

MINUTES

WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 15, 2008

7:00 P.M.

The Worth County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday 15, 2008 in the Commission Board room, 3rd Floor Courthouse.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order.

Present: Commissioners Tony Hall, Fred Dent, Bettye Bozeman, Jerry Childree, Chairman Dan Miller and Deborah Robinson County Clerk.

Public Notice:

Glenice King, Building & Zoning Administrator approached the Board with a request from Mr. William K. Jones Sr. Miss. King explained that Mr. Jones was requesting to re-zone from R-1, Single Family Residential District, to C-2, General Commercial District. The request is for the re-zoning of 31 acres of a 61 acre parcel (Tax Map 21, Parcel 15 and 0.69 acres of (Tax Map 21, Parcel 15A).

There was some discussion on Mr. William K. Jones SR. request by the Board. Chairman Miller asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in reference to this matter. There was no response. Ms. King informed the Board that Mr. Jones had received some inquiries about use, such as a Beauty Shop and also a Real Estate Business. At this time Chairman Miller closed the Public Hearing and opened back up the regular meeting.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to grant the request of the C2 re-zoning on Hwy 300, Warwick. Commissioner Childree seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Dent and Hall.

Request for Proposals:

A. Ambulance Bids

At this time, Chairman Miller asked for the bids on the Type III Ambulance to be opened.

A copy of each proposal was given to the Board.

Commissioner Hall read aloud the bid from Quality Emergency Vehicles.
Their bid was for a 2008 E 450 Ford type III Ambulance with a price of \$112,267.12.
Total performance bond \$1,686.42 giving a total of \$113,953.54

Commissioner Dent read aloud the bid from Wheeled Coach Industries.
Their bid was on a McCoy Miller Unit priced at \$105,311.00.
Total performance bond \$1,785.00 Separate equipment (Motorola radios) \$2, 3440.00
Delivery \$409.00 giving a total of \$109,845.00.

Commissioner Bozeman read aloud the bid from Peach State Ambulance in Tyrone, GA.
Their bid was on a Ford Wheeled Coach Unit with a total price of \$112,448.00

Chairman Miller suggested the bids be put on a spread sheet and reviewed in the morning by Lynn Ford, Jason Brooks and EMS employees.
At that time Mr. Keith Peterson director of the Worth Phoebe Hospital invited the Board of Commissioners to join them at the "Hospital Celebration Day" which included a free lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs.

B. Medical Insurance Bids.

There were a total of 16 bids for the Group Insurance from 9 different agencies.

- (11) United Healthcare
- (2) Aetna.
- (1) Nippon Life Insurance Company.
- (1) Best Life & Health Ins.
- (1) Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia.

The Board read each bid, and there were a few questions that were answered by the agents present.

Chairman Miller suggested that all the quotes be put on a spread sheet to be reviewed at our next Budget Work Session.

At 8.10P.M. Board took a recess.

At 8.24 Board reconvened.

Invited Guests:

Approval of minutes: 04/06/2008

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Dent Seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree.

Chairman's Report:

For Your Information:

1. Chairman Miller informed the Board that we had received a solicitation from a company who would like to review our Worker's Compensation Payroll, Payroll Classifications and Annual premium calculations over the last 4-5 years.
2. Chairman Miller informed the Board that on the Action Docket was a Resolution Entitled "A Resolution Formally Adopting the Worth County Service Strategy As Required By State Law. This requires a vote by the Board of Commissioners.
3. Chairman Miller also informed the Board that Buffy Walker, Payroll/Personnel Clerk had successfully completed all the requirements to earn the Certified Human Resource Manager designation.
4. Chairman Miller informed the Board that there was going to be a ground breaking Ceremony in Crisp County for the New Court House they are building on May 22, 2008 @ 2pm. everyone was invited.
5. Chairman Miller also informed the Board of a training class at the D.O.T office in Tifton, on May 23, 2008 from 1pm – 2.30pm. The class was for "208 System Hwy Co-ordination."

Items Needing Attention:

1. Invoice from Glen Greene & Associates – Ref: CR55 Cotton Road. Which is on the Action Docket.
2. Discuss Cell Phones use in Offices.

At this time Commissioner Dent motioned that there is no further use of personal cell phones during business hours by County Employees. Commissioner Bozeman seconded.

Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree.

District 1 – Tony Hall:

Commissioner Hall had an item for discussion but felt it should wait until County Attorney Clarence Miller was present.

