

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING/WORK SESSION
TUESDAY-JANUARY 30, 2007
6:00 P.M.**

The Called Meeting Work Session of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Virgil Carter on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Theodore Wilkerson, Sarah Boatright, Ronnie Rentz, Mike Dyal, John E. Tillman and Chairman Virgil Carter. Also present was County Manager Luther Smart, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and Clerk Chrissy Harris.

Chairman Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Commissioner Tillman led the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Carter gave then invocation.

**APPLING COUNTY HEALTHCARE – PRISONER HEALTHCARE
PRESENTATION – MR. DALE SPELL**

Mr. Dale Spell addressed the board concerning the Prisoner Healthcare. He informed the board that Appling County Healthcare would provide an on-call Doctor or Nurse Practitioner twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Mr. Spell handed out a proposal to the Commissioners to look over.

LAKE MAYERS PRESENTATION - MR. BOB WIGGINS

Mr. Wiggins was not present for the presentation.

LAKE MAYERS MIDGE AND DRAWDOWN ISSUE

Commissioner Dyal informed the board that he had compiled a list of advantages and disadvantages of drawing down Lake Mayers. Among the advantages were to temporarily help reduce midge population, allow the replacement of chain link fence, and allow property owners to do improvements. The disadvantages Commissioner Dyal mention was that if the Lake was drawn down, the lake would be temporarily closed for fishing and the cost of the pipe used to draw down the lake.

Dennis Hughes, property owner at Lake Mayers, addressed the board opposing the draw down of Lake Mayers. Mr. Hughes expressed that he felt that Lake Mayers is in the best shape it has ever been.

Commissioner Tillman referred to a letter sent by the Department of Natural Resources opposing the draw down of Lake Mayers.

Commissioner Boatright made a motion seconded by Commissioner Tillman to leave Lake Mayers as it is. Motion carried with Commissioners Boatright, Tillman, Wilkerson and Rentz voting in favor of the motion and Commissioner Dyal opposing this motion.

COMMUNITY CENTER FLOOR REPAIR

County Manager Smart reported that for the year 2006 the Chamber of Commerce has collected a total of \$3,100 in rent for the Community Center Building. The Chamber's next meeting will not be until February. At the February meeting the Chamber Board will discuss how much the Chamber will be able to contribute to the repair of the Community Center floor.

Commissioner Boatright suggested obtaining another bid on the repair of the Community Center floor while waiting on the Chamber board to get back with the County Manager.

VERNON WILLIAMS ROAD

On January 18, 2007 a meeting was held in the Department of Transportation office in Atlanta concerning Vernon Williams Road.

(Insert-Minutes of Meeting with DOT)

The Department of Transportation will be funding this project under a LET which means that is a County Contract and will count against the county's allocation. DOT estimates the cost of grade, drain, base and paving to be \$270,000 plus 5 % for traffic control. Appling County will be responsible for obtaining all right of ways to include ROW for the "decell" lane, surveys, NPDES, wet lands, and sediment and erosion control. The total cost will exceed \$300,000. Under the current 60-40% ratio Appling County is looking at a minimal of \$180,000.

The Commissioners suggested getting a cost estimate on the in-house paving of Vernon Williams Road.

Road Superintendent Tommy Williams stated that the grading and drainage of the road would cost approximately \$51,000. Paving with soil cement costs are \$147 per ton and \$50,000 per mile with triple treatment.

The Commissioners will look further into this issue before making a decision.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. DOT Transportation Enhancement: State DOT is now accepting applications for Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects for FY 2008 and 2009. The application process will run from April 2, 2007 through June 15, 2007. All applications will be submitted electronically. Seven workshops will be held statewide during the month

of April. TE projects require a minimum of 20% matching funds. There are 12 different categories that qualify for TE projects. I have handed out a copy of the DOT announcement and of the 12 different areas. The Board needs to review these documents and determine if this is something the county would want to pursue.

2. **Legislative Alert:** I have handed out a legislative alert issued by the ACCG concerning annexation legislation that is moving through both the state house and senate. Please review these alerts as well as other legislation that is pending and let me know if the Board wants me to respond to any of these bills on behalf of the Board.
3. **ACCG Annual Meeting:** ACCG will be holding its 2007 Annual Meeting April 21 through April 24, 2007 at the Savannah Civic Center in Savannah Georgia. Saturday, April 21st is the training day with the actual meeting starting on Sunday, April 22nd. I have handed out a copy of the packet.
4. **Repeat: ACCG Spring Training:** ACCG will be holding its 2007 Spring Training, March 15 and 16 at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center. I have handed out a copy of the flyer to each Commissioner. Please note that the Fundamentals of Property Appraisal and Taxation is a two day course while the remaining courses are one day. Please see Yvonne Sellers to make your reservations if you are planning on attending.
5. **Repeat: Tree Fest:** The 17th Annual Baxley Tree Fest will be held April 12th through 14th, 2007.
6. **Repeat: Heritage Center:** The Heritage Center will hosting a State “Circuit Rider Archivist Program” on Monday February 19th from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at the Appling County Courthouse Annex in the Commissioners Meeting Room.
7. **Repeat: Tara Lake Dam Inspection:** EPD’s Safe Dams Inspection Team has conducted their inspection of Lake Tara Dam on January 17, 2007. The team had the Public Works Department to go ahead and take care of some “minor” items and their report will be issue within two months.
8. **Repeat: ACCG 2007 Legislative Conference:** ACCG will be holding its 2007 Legislative Conference on February 5 & 6, 2007 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Monday, February 5th will be the training day and Tuesday February 6th will be the actual conference with a visit to the state capital and a reception at the old train depot that night. You should have received a copy of the notification in your packets.
9. **Repeat: Appling County Comprehensive Plan:** I have reviewed the draft Solid Waste Plan and the draft Service Deliveries Strategies packet with the RDC. I am in the process of reviewing a short range and long range goals document and actions taken from the previous plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried unanimously.

After reconvening from Executive Session there was no action taken.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Carter announced that that the first meeting for the month of February which is February 6, 2007 will be cancelled because most of the commissioners will be out of town. There will be a Called Meeting/Work Session on February 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was adjourned.