

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 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, March 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Sarah Boatright, H. Mike Dyal, John Elbert Tillman, Ronnie Rentz, and Commissioner Chairman Virgil Carter. Also present was County Manager Luther Smart, 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 Al Graham from WBYZ Radio Station.

Chairman Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Commissioner Boatright led the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Al Graham gave the invocation.

Commissioner Dyal made a motion seconded by Commissioner Boatright to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 6, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS

There were no disbursements for approval at this time.

QUARTERLY HOSPITAL REPORT – DALE SPELL AND JAMES TWIGGS

No one was present to give this presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

**SELECT TWO REPRESENTATIVE FOR RDC ECONOMICS DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Dyal made a motion seconded by Commissioner Rentz to appoint Sarah Boatright and Dale Atkins as representatives for the RDC Economics Development District Strategy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Tillman and seconded by Commissioner Dyal to purchase a new motor from NAPA Auto Parts and have the County Shop install

the motor in the Recreation Department's maintenance truck. The money that is not being paid out for the Recreation Director's salary will be used to purchase the motor. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL – LANDFILL EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION

County Manager Luther Smart reported that he, Landfill Superintendent Paul Fields, and Publics Works Director Tommy Davis has reviewed the applications for the Landfill Equipment Operator position at the Landfill. They are recommending that Derrick Hunter presently working as a laborer at the Road Department be transferred to the Landfill as an Equipment Operator and advertise for a vacancy of the Laborer position at the Road Department.

Commissioner Boatright made a motion seconded by Commissioner Rentz to accept the reassignment of Derrick Hunter as an Equipment Operator at the Landfill. Motion carried unanimously.

By nod of their heads, the Commissioners agreed to allow the County Manager to advertise for the Laborer vacancy at the Road Department.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business at this time.

ROADS - BUILDING AND GROUNDS

ROADS - MR. TOMMY DAVIS

Mr. Tommy Davis reported that grading and drainage has been completed Hoppy Trail and Poplar Lane and they are presently working on Doc McTier Road. Kate Mann Road has been cleared.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – MR. TROY RUSHING

Mr. Rushing reported that the floor repair at the Community Center has been completed.

At the Falling Rocks Park, the electricians are expected to be finished in about a week. The septic tank will be installed before getting the office building. Mr. Rushing also reported that he will be checking into getting another contractor for the well.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Recreation Board: Mr. Andy Dominy has resigned from the Recreation Board. This vacancy will not be filled as the By-Laws has reduced the size of the Recreation Board.

2. **Public Works Equipment Replacement:** The Public Works Department is in need of at least two tractors, mainly for cutting grass along side of our roads. We currently have five tractors and four are worn-out. I have handed out the maintenance records on the four tractors. They are spending more time in the shop for repairs than they are actually in service. Mr. Davis and I are recommending that we sell the four tractors at the auction and that we set a minimum price on each. One of our employees, Mr. Richard Leigh has obtained his license to do the spraying along our right-of-ways but we need to make the first cut before we spray. The cost of replacing the two tractors was not programmed into the FY 07 budget. Please review the handouts and ask questions of Mr. Davis or myself so we can place these items on the next regularly scheduled meeting.
3. **Crime Victim's Rights Week:** The District Attorney's Office is requesting that the Appling County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution designating the week of April 22-28, 2007 a National Crime Victim's Rights Week. A display will be set up on the ground floor of the Annex Building the entire week with a formal ceremony set for April 26th at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.
4. **New Rescue Vehicle:** The new rescue vehicle has been received and is now fully operational. Mr. Dane Bruce has the vehicle available for everyone who wishes to look at it and ask questions. The vehicle will be displayed in our parking lot immediately following our meeting.
5. **Repeat: Road Closure:** I have been informed by the Area DOT Office that Norfolk Southern Railway has tentatively scheduled to work on the crossings in Appling County and that the crossing for US #1. **The revised dates for the closure are now set for March 26, 27, and 28.** The crossing will be closed for two days. DOT will be sending out notices to the newspaper, radio station, E-911, EMS, law enforcement and other emergencies services of the closure. Traffic will be diverted to City Circle Road. **If you haven't noticed today, Norfolk Southern has been laying new Crossties and placing new asphalt across the secondary crossings throughout the county the last several days.** As I receive additional information I will inform the board.
6. **Repeat: DOT Transportation Enhancement:** State DOT is now accepting applications for Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects for FY 2008 and FY 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.
7. **Repeat: 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. Each Commissioner should have already received a copy of the

registration forms. The cutoff for hotel reservations is March 12, 2007. **Please be advised that the DeSoto Hilton is full.** Therefore, if you have not registered then you will be staying wherever we can find lodging for you. As a reminder, Saturday, April 21st will be the training day with the actual meeting starting on Sunday, April 22nd.

8. Repeat: Tree Fest: The 17th Annual Baxley Tree Fest will be held April 12th through April 14th, 2007.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Dyal to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried unanimously. Sheriff Benny Deloach was present in the Executive Session.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Carter announced that there will be a Work Session on March 27, 2007 beginning at 6:00 p.m. and a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 with Public Input beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the Regular Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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