

**MINUTES
WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Thursday October 16, 2008

7:00 P.M.

The Worth County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday October 16, 2008 in the Commission Board Room, 3rd Floor Courthouse.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

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

Attorney Miller was not present at this meeting.

Public Hearing:

Approval of Minutes: September 18, 2008

September 26, 2008

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

Invited Guests:

- A. Lewis Henry Drayton: Reference Seabrook Drive.
Mr. Drayton was not present.

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

Robert Zellner County Administrator.

Mr. Zellner informed the Board of a bid on the Isabella Voting Precinct Building from Mr. Richard A. Patten for \$100.00. There was a discussion in reference to Mr. Patten obtaining the correct permits through the Building & Zoning Office. Commissioner Dent motioned to accept the bid of \$100.00 from Mr. Richard A. Patten pending approval from the Building & Zoning Department. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from all.

Mr. Zellner's next item was in reference to replacing Mr. Ronald Hudson's position on the Worth County Library Board of Trustees. He informed the Board he had received an e-mail from Ms. Vicky Young and she was requesting Ms. Bozeman to fill that position.

After a brief discussion: Commissioner Dent motioned to appoint Bettye Bozeman to the Library Board of Trustees to replace Ronald Hudson. Commissioner Hall seconded.

Motion carried with yes votes from all.

Mr. Zellner informed the Board he had received a second e-mail from Ms. Young requesting the \$5000.00 one time emergency fund payment. Mr. Miller explained that this had already been approved and therefore it was ok for the check to be sent.

Mr. Zellner then informed the Board that Public Works Director Clay Smith was requesting to repair the CAT D6 Dozier in the amount of \$17,202.78 to replace the under carriage. He went on to say that it is in real bad shape and can be repaired, and this would put the Dozier back in real good condition.

Commissioner Dent motioned to approve the quote of \$17,202.78. Commissioner Hall seconded.

Motion carried with yes votes from all.

At this time Mr. Zellner handed a copy of the Financial Report from September to the Board for their review. He stated that he was pleasantly surprised that the revenues were not down that much, in fact there was only 3% difference from this time last year. He went on to say that everything seems to be on track and that spending was actually less than last year and he felt we were in pretty good shape. Chairman Miller commented this was due to the spending freeze being put in place. Ms. Bozeman commented that she had spoken with Tabetha Dupriest the day before and that Ms. Dupriest had said they were just starting to receive property taxes. Commissioner Dent stated 80% of tax revenue will come in during the month of December.

Mr. Zellner addressed the issue of the phone calls received in reference to whether Advance Disposal Services had recently been sold. He informed the Board that AIG Investments, one of the investors of Advance Disposal Services and that they had been selling stock.

Chairman Miller commented that different reports were available on the internet in reference to this. Ms. Bozeman stated that as long as the local division was not affected and that our contract was still in place she did not have a problem with them.

Mr. Zellner informed the Board of a letter he had received from Mediacom informing us of a rate increase on their standard basic cable from \$18 up to \$21 and all other packages will stay the same.

Mr. Zellner's final item was to bring everyone up to date on the billing aspect of the garbage collections. He explained how everything was ready in the office as well as at the landfill.

He explained that Kathy would be receiving training from the software company the following week and also we are in the process of writing procedures for Bradley at the landfill to follow.

He explained the cost to us per bill would be .69 cents and that he had gathered 3 quotes in reference to out sourcing and the low bid was 46.76 cents per bill.

It was his recommendation that we use this company to send out our monthly garbage bills. We would send the invoice electronically to them once a month.

Commissioner Bozeman motioned to approve "ARISTA" for the purpose of out sourcing our garbage bills.

There were a few questions in reference to delays with the bills being as they would be mailed out from Atlanta; however, Mr. Zellner did not foresee any problems.

Chairman's Report.

City of Sylvester Police Chief Andy Anderson introduced himself to the Board of commissioners. Chief Anderson stated that if there was anything he and his department could do for the Board to please let him know. Chairman Miller commended Chief Anderson for how he had slowed traffic down through town and also commented on how the break-ins that had been occurring regularly had slowed down as well. All the Commissioners welcomed Chief Anderson to Worth County.

District 1 Tony Hall.

Commissioner Hall passed out the ACCG 2009 Resolution Report that was voted on while he was in Atlanta. He explained this was being presented to ACCG for approval. He went on to say that the only other item he had was for discussion under personnel.

District 2 Fred Dent.

