

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSESSION/CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY-OCTOBER 30, 2007
5:00 P.M.**

The Called Meeting/ Work Session of the Appling County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Virgil Carter on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Sarah Boatright, H. Mike Dyal, John Elbert Tillman, Ronnie Rentz, Theodore Wilkerson and Commissioner Chairman Virgil Carter. Also present was County Manager Michael Phillips, County Attorney Bob Highsmith and County Clerk Chrissy Harris.

ACTION ITEMS

FIRE DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION - \$ 4,620 REQUESTED FOR CLASSES

Chad Kent reported that he had previously come before the board requesting \$4,620 for First Responder Training. Mr. Kent explained that since then the hospital has offered to conduct the First Responder training class for free. This will take \$1,820 off of the original request cost of the training. The request is now for \$2,800 for twenty-eight jump bags at \$100 per bag.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Rentz to grant the request of \$ 2,800 for twenty-eight jump bags at \$100 per bag. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLING MEDICAL GROUP BUILDING CARPET REPLACEMENT

Building and Grounds Director Troy Rushing reported that the Appling Medical Group has requested tile instead of carpet. Mr. Rushing has received an estimate of \$9,975 for removing the old carpet and putting down tile at the Appling Medical Group Building.

The Commissioners agreed to bid out putting down the tile in the building that is rented by Appling Medical Group.

LANDFILL USER FEES INCREASE

The Appling County Landfill is not collecting sufficient amount of fees for the operating costs of the Landfill. The Commissioners has received a print out showing in county and out of county user fees at other landfills. Currently the Appling County Landfill rates are \$15 for in county and \$27 for out-of-county for waste brought to the Landfill.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rentz and seconded by Commissioner Dyal to raise the in-county price per ton to \$20 and the out-of-county price per ton to \$37. Motion carried unanimously.

TWO APPOINTMENTS TO THE ALTAMAHA RIVER PARTNERSHIP BOARD

At a previous Commissioners meeting held on October 16, 2007, the Board of Commissioners voted to appoint Karen Glynn and Karen Tharpe to the Seven Rivers RC&D Board. The two appointments should have been made to the Altamaha River Partnership Board.

Commissioner Boatright made a motion seconded by Commissioner Tillman to rescind the previous motion appointing Karen Glenn and Karen Tharpe to the Seven Rivers RC&D Board, instead appointing Karen Glenn and Karen Tharpe to the Altamaha River Partnership Board. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkerson to allow the County Manager and the County Attorney to negotiate the purchase of the Old Junior High School Building.

Commissioner Dyal suggested that the Commissioners should check into doing a long-term lease with the option to buy the Old Junior High School Building.

Commissioner Wilkerson withdrew the motion to allow the County Manager and the County Attorney to negotiate the purchase of the Old Junior High School Building.

Commissioner Dyal made a motion seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to allow the County Manager and the County Attorney to negotiate a twenty-five year lease with the option to purchase plan and if the lease purchase plan does not work out, then allow negotiations for the purchase of the Old Junior High School Building.

County Attorney Bob Highsmith commented that the Board of Education does not show any interest in leasing the Old Junior High School Building. The Board of Education is interested in selling the Old Junior High School Building.

Commissioner Dyal withdrew the motion and Commissioner Wilkerson withdrew the second to the motion to allow the County Manager and the County Attorney to negotiate a twenty-five year lease with the option to purchase plan and if the lease purchase plan does not work out, then allow negotiations for the purchase for the Old Junior High School Building.

Commissioner Wilkerson made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dyal to allow the County Manager and the County Attorney to negotiate a purchasing plan with the Board of Education for the Old Junior High School Building. Motion carried unanimously.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

The Commissioners went into a Work Session to discuss the following non-action items: Letter to Georgia Power to Retain Local Service People, Sullivan Environmental Solid Waste Contract, Pool Buildings Bid, and the Community Center Architectural Bid.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for Executive Session.

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