

MINUTES
WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 5, 2008

8:00 A.M.

The Worth County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday August 5, 2008 in the Commission Board Room, 3rd Floor Courthouse.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

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

Public Hearing:

Request for Proposals:

Approval of Minutes: July 17, 2008 Meeting

Motion to approve: Bettye Bozeman. Second: Fred Dent. Motion carried yes votes from all.

Invited Guests: Bonny Walker. Not present

Reports from Attorney, Administrator, commissioners, Department Heads & Committees:

Attorney Miller:

Attorney Clarence Miller stated that he had some comments he wished to make in reference to personnel issues which he would do during Executive Session.

Attorney Miller also informed the Board of Commissioners that the road projects he was working on for the County should be forthcoming later in the week.

County Administrator Robert Zellner:

Mr. Zellner informed the Board that we had received the Water Tank Quit Claim Deed back from the City of Sylvester approved and signed the portion with the water agreement.

Mr. Zellner went on to discuss the Jones Road Bridge Project informing the Board of Commissioners that the proposals had been sent out to approximately eight (8) different companies. Bid opening will be on August 21, 2008

Mr. Zellner then went on to discuss the fact that we had received a memo from ACCG informing us that the Homestead Tax Relief Grants had been put on hold for the time being. Mr. Zellner went on to say that ACCG are working with the Governors Office to see what can be done about that.

Mr. Zellner then gave a hand out of a fuel study to each Commissioner that he had been working on over the last couple of months that runs from 2004-2008. He stated that with the new software now in place at the public works department in reference to fuel usage monitoring we should definitely be able to keep track of where it's going and to whom.

Next item for Mr. Zellner was the monthly project lists he mentioned that things had been slow this month in that area so there really wasn't much to disclose.

Mr. Zellner went on to say that the Personnel Committee had upheld the dismissal of two employees.

Mr. Zellner then reported that the Animal Control Officers monthly report showed as follows: 35 dogs impounded for the County: 9 dogs impounded for the City of Poulan: 1 for the Town of Sumner and 0 for the City of Warwick. Grand Total 45 dogs impounded for the month of July.

Mr. Zellner informed the board that he received an e-mail from South West Georgia RDC in reference to our Comprehensive Plan saying that they need to complete our short term work plan. Mr. Zellner stated that he would need some help in reference to updating the plan that was turned in last year to the RDC.

Carlton Road was the next item of discussion. Mr. Zellner informed the Board that there had in fact been a survey done in 2006. This survey however did not include the bridge. Mr. Zellner stated at the present time the D. O. T. have the survey but were going to be sending a copy of it to the Commissioners Office. Mr. Zellner stated that it was his understanding that the bridge was not included. The D.O.T. had said there had been a cost estimate for Grade, Drain and Basic Paving of \$350,000.00 but at today prices it would probably be closer to \$700,000.00. Three (3) concrete box culverts had been discussed in reference to the bridge replacement.

Mr. Zellner then went on to inform everyone that he had received a resolution for all the counties to sign from the Highway 133 Committee out of Moultrie. Mr. Zellner went on to say that it was basically the same thing that everyone had signed a couple of years ago, acknowledging support of the proposed 4 lane project. Mr. Zellner stated that he felt sure they would be looking for the County to participate and that their next meeting was to be held on August 27, 2008 at 12:00 noon.

Final Item for Mr. Zellner was in reference to the unpaid clean up fee for the Community Center by the High School Band. They had used the Center on December 10 & 11 2007.

After a brief discussion it was decided to send a letter to the High School Superintendent asking for the debt to be paid and also stating that no further use of the Community Center will be permitted until that is done.

Chairman's Report:

For your information.

Worth County Board of Commissioners Office received a check in the amount of \$106,100.00 for the sale of the 2002 CAT 12H Motor Grader.

District 1 Tony Hall

Commissioner Hall made reference to the fact that he had received several calls from employees in reference to complaints he stated that although he did not have a problem with people calling him that he felt a chain of command should be established for employees to follow.

Chairman Miller suggested sending a memo to all employees, listing the chain of command and informing them that this is the procedure they need to follow. Attorney Miller stated he would like to re visit this topic once in executive session as well as the employee policy manual.

Commissioner Hall's next item concerned the Chamber of Commerce of which he is a Board Member. Mr. Hall mentioned that at their last meeting there had been some concerns about spending that had been mentioned by the EDA {Economic Development Authority.} Hollie Jones approached the Board on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and stated that the EDA had informed them of a \$10,000.00 cut in the funding that the Chamber receives from the EDA. Ms. Jones went on to say that this could really hurt the programs that they do

for the community and wanted to know if there was any way around this reduction of funding.

There was a brief discussion with Attorney Miller in reference to this matter.

District 2 Fred Dent

Commissioner Dent informed the Board that he had been researching the price on some used excavators to replace the one that had recently caught on fire and burnt by using the insurance money that we had received. Mr. Dent mentioned that the Public Works Equipment Operator had tried one out in Tallahassee that he really liked, they had one from Yancey Brothers for a few days to try but did not really like that one. Yancey Brothers were going to bring another excavator over (2006 model) for us to try and so Mr. Dent was asking the Board to give a little more time in order for the public works department to make up their mind which would be the best for us to purchase.