Commissioner Dent stated the County needed to purchase another Motorgrader. He explained how if we put out for bids now it would be a month before we opened them and December or later before we would receive it. He also explained how there was going to be a 6% increase on all Motorgraders and it would make more sense to buy now.

Commissioner Dent motioned to accept bids on a Motorgrader. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from all.

Mr. Dent addressed the Board with a concern from Advance Disposal Services in reference to them being able to get into the Landfill early in the morning before it was actually open to the public. He explained how they wanted to have their drivers on the road at 7:00 A.M. and would probably need access to the landfill around 6:00 A.M. each day. Chairman Miller explained that he had spoken with Mr. Zellner about fencing an area at the bottom of the drive on the right hand for the purpose of Advance to park their trucks there and have the early morning access that Mr. Dent was talking about. All commissioners agreed that would be the best thing to do. Mr. Zellner stated the only other concern he knew of was in reference to "Holidays". During Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Landfill is closed for 2 days on each occasion and Advance Disposal Services will close only one day.

Mr. Zellner suggested that we would have Bradley Luke or James Morris work the day after and give them a day off at another time to compensate them. All Commissioners agreed.

At this time Commissioner Dent motioned to fence off an area at the bottom of the landfill driveway on the right hand side, for the purpose of allowing Advance Disposal Services to have somewhere to park 2 or 3 trucks. Commissioner Hall seconded. Motion carried with yes votes from all.

Commissioner Dent's next item was in reference to CR 65 Souter Road. This was a request from Ms. Willis to close a portion of the road. Mr. Dent explained that he had spoken with all property owners concerned in this matter and that Ed Souter did not want to close the whole road because he wanted to maintain access to his property. Therefore, closing a portion of the road from Shingler River Road down to the corner of Ed Souter's property would be the best thing to do. At this time, Commissioner Dent made the following motion.

Commissioner Dent motioned to have a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 20, 2008 for the purpose of closing a portion of CR 65 Souter Road. Commissioner Hall seconded.

Motion carried with yes votes from all.

District 3 Bettye Bozeman.

Commissioner Bozeman reported to the Board that a lady had arrived at 4:00 P.M. last Friday afternoon at the Building & Zoning office and found it closed. The lady in question told Ms. Bozeman that this was her second time arriving to find the office closed. After a brief discussion, Chairman Miller asked Mr. Zellner to check into this particular situation with the Building & zoning Administrator Glenice King.

At this time, Commissioner Dent mentioned an item concerning the Zoning Office and he asked Mr. Zellner to check into the Ordinance pertaining to 150 feet of public road frontage being the stipulation to have a house approved.

Commissioner Bozeman continued with her next item which was in reference to the County's new Rescue Truck. Ms. Bozeman went on to say that the truck had been seen at the Bank, Video Store as well as some Restaurants. Chairman Miller asked Mr. Zellner to remind Lynn Ford and Jason Brooks that this vehicle should not be used for personal business. Chairman Miller also mentioned that he had to tell them to anchor down the tool box on this truck.

Ms. Bozeman also informed the Board that the Fire Truck had been seen running approximately 80 miles an hour through town. Ms Bozeman stated that the Fire Truck has to follow the law in reference to speed and should not be travelling more than 10 miles over the speed limit. Ms. Bozeman mentioned a wreck that had occurred on SR 82 due to one of our trucks running a red light and also mentioned that she saw one of the rescue trucks speeding on SR 313 in Isabella and that Deborah Robinson was standing with her at that time in Ms Bozeman's front yard.

Commissioner Bozeman wanted to bring it to the attention of the Board and the County Administrator that employees are parking in areas that need to be available to the public around the Court House. Chairman Miller commented that a memo had been sent out to all employees before in reference to this. He stated how they had informed everyone they should park in the parking lot provided for employees. The problem being that Constitutional Officers would not comply with this as well. Commissioner Hall stated that the Board could not do anything about the Constitutional Officers because they are not considered employees. Commissioner Hall suggested sending out a memo as a reminder to all employees in reference to where they should park their vehicles.

District 4 Jerry Childree.

Commissioner Childree asked if anything had been received from the D.O.T in reference to the Jones Bridge Road Project. Mr. Zellner stated that he had spoken with D.O.T. the week before the Atlanta Training Conference but had not heard anything else at this time. Mr. Zellner said he would give D.O.T. the remainder of the week. Mr. Dent asked Mr. Zellner to check on the Cotton Road project with the D.O.T as well.

