



CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commission Chambers, Fort Gaines, Georgia
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2008
7:00pm

1) Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Anderson, Commissioner Willie McCoy, Commissioner Barry Waters and Commissioner Walt Killingsworth and Commissioner David Shivers was present. Also in attendance were Administrator Pam Ward, County Clerk Teresa Smith and Attorney Bill Mills. Commissioner Shivers opened with prayer.

2) Agenda Approval

Motion by Commissioner Waters to add item 7-c to agenda: Commissioner Waters to discuss the County Attorneys investigation of Commissioner Waters. Add item 7-d Discuss county employee's COLA increase. Second by Commissioner Killingsworth. All in favor, motion carries.

3) Annual Appointments

None

4) Presentations Before the Board

None

5) Minutes

a. February 19, 2008 amended minutes pending review of County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Shivers to approve the amended minutes of February 19, 2008. Second by Commissioner Killingsworth. Commissioner Shivers voted yea, Commissioner McCoy voted yea, Commissioner Killingsworth voted yea, Commissioner Anderson voted yea and Commissioner Waters voted nay. Motion carries.

b. October 7, 2008 regular minutes

Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the minutes of October 7, 2008 minutes with changes: item 4-a-l, Change Engineering Consultants to Energy Consultants of Georgia, item 5-a replace the word "amended" to "requested", item 5-b, insert after "discuss" "resending the motion of 2.19.08 authorizing the". Item 8-j, insert after "Don Walker", Board requested this". Under comments from the board, to add, Commissioner Waters handed out list of Lower Chattahoochee RDC projects. Second by Commissioner Killingsworth. All in favor, motion carries.

6) Correspondence Requiring Action

None

7) Unfinished Business

a. Request to GDOT for allocation of gravel to newly selected roads.

Motion Commissioner Waters to approve the request to GDOT for allocations of gravel on newly selected roads with one road addition; add Mill Pond Rd-2.5 miles. Second by Commissioner Shivers. All in favor, motion carries.

b. Appointment of SWGA Regional Jail Authority Member.

Motion by Commissioner Waters to approve the appointment of Roland Tomlinson to the SWGA Jail Authority. Second by Commissioner Shivers. All in favor, motion carries.

c. Commissioner Waters to discuss the County Attorneys investigation of Commissioner Waters.

Commissioner Waters request resending the motion by Commissioner Shivers on 2.19.08, to have the County Attorney investigate Commissioner Waters regarding alleged accusation between Commissioner Waters and County Employee. No action taken at this time.

d. Employee COLA increase. Commissioner Waters stated that in Clay County Personnel Policy, Section 14.4 and 14.5, County employees are given a COLA increase at the beginning of County's new fiscal Year. Postponed.



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8) New Business

a. Resolution 08-029 Amending FY08 Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Waters to approve Resolution 08-029 with one change; item 1-line two, correct the resolution number that 08-029 replaces, should be 08-027 not 08-026. Second by Commissioner Shivers. All in favor, motion carries.

b. Request for suggestions of CDBG projects for FY09. Postponed

c. Consideration of accepting contract with DCA for Communities of Opportunity.

Motion by Commissioner Shivers to proceed with DCA for Communities of Opportunity. Second by Commissioner McCoy. All in favor, motion carries.

d. Consideration of request to sub-lease Pataula Creek Boat Ramp. Postponed

e. Review and discussion on pursuing additional safety measures in County Buildings. Postponed, Sheriff Shivers to review and report back to the Board his findings.

f. Request approval of FY09 appropriation to Southwest Georgia Technology Authority. Clay County will contribute \$2500 per year for 4 years. Ken Peneul informed the Board that the Technology Authority is looking to make this a 9 county Authority, and each county will contribute the \$2500 a year for 4 years.

Motion by Commissioner Shivers to approve the FY09 funding of the Southwest Georgia Technology Authority at \$2500 per year for 4 years. Second by Commissioner McCoy. Commissioner Shivers voted yea, Commissioner McCoy voted yea, Commissioner Killingsworth voted yea, Commissioner Anderson voted yea, Commissioner Waters voted nay. Motion carries.

g. Request approval of FY09 appropriation to Fort Gaines-Clay County Recreation Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Killingsworth to fund whatever the City of Fort Gaines funds, not exceed \$9000. Second by Commissioner McCoy. All in favor, motion carries.

h. Consideration of donation to Fort Gaines-Clay County Recreation Commission for 22nd Annual Christmas Parade (budgeted item).

Motion by Commissioner Killingsworth to fund whatever the City of Fort Gaines funds, not to exceed \$500. Second by Commissioner Shivers. All in favor, motion carries.

9) Comments from the Public

Bill Koch spoke on the high crime rate at the Cross Roads and suggested that the county tries to use the FY09 CDBG grant to put a recreation center at the Cross Roads.

Ellis McCoy inquired if he could operate his home business since he has filled for rezoning. The County Clerk informed him that he could not continue until the zoning was passed, if indeed it was passed.

Chairman Anderson requested that Bobby Dupree add to his monthly report; Water System updates and reminders to Cleo Young to maintain A/C filter changes.

10) Comments from Department Heads & Constitutional Officers

None

11) Administrator Comments, Reports & Recommendations

Administrator Ward requested this item be added to the agenda, Employee Life Insurance coverage. BC/BS has agreed to cover all employees at \$6.60 per employee per month.

Motion by Commissioner Shivers to accept the BC/BS Employee Life Insurance coverage at \$6.60 per employee per month. Second by Commissioner McCoy. All in favor, motion carries.



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12) **Comments from the Board**

Chairman Anderson updated the Board on the Town Hall meeting and seating the 8 members of the Clay Crime Committee. He stated that the committee will have report of recommendations for the Board on the December 2, 2008 meeting.

Commissioner Waters inquired of the County Attorney the status of the Debra Siquifield case. Attorney Mills replied that he had not seen the order from the Judge as of yet. Also inquired about the EMS/GBI investigation. Attorney Mills replied that he has received nor heard anything else about this.

13) **Invoices to be Approved**

Motion by Commissioner Waters to approve the invoices as presented. Second by Commissioner Shivers. All in favor, motion carries.

14) **Consent Agenda**

There was none.

15) **Executive Session (If Needed)**

Requested by Commissioner Waters for discussion of personnel matters.

Commissioner Waters requested this item be postponed until January when the new Board members are seated. There was no Executive Session.

Commissioner Shivers requested the permission to present to the Board information regarding e-mails in regard to open records request to receive information on the new accounting system. Commissioner Shivers presented to the Board, Administrator and County Clerk a hand out with e-mails from the new accounting system manager, information requesting the County Clerk to update payroll files and copy of personnel policy sec 30.09 and attachment "C" – Clay County Non-Harassment Policy, Sec. C. Commissioner Waters and Commissioner Shivers had lengthy discussion regarding this matter.

Commissioner Waters requested that the records custodian reply to his open records request on letter head, as to why and at what time he would receive his open records request.

16) **Adjourn**

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:55p.m.

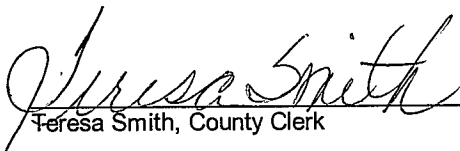


Gerald Von Anderson III, Chairman

11/4/08

Date

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I AM THE COUNTY CLERK AND THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE
October 21, 2008 MEETING OF THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.



Teresa Smith, County Clerk

11.04.08

Date