage issues that had recently risen concerning thickness of envelopes, causing postage to be higher. A solution was to use a larger envelope and keep items inside unfolded.

Action Docket:

- A. NRCS implemented a policy in reference to non-federal employees in service vehicles:

The policy was read and acknowledged by the Board. It was noted that there would not be any liability Insurance for LaTosha, only for the vehicle. LaTosha would be covered by Worth County Workers' Compensation in the event of an accident.

- B. City of Poulan is requesting \$5,000 be added to the FY 2008-09 Budget for recreation. No action taken at this time.

- C. Re-appoint Hospital Authority of Worth County Board Members.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to re-appoint the current members. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion was carried with yes vote from Commissioner Childree.

Brief discussion was held in reference to the re-appointment, Attorney Miller felt it unnecessary for the Local Government to appoint Board Members at a hospital that we have not owned in over 20 years, and will be looking into this matter.

- D. Department of Administrative Services, Surplus Property MOU renewal for the up coming year.

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve the MOU. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with a yes vote from the Commissioner Childree.

- E. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA AND WORTH COUNTY, GEORGIA FOR THE PROVISION OF E-911 SERVICES.

Further research required in reference to second paragraph in section 3 referencing salaries. Tabled until the Meeting of April 1, 2008.

- F. AMBULANCE SERVICES MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Dent and Chairman Miller plan to meet with Keith Peterson before moving forward with this agreement. Concerns were with section 2.7 and 2.5. Tabled Meeting of March 20, 2008.

- G. PRESENTMENTS OF THE GRAND JURY

Received and acknowledged by the Worth County Board of Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Abandonment and closing of a portion of Cr 28 Cuffie Town Road. Public Hearing scheduled for April 17 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Nothing further discussed in reference to this issue.

PERSONNEL:

County Commissioners Office

To confirm hiring of Deborah Robinson as County Clerk effective March 17, 2008 at a rate of pay \$32,000.00 (annual salary).

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve. Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes vote from Commissioner Childree.

Public Works Department

Employee warning: James Smith did not report to work for 5 days. Employee called Public Works on Monday, March 17, 2008 and said he had been under the care of a doctor.

James Smith was informed by Public Works Director Clay Smith that if this happened again he would be terminated.

To confirm hiring of Nikki Widner as a Clerk 1 effective March 10, 2008 at a rate of \$8.00 per hour.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve hiring of Nikki Widner.
Commissioner Dent seconded. Motion carried with yes vote from Commissioner Childree.

E-911 Department

Request to hire the following Non-Certified Communications Officers at \$8.50 per hour.
Rachel Eubanks, Teresa Unruh, Wanda Gordon and Melissa Taylor.

Request to hire Melissa Gaebler, Certified Communication Officer at \$9.50 per hour.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve hiring of the above. Commissioner Childree seconded. Motion carried with yes vote from Commissioner Dent.

Sheriff Department

Acknowledgement of Inter-Departmental Transfer from Sheriff's Department to the Drug Squad for Marion E. Jones, Jr. Pay increase from \$12.50 to \$13.00. Effective date of transfer was March 16, 2008.

This transfer was acknowledged by the Board of Commissioners.

Deborah Robinson
County Clerk

Dan Miller
Chairman