Chairman Miller mentioned that we should see if the Kamatsu dealership had anything for us to look at and Mr. Miller also stated that we needed to call all of the companies who we had recently received bids from in reference to equipment in order to be fair to all.

Mr. Dent's next item was in reference to Subdivision Ordinances pertaining to Green Lane. After some discussion as to whether this ordinance needed to be changed or even a section possibly removed Mr. Dent asked Attorney Miller to look into the possibility that there was a plat done that would allow a variance in the ordinance. Attorney Miller asked if the Building & Zoning Administrator had all the necessary documents and information that he would need, Mr. Dent stated that he thought so. It was agreed for the County Administrator to send a letter to Glenice King Building & Zoning Administrator in reference to this matter.

District 3 Bettye Bozeman:

Commissioner Bozeman informed the Board that last year she had brought it to the attention of the Building & Zoning Department about the property at 139 Dunn Road that needed some serious clean up work done. Ms. Bozeman went on to say that nothing had yet been done and now there was a boat in the yard that needed to be in the ocean, with trees that have grown up all around it. Chairman Miller asked Mr. Zellner to take a look at this situation and see what the Building & Zoning Department are doing in regards to situations like this. Chairman Miller also mentioned that Mr. Zellner should take a look at

Charles Matthews place, he explained how things had started to look very messy again out there.

Commissioner Bozeman had some other items for discussion but stated they could be handled under personnel.

District 4 Jerry Childree:

Commissioner Childree mentioned the fence that had been put up at the Bridgeboro Fire Department, asking as to whether it was facing the correct way. Chairman Miller stated that the fence was facing the Fire Dept and that was how it was suppose to be. Commissioner Childree then stated that he was giving the floor to Mr. Daniel Nesbit from the EDA.

Daniel Nesbit:

Mr. Nesbit approached the Board of Commissioners and informed them that he felt the EDA Board had made a good business decision in reference to cutting the funds that they give to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Nesbit went on to say that they have several projects they are working on right now that will be good for the County but that will take a lot of money to get them going. Mr. Nesbit explained how the cut of \$10,000.00 will not actually be until January 2009 as the Chamber had already received \$5000.00 because of how their fiscal year runs. Mr. Nesbit went on to say that he had really tried to explain this to the Chamber of Commerce but could not seem to get them to understand the reasoning behind what they have done. Mr. Nesbit told the Board how the Chamber had brought in their financial statements but could not really explain them to the EDA very well, he told how they had come back with their accountant who is his opinion did not do a very good job of explaining the Chambers finances either. Mr. Nesbit stated he felt that the Chamber actually had funds they didn't realize they had and that he felt sure they could manage just fine.

Mr. Nesbit then introduced Greg Sellers the new Executive Director for the Worth County Economic Development Authority to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Nesbit told the Board briefly of Mr. Sellers back ground and added that they were very confident he would bring fresh and bright ideas.

Commissioner Dent stated that he was very glad to have Mr. Sellers as part of the EDA. Mr. Dent told Mr. Sellers that he felt we had a great EDA Board now and that some one with his experience to lead them and do the leg work for them was just what was needed.

At 8:39 P.M. The Board went into recess

At 8:50 P.M. The Board reconvened.

Unfinished Business:

United Health Care Insurance for Worth County Employees:

After some discussion it was decided that the original price quoted had been met and there for the original vote would stand. Commissioner Dent stated that although he did not like the fact that Phoebe Hospital was not on the providers list every where else was. There for from an economic stand point it was the best business decision to make because it was going to save us over \$100,000.00.

Life Insurance:

After some discussion between the Board about the extra discounts UHC are offering to us if we move our Life Insurance with them as well Commissioner Dent stated it would be a good move as well.

Motion to approve: Fred Dent Second: Bettye Bozeman Vote: All yes

At 9:13 P.M. Commissioner Bozeman motioned to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Commissioner Dent Seconded. Vote all yes.

At 9:38 P.M. The Board reconvened with the open meeting.

Commissioner Childree asked about the Motor Grader situation.

Commissioner Dent motioned to send out RFP's for a New Motor Grader with a Sloper.

Commissioner Bozeman seconded. Vote: All yes.

Commissioner Hall motioned that we accept the recommendation of the County Attorney and give the power and authority to the county Administrator for the purpose of developing a New Personnel Policy and also Standard Operating Procedures for the E-911 Center.

Commissioner Childree seconded. Vote: All Yes

Commissioner Hall asked should a memo be sent out to all employees explaining the chain of command they must follow. Attorney Miller responded stating that he thought the best

course of action concerning the E-911 Center was to allow the Administrator to firmly verbally enforce it, and then to send a memo to all employees sometime in the near future.

At 9:45 P.M. Commissioner Hall motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Childree seconded:

Vote: All Yes.

Deborah Robinson

County clerk

Dan E. Miller

Chairman

