

**MINUTES**  
**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 20, 2007**

Present were Chairman Gerald Von Anderson III, Commissioner Willie McCoy, Commissioner Walton Killingsworth, Commissioner Barry Waters and Commissioner David Shivers. Also present was County Administrator, Pam Ward and County Clerk, Teresa Smith.

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Commission Chambers, Clay County Courthouse Annex, Fort Gaines, Georgia. Commissioner Shivers opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Minutes**

Minutes from January 17, 2006 (approved 2/07/2006 with changes but never signed) Minutes for January 2, 2007, January 16, 2007 and February 2, 2007. Chairman Anderson suggested that we forgo the approval of all minutes if this is acceptable to the Board. The board accepted. The approval of all minutes postponed.

**Presentations Before the Board**

Mr. Ellis McCoy requested a merit raise. Postponed until interim evaluation is done by Bobby Dupree and reviewed with Pam Ward and Ellis McCoy. Then a recommendation will be brought before the Board of Commissioners at the next meeting, 3/06/2007.

**Correspondence for consideration & action**

There was none

**Unfinished Business**

- a) Request for amended contract for Planning and Zoning Technical Assistance for \$875.00 due to cancellation of Fort Gaines from our contract. No action taken at this time.

**New Business**

- a) Resolution 07-004 Dissolving the joint Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion by Commissioner Waters to dissolve the Ft. Gaines-Clay County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission. Second by Commissioner McCoy. All in favor, motion carried.
- b) Motion by Commissioner McCoy to appoint Mr. Ronald Walker to fill the term of Mr. Arthur Johnson on the Ft. Gaines-Clay County Recreation Commission. Second by Commissioner Waters. All in favor, motion carried.
- c) Approval of Lease by and between US Corp of Engineers and Clay County at Pataula Boat Ramp. Motion by Commissioner McCoy to ask the Corp if the boat ramp is up to their standards for the American Disabilities Act, and if not is Clay County going to incur any expense to bring it up to acceptance. Second by Commissioner Waters. All in favor, motion carried.
- d) Motion by Commissioner Waters to approve the purchase of a hydraulic stretcher for EMS in the amount of \$10,315.50. Second by Commissioner McCoy. All in favor, motion carried.
- e) Submittal of budget calendar for FY2008 budget. Commissioners approved the schedule.
- f) Approval to submit application for 2007 Assistance to firefighters Grant Program. Administrator, Pam Ward, is to bring proposal and dollar amounts to the meeting, March 6, 2007.

**Comments from the Public**

Mrs. Jodi Rustin commented on the letter she had written, and was read by Commissioner Waters at the February 6, 2007 meeting. She stated that the only thing she was trying to get across is that by Ms. Ward talking to Ms. Mathews, DOT, about the bioconversion plant was a conflict of interest. Seeing that the issue of Hwy 27 and the proposed route is such a hot topic. She also stated her concern regarding the validity of the motion that was made regarding the zoning for the

bioconversion. Commissioner Waters suggested that County Attorney, Bill Mills be at the March 6, 2007 meeting to define the validity of the motion.

Mr. Ken Peneul advised the Board of Commissioners on obtaining a Memorandum of Understanding between the County, Corp of Engineers and Department of Natural Resources. In regard to the Phenomenon Trail.

**Comments from the Department Heads**

EMT Director, Ron Brown asked the Commissioners what was needed to continue to use Trey Crozier, Coroner, as a relief paramedic, as it is stated in the Clay County Personnel Policy it is a conflict to use a Constitutional Officer as a paid employee. Chairman Anderson requested that Ron Brown present a formal proposal as to compensation. He then stated that the Board would have to an Ordinance amendment.

**Comments from the Administrator**

Administrator Ward stated that we need a policy as to how to handle the water contracts that are not going to be on the system. The Board of Commissioners agreed that the County Office refund the money to individuals that have signed up and are not on the water system. Administrator Ward inquired on behalf of a local citizen who's well is on the county right of way. The Commission requests the individual submit a request for the property the well is located on.

A Public Hearing regarding the routing of Hwy27 will be held February 27, 2007 at 4:00pm at the senior center by DOT. Written comments will be accepted.

**Comments from the Board**

Chairman Anderson in formed the Board that he had talked to Polyengineering concern their increase in fees. They have rescinded the increase and will honor the original contract. He also commented on the minutes that are on the web site. Wants the county office to check and make sure that all minutes from all meetings are posted on the web site.

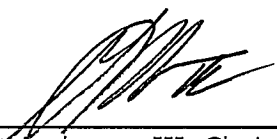
**Invoices to be Approved**

Motion made by Commissioner Waters to approve the bills. Second by Commissioner Shivers. All in favor; motion carried.

**Executive Session**

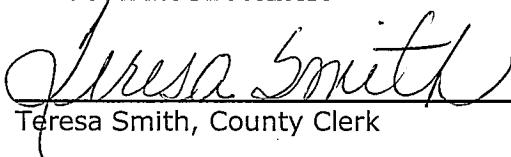
**Adjournment**

Motion by Chairman Anderson to adjourn at 8:05PM. All in favor.

  
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Gerald Von Anderson III, Chairman

3/20/07  
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Date

**I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I AM ACTING AS CLERK AND THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE February 20, 2007 MEETING OF THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**

  
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Teresa Smith, County Clerk

3/20/07  
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Date