District 2 – Fred Dent:

Commissioner Dent spoke of the CR 56 Ephesus Church Road project and how it had been agreed to pave a small section for Mr. Billy Davis to have access to his property, and that Mr. Davis would like to have that in writing, Chairman Miller mentioned that the letter to Mr. Davis should be signed by all of the Board before being sent, and then the project would be taken care of.

District 3 – Bettye Bozeman:

Woodcrest Subdivision {Mr. Shipp's House}

Commissioner Bozeman spoke of the recent report done by William A. Van Linden owner of T.W. Tucker & Associates on the house moved into the Woodcrest subdivision by Mr. Shipp. Mr. Merritt our Building & Zoning inspector had looked over the report and was going out to Mr. Shipp's property in the Woodcrest Subdivision to make sure that he complies with everything on the report. Ms Bozeman stated that it was a large Foundation problem.

Best Friends Humane Society

Commissioner Bozeman talked about the offer that BFHS had from the City of Sylvester not working out due to property complications, she explained that in her meeting with some of their Board Members they had discussed the property on Ephesus Church Road beside the Landfill, how the recent perk test on the land had been approved, how there was \$93,000.00 left from the original \$150,000.00 SPLOST FUND and that she thought it would be a good idea to build the facility and then turn around and lease it to the Humane Society. BFHS would be doing the leg work in reference to the Specs, working with the State, getting a floor plan and meeting with the Planning Commission to ask for the Conditional Use of the land. Commissioner Bozeman explained how BFHS has a good program going, she spoke of their upcoming Fund Raisers and that they already had \$20,000.00 in the bank.

At this time Commissioner Bozeman motioned for the County to proceed with the Building of a Shelter, using the money that was left from the original SPLOST Fund, working closely with the Best Friends Humane Society. Commissioner Dent seconded.

Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree.

Chairman Miller mentioned that the contract would also need to be approved, and for the BFHS to get us a copy so that Attorney Clarence Miller can look at it.

Mosquito Spraying

Commissioner Bozeman spoke about the cost of the pre mixed spray being used and how it would be more economical for us to use concentrate and mix our own.

Chairman Miller also mentioned that our employees should not be out late at night spraying for mosquitoes, that it is dangerous in his opinion. Chairman Miller felt they did not need to be out after 9:00P.M. Commissioner Dent agreed. Mr. Dent also asked how we are determining where to spray, because mosquitoes are bad everywhere and we need to be fair to all. Chairman Miller stated that we have 2 trucks now and should be able to handle it better.

Complaint

Commissioner Bozeman had a complaint from a Ms. Dennis who lives in Warwick.

Ms. Dennis had swerved to avoid hitting some bricks in the road but unfortunately had ran over a large piece of metal that had punctured a hole in her gas tank. Ms Dennis was asking the Board to reimburse her for this cost due to the debris being left in the road by the County's Public Works Dept. employees.

Chairman Miller explained that we could not do that. It is considered a road hazard and should be filed on the vehicle insurance. Mr. Miller did go on to say that it would make good sense to have a truck & trailer behind the Motor Grader in the future so that debris can be picked up.

At that time Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve having a truck and trailer behind the Motor Grader for picking up debris when they are ditching. Commissioner Childree seconded.

After further discussion, the motion did not carry.

E-911 Service Agreement

Commissioner Bozeman wanted to discuss the Service Agreement between the County and the City of Sylvester. Commissioner Hall mentioned that the original agreement was for 2 people, not 2 people per shift. Ms Bozeman stated that the total for 2 people per shift, 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year to run 2 consoles would be \$190,774.66. Commissioner Dent stated that he found it hard to believe that 2 more employees per shift would be needed. It was agreed to talk with Lynn Ford and Tina Ward before the budget meeting on Tuesday May 20, 2008. Ms Bozeman said for them to come a little before 6pm.

District 4 – Jerry Childree

Commissioner Childree asked where are we at with the survey on Carlton Road, that he had not seen anyone out there. Chairman Miller stated he was not aware of any plans for such a survey. Commissioner Bozeman stated that we had put Carlton Road on the Survey list quite some time ago. Commissioner Childree also mentioned Mr. Robert R. Stevens' concern about a tree which might get damaged or displaced due to the expansion of CR 91

Cane Mill Road. Commissioner Childree stated that Mr. Stevens is not able to deal with the tree if it got damaged in reference to taking it down and removing it.

