



CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commission Chambers, Fort Gaines, Georgia

Minutes

May 7, 2010

Special Called Meeting

11:30 a.m.

1) Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Chairman Shivers called the special called meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. Chairman David Shivers, Vice Chairman Barry Waters, and Commissioners James Davenport and Radar Fair, Sr. were in attendance as well as County Administrator Mueller and County Clerk Adria Williams. Guests included Representative Gerald Greene, Senator Freddie Sims, and U. S. House of Representatives Field Representative Wallace Sholar.

2) Agenda Approval

Agenda approval was unanimous.

3) New Business

- a. Discussion – George T. Bagby State Park and Meadow Links Golf Course
The commission discussed the plight of George T. Bagby State Park looking for avenues for the park and golf course to remain open. Chairman Shivers recognized Representative Greene, Senator Sims, and Mr. Sholar being present. The Chairman opened the floor for comments:

Ken Penuel- Mr. Penuel gave an update on the status of Bagby Park. He stated that the Economic Development Authority has been negotiating with DNR for the last year about the fate of Bagby Park and Meadow Links Golf Course. The two properties are separate and are under two different operational guidelines. The operational deficit for the combination of the park and lodge were \$700,000 in 2007/08, \$750,000 - \$800,000 the following year, with the year to date on the lodge being \$400,000. The Department of Natural Resources has not given an official statement as to the future of Bagby Park. At the present time the County Attorney is negotiating with the Department of Natural Resources' Attorney to see if there is any way to get any encumbrances of the tax exempt bonds.

Representative Greene- Representative Greene spoke of the August 17th meeting and of the continued budget problems. DNR's budget has been decreased. An official closing date hasn't been stated but something has to be done by June 30; the loss cannot be continued, as stated by Becky Kelley. Allocated monies will be disbursed to other parks. He stated that the Governor's office is not aware of what's happening with Bagby Park. He stated that support is needed from the area's chambers.

Senator Sims- Senator Sims feels that we need to turn to the federal government for help. An immediate infusion of \$500,000 is needed.

County Administrator Mueller- Mr. Mueller asked Representative Greene if he could find out more about the bonds and the park's true expense reports; the more we know the better when looking for 3rd party contractors.

Chairman Shivers- Chairman Shivers spoke of RVRC forming a letter of support for the area county commissions to sign.

4) Adjourn

The special called meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.



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David Shivers
David Shivers, Chairman

05-20-2010
Date

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I AM THE COUNTY CLERK AND THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MAY 7, 2010 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Adria Williams
Adria Williams, County Clerk

05-20-2010
Date