Commissioner Childree informed the Board that on returning to Worth County from the Atlanta Training Conference, he and Deborah Robinson had driven through the Public Works Facility to find several of the employees sitting around at 3:00 P.M. as if they had quit for the day. Mr. Childree stated that the Scraper that was supposed to be in his district was also at the Public Works facility and the operator was almost through washing it which had to have taken at least 30 minutes. He went on to say that if they had nothing to do maybe they should clock out and go home. Commissioner Bozeman and Commissioner Hall agreed with that statement. Mr. Hall stated that if we were to enforce them clocking out and going home that they should not be allowed to make that time up.

Action Docket:

A. Telephone Poll Approval:

- (1) Sheriff Freddie Tompkins is requesting to surplus 2005 Ford Crown Victoria Vin # 2FAFP71W85X116448. Car will be sold at Public Auction 10/04/2008. Poll Date 09/30/08. Motion: Bettye Bozeman Second: Jerry Childree All Yes
- (2) Public Works Director, Clay Smith is requesting to surplus a 1989 CAT 140 G Sloper # 72V12241. The Sloper and the

previous surplused 1999 CAT 615-C Pan 9XG1147 will be carried to Tallahassee for auction. Poll Date 09/26/08
1989 CAT 140-G Sloper sold for \$52,500 minus 5%. The 1999 CAT 615-C Pan did not Sell.

Motion: Bettye Bozeman Second: Jerry Childree All Yes

- B. Demolition of specific buildings at Public Works.
No Action Taken at this time.
- C. City of Sylvester is requesting annexation of 32.946 acre parcel of property and the 48.31 acre parcel of property located in land lot number 404,7th land district.
Motion: Bettye Bozeman Second: Fred Dent All Yes
- D. Fourth Annual Georgia County Excellence Awards Application
Deadline 11/03/2008
Acknowledged by the Board
- E. Michelle Hutchinson on behalf of Worth County High School is requesting use of the Community Center December 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, 2008 for WCHS Choral Department.
Motion: Fred Dent Second: Bettye Bozeman
Yes vote from Jerry Childree. Tony Hall chose to Abstain.
- F. Tabettha Dupriest is requesting approval of E&R's 2006-07 Tax Digest for the month of July 2008 Property and M/H.
Motion: Bettye Bozeman Second: Jerry Childree All Yes
- G. Tabettha Dupriest is requesting approval of E&R's 2006-07 Tax Digest for the month of August 2008 Property and M/H.
Motion: Bettye Bozeman Second: Jerry Childree All Yes
- H. Sylvester/Worth County NAACP Branch #5233 is requesting your support by purchasing an ad for their souvenir booklet.
No Action Taken at this time.

- I. Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center – Worth County Service Delivery Strategy Agreement.
Motion: Bettye Bozeman Second: Fred Dent All Yes

- J. Best Friends Humane Society in Worth County is requesting waiver of \$250.00 for the use of the Community Center for November 21, 2008 and pay only the \$100.00 utility fee.
Motion: Tony Hall Second: Jerry Childree
Yes vote from Fred Dent. Commissioner Bozeman chose to Abstain.

- K. Approve Hollie Jones, President, Chamber of Commerce to serve as Worth County's private sector Workforce Investment Board effective October 16, 2008.
Motion: Tony Hall Second: Bettye Bozeman All Yes

Unfinished Business:

Rachel Willis is requesting a portion of CR 65 Souter Road be closed.
Motion made earlier to have a Public Hearing.

New Business:

Professional Services Agreement – Worth County Board of Commissioners/National Fire Services Office.
After a brief discussion Mr. Dent stated that bringing our ISO rating from a 9 down to a 6 could help people save up to 35% on their home owners insurance. Mr. Dent also stated that if Mr. Zellner felt this was the right company to go with that he had no problem with it.
Motion: Fred Dent Second: Tony Hall All Yes.

At 8:01 P.M. commissioner Bozeman motioned to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Second: Tony Hall. Motion carried all yes.

At 8:25 P.M. meeting reconvened to regular session.

Personnel considerations:

County Administrator Robert Zellner informed the Board that Deborah Robinson had successfully completed her six month work test. He informed everyone that Ms. Robinson was doing an excellent job and asked that they approve her to full time status with a pay increase as originally stated at time of hire.

Motion to approve full-time status and pay increase Bettye Bozeman.
Second: Tony Hall.
Motion carried with all yes votes.

With no further business for discussion:

At 8:31 P.M. Commissioner Hall motioned to adjourn
Second: Fred Dent
Motion carried with yes votes from all.

County Clerk
Deborah Robinson

Chairman
Dan E. Miller