Commissioner Childree also asked the Board when would we have another Motor Grader to go in his District? Commissioner Dent explained that we have 2 New Motor Graders proposed in next year's budget. Mr. Childree said that the roads in his district hardly ever get scraped. Ms Bozeman suggested that the Public Works director Clay Smith should pull one from her district and one from Commissioner Dent's district to help the situation. Chairman Miller stated that Clay Smith had been doing that.

Consent Docket

- A. Worth County Board of commissioners SPLOST FUND Surveys for Dexter Wilson Blvd. in the amount of \$495.00 to Medders Associates Surveying.

Commissioner Bozeman asked why the EDA should not pay that invoice. Mr. Dent said that we requested the Survey not the EDA.

At this time Commissioner Dent motioned to approve payment to Medders Assoc. Surveying out of 1% SPLOST Fund. Commissioner Hall seconded.

Commissioner Bozeman and Commissioner Childree voted NO.

Motion carried with yes vote from Chairman Miller.

- B. Back Door Service Application – Garbage Pick up.

(1) Bobbie Chatman.

With all the necessary paperwork being in order Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve. Commissioner Dent seconded.

Motion carried with yes votes from commissioners Hall and Childree.

Action Docket:

- A. A Resolution Formally Adopting The Worth County Service Delivery Strategy.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve. Commissioner Childree seconded.

Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Dent.

- B. Lynn Ford is requesting approval of SOP's for E-911 which was not approved at the May 6, 2008 meeting.

After some discussion, it was decided to table this request until after the budget is completed. Put on the agenda for the 3rd Thursday Meeting in June.

Unfinished Business

- A. Worth County Board of Commissioners SPLOST PROJECT – CR 56 Ephesus Church Road for Glen Greene & Associates in the amount of \$4,650.00 (Survey, Plats and Staking) Tabled for comparison to previous project at last meeting on May 6, 2008.

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve payment. Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Childree.

- B. Waiver of Fees Application – Garbage Pick – Up
(1) Willena T. Sanders – Meeting of May 6, 2008
There was a deposit on the Bank Statement that the Board felt we needed more attention. Tabled for further research.

- C. CR 146 Jones Road, Lully Creek Bridge Project – DOT requesting update.

The Board of Commissioners decided that Commissioner Childree, as this is his district, would speak with James Saunders and other residents of CR 146 Jones Road in reference to the Lully Creek Bridge Project one more time before the Board made a final decision on what they are going to do.

- D. CASA requesting funding for FY 2009 in the amount of \$ 10,000.
At this time no decision was made. The Board suggested addressing this at their next Budget Work Session.

Personnel:
Public Works Department

Notification for separation of employment, Nikki Winder, Clerk I effective May 23, 2008. Resigned in good standing. Rate of pay \$8.00 an hour.

Sheriff Department

Acknowledgement of separation of employment for Joseph Johnson, Deputy Sheriff effective May 11, 2008. Resigned in good standing. Rate \$12.50 an hour.

Acknowledgement of request for a Personal Leave of absence without pay for the duration as a candidate for Sheriff for the following:

1. Mike Hill effective April 28, 2008
2. Tommy Adams effective April 30, 2008

District Attorney Office

Employee warning: Wynona Smith continues to report late (tardiness). Last verbal Was Pay Period ending May 10, 2008 by Personnel Clerk.

E911 Department

Recommend pay rate adjustment from \$8.50 to \$9.50 an hour for Carla Miller, Certified Communication Officer. Certificate was issued April 16, 2008. Commission Bozeman motioned to approve. Commissioner Childree seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Dent.

Magistrate Court

(1) Matthew Lovett request to take Family Medical Leave effective April 30, 2008 to care for parent who has a serious health condition. (Proper documentation on file). Probable duration of leave is continuous.

This request was acknowledged by the Board of Commissioners.

(2) Request to approve new hire for Marilyn Kent as Temporary Part-Time Clerk at \$7.50 an hour. First day of work was May 2, 2008.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve the temporary hire of Marilyn Kent. Commissioner Childree seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from Commissioners Hall and Dent.

Reminder: Buffy Walker will be out of the office on Administrative Leave May 13 – 16, 2008.

At 9:08P.M. Commissioner Childree motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from all.

Deborah Robinson
County Clerk

Dan E Miller
Chairman