

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 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, May 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Sarah Boatright, H. Mike Dyal, John Elbert Tillman, Ronnie Rentz, Theodore Wilkerson 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.

Chairman Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Commissioner John E. Tillman led the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Alan Johnson gave the invocation.

Commissioner Rentz made a motion seconded by Commissioner Boatright to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 1, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

DISBURSEMENTS

There were no disbursements for approval at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

SIGNATURE CHIP FOR CHECKS

At the last meeting, prices were presented to the commissioners for a signature chip to be installed in the Administrative Office printer to allow signatures to be printed on all accounts payable and payroll checks.

The prices were as follows:

<i>Printer Chip w/micr font</i>	\$ 285.00
<i>Digitize 1 Signature</i>	\$ 200.00 (per signature)
<i>Shipping and Handling</i>	\$ 35.00

Commissioner Boatright stated that she was opposed to obtaining a signature chip because she felt that signing checks is part of her elected duties.

Commissioner Rentz made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dyal to approve the purchase of the signature chip for the Administrative Office printer and that a check register of printed checks will be provided after the signature chip is installed. Motion carried with Commissioners Rentz, Dyal, Tillman, and Wilkerson voting for the motion and Commissioner Boatright voting against.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING ORDINANCE

Commissioner Dyal suggested that the board form a committee of the citizens of Appling County to give input on the Manufactured Housing Ordinance. Commissioner Dyal expressed that he felt that the Manufactured Housing Ordinance is a very important issue and needed to be examined thoroughly before the board takes action.

Commissioner Rentz and Commissioner Boatright expressed their concern with the provision that a mobile home could not be purchased if it is ten years or older.

County Manager Cleland informed them that the provision they are referring to has been removed from the ordinance. However, there is a provision that prohibits the purchase of a ten-year or older trailer from out of the county. There is also a provision that all trailers five years or older are subject to inspection before purchased.

This item will be discussed further in next week's work session.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Dyal and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to authorize Chairman Carter to sign the Community Assessment and Solid Waste Management Plan Resolutions. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

REGION 8 HAZMAT RESPONSE FEE

An invoice has been received from the Region 8 Haz-mat Team for this year's response fee payment. The amount of the invoice is \$1,741.90. The amount is based on \$100 per 1,000 of the population in Appling County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to approve the invoice from the Region 8 Haz-mat Team in the amount of \$1,741.90. Motion carried unanimously.

ROADS/BUILDING AND GROUNDS

ROADS-TOMMY DAVIS

Mr. Davis asked the board if the county had any policy pertaining to farmers being allowed to use public roads for farming purposes during the drought. The commissioners agreed to allow Mr. Davis and Mr. Cleland to work on putting together something for the Commissioners to look at for the next work session.

Mr. Davis also reported that \$30,000 worth of equipment was sold at Miller's Auction.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS-TROY RUSHING

Mr. Rushing reported that sound panels have been installed in the courtroom. Court was held earlier this week and the sound panels improved the sound.

The well driller began drilling the well this morning at the Falling Rocks Park and should be through by tomorrow afternoon. The pump will be installed this week after the well has been dug.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Falling Rocks Ceremony – Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening – Meal, speeches, etc. 10:00 am – 1:00 pm., Thursday, May 17, 2007.
2. Signature Chip – Has been Okayed by Auditors. Provider cannot split checks by Category. Printed signatures will have to be used on all checks.
3. Bid two tractors (mowing)
\$115,000 Budget adjustment (roads)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dyal and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to allow the Public Works Department to bid out for two mowing tractors.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Tillman to reinstate \$115,000 to the Road Department Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

4. On May 29th at 9:30 am a Department of Transportation representative will be at Our office to review and discuss upcoming scheduled state road projects (STIP) for the next four years. You will be given the opportunity to ask questions, make comments, etc. All commissioners, mayors, and councilmen are asked to attend.
5. B.R.A.G.- 1,800 + riders are scheduled to come through Appling County. They Will arrive on June 14th, spend the night and depart on June 15th. The Board of Tourism and Chamber are preparing to help make their stay with us pleasant.
County Farm Fire Department – afternoon of 14th
Highway 144 Fire Department – morning of the 15th
6. June 7th Legislature Appreciation meeting at the Chamber Senator Williams and Representative Smith will be here as well as representatives from our Washington Office for Senator Chamblis and Representative Kingston.
7. Volunteer Fire Departments has spent a total of \$ 3,826.00 responding to fires in Ware and Atkinson County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to reimburse the rural fire departments for expenses incurred while assisting with fires in Ware and Akinson County. Motion carried unanimously.

County Farm Fire Department is in need of a better fire truck. They have obtained prices on a truck they can modify into a fire truck. The commissioners will discuss this issue at next week's work session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

After reconvening from Executive Session, a motion was made by Commissioner Dyal and seconded by Commissioner Boatright to make Building and Grounds Assistant Robert James Crapps III full time with benefits. Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Carter announced that there would be a Work Session/Called Meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

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