

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007  
6:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Virgil Carter on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Sarah Boatright, H. Mike Dyal, John Elbert Tillman, Ronnie Rentz, and Chairman Virgil Carter. Also present was Interim County Manager Mike Cleland, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and County Clerk Chrissy Harris. Present from the news media was Joe Taylor the Advisor of the TSA (Technology Student Association) videoing for ATC Cable Company and Jamie Gardner of the Baxley News Banner. Present representing the Appling Healthcare System was Dale Spell and Mr. James Twiggs.

Chairman Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting

Chrissy Harris led the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Rentz gave the invocation.

Commissioner Boatright made a motion seconded by Commissioner Rentz to approve the minutes of April 3, 2007 and April 10, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

There were no disbursements for approval at this time.

**APPLING HEALTHCARE SYSTEM UPDATE**

Mr. James Twiggs updated the board on issues concerning the Appling Healthcare System.

Mr. Twiggs reported that the bond balance is now \$4,911,354.46.

The walls are going up at the new Nursing Home and because of the lack of rain the contractors have not been delayed on the construction.

Patient rooms in the hospital are currently being renovated one at a time. New tile is being installed in each room, walls are being repaired, and new sleep adjustable chairs are being put in the rooms.

A Day Surgery Unit will be opening up at Appling Healthcare System.

Two new doctors are joining Appling Health Care System, a pediatrics doctor and a family doctor.

Mr. Twiggs will be contacting Mr. Cleland to give him an expected time line on the construction of the new nursing home.

**OLD BUSINESS****SET EFFECTIVE DATE FOR TIMBER AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCES**

Chairman Carter reported that he has met with Tax Assessor R.L. Stone and he has agreed to handle the Timber Permits through his office. Mr. Stone has a list of thirty-eight loggers that has harvested timber in Appling County over the past couple of years and will be sending out a letter to these harvesters to inform them of the Timber Harvesting Ordinance.

Chairman Carter suggested to the board to set the effective dates for the Timber and Subdivision Ordinance for May 15, 2007. This will give time to advertise the effective date for the ordinances before they go into effect.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dyal and seconded by Commissioner Tillman to set the effective date for the Timber and Subdivision Ordinance for May 15, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners agreed to appoint Interim Manager Mike Cleland, Tax Assessor R. L. Stone, and Building and Grounds Superintendent Troy Rushing to serve on a Subdivision Ordinance Committee.

Commissioner Dyal suggested that the Commissioners discuss adopting a policy that requires the Commissioners to hold two public hearings on an ordinance before adopting it.

The Commissioners agreed to consider Mr. Dyal's suggestion.

**OPENING OF SCRAP METAL BIDS FOR THE LANDFILL**

County Attorney Bob Highsmith opened the Scrap Metal Bids for the Landfill and they were as follows:

<i>Down South Salvage</i>	<i>\$ 6.00 per 100 lb</i>
<i>844 Sandy Road, Baxley</i>	
<i>Barber's Recycling</i>	
<i>360 Friendship Road, Alma</i>	<i>\$ 2.00 per 100 lb</i>
<i>Johnnie L. Hardin</i>	<i>\$ .40 per 100 lb</i>
<i>3320 Hatch Parkway S, Baxley</i>	

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Dyal to accept the bid from Down South Salvage of \$6.00 per 100 lbs. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPOINT/REAPPOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

The Appling County Development Authority has four director terms expiring April 30, 2007. The directors are Jerry Strickland, James Rentz, Sidney Wildes and Ronnie White. The term of office is four years. Each director has been contacted and has agreed to continue to serve if reappointed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Dyal to reappoint Jerry Strickland, James Rentz, Sidney Wildes and Ronnie White to the Development Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ROADS/BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

#### **ROADS-TOMMY DAVIS**

Mr. Tommy asked for the board to support a dinner that the Road Department is planning for the retirement of B.G. Crosby and Alton Thornton. The board agreed.

The motor has been installed in the Recreation vehicle but because of unforeseen problems the total cost of getting the truck running was \$3,800 instead of \$2,900.

Mr. Tommy then reported that he was in need of two tractors for mowing. Mr. Tommy also expressed his need for a bulldozer, a pickup truck, and an excavator. Mr. Tommy explained that the price for this equipment had been figured into his budget but because of accounting issues the amount needed for this equipment is not showing in his budget.

The commissioners asked Mr. Tommy to get a ballpark figure of the total price of the equipment needed and report back to the board and list the priority order of the equipment.

The board agreed to allow Mr. Tommy to check into putting the four tractors at the shop that is in need of replacement in the Miller's Auction.

#### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS-TROY RUSHING**

Mr. Rushing reported that the office building at the Falling Rocks Park will be complete this week. The well should be installed in the next few weeks.

Three classrooms and two offices have been painted at the Head Start Building.

Mr. Rushing informed the board that there are three big oak trees around the Concerted Services Building that are about 150 years old and need to be removed professionally.

The commissioners asked Mr. Rushing to obtain prices on having the trees removed and they will discuss this issue further at the next meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need for Executive Session at this time.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Carter announced that there will be a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 with Public Input beginning at 5:30 and the Regular Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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