

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
May 1, 2007

Present were Chairman Gerald Von Anderson III, Commissioner Willie McCoy, Commissioner Walton Killingsworth and Commissioner Barry Waters. Also present was County Administrator, Pam Ward and County Clerk, Teresa Smith. Not present was Commissioner David Shivers.

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 McCoy opened the meeting with a prayer.

Presentations Before the Board

Mr. Sammy Davis requested temporary storage of mobile home pending variance approval. Mr. Davis explained to the commissioners that the trailer was not an issue anymore, he did not purchase it. He did however present to the Board of Commissioners a request for temporary storage of junk cars until he could get his property rezoned accordingly. He was advised that he would have to go through the zoning process and if passed would then need an Occupational License.

Motion by Commissioner Waters to grant a temporary variance to Sammy Davis for 90 days from May 1, 2007, until his application goes through the zoning process. Second by Commissioner McCoy. All in favor, motion carried.

Willie Ed Reynolds, Fire Chief, spoke briefly on the billing of fire services. Motion by Commissioner Waters to continue with the suspension of the billing of Fire Truck response. Second by Commissioner McCoy. All in favor, motion carried.

Carolyn Copelan inquired if the county was "Entrepreneur Friendly" program. Response by the Administrator, "no, we are not".

Minutes

Minutes of April 3, 2007. Motion by Commissioner Waters to approve the April 3, 2007 minutes with changes. Second by Commissioner McCoy. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes of April 17, 2007. Motion by Commissioner Waters to approve the April 17, 2007 minutes with changes. Second by Commissioner Killingsworth. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence for consideration & action

There was none.

Unfinished Business

Security Cameras- Postponed

New Business

- a) Blue Cross/Blue Shield Premium – 85% County 15% Employee Share
- b) Blue Cross/Blue Shield out of pocket of \$1000 county reimbursement of \$500 to phase out over the next 2 years.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy to accept item a) 85% County & 15% Employee share and to decline item b) Phasing out reimbursement to employee, County will continue to reimburse employee \$500 out of pocket expense after employee has paid \$1000 toward their deductible. Second by Commissioner Waters. All in favor, motion carried.

- c) Approval of Contract for Acquisition of Right of Way at Drag Nasty Creek Bridge Project.

Motion by Commissioner Waters to accept the contract for Acquisition of Right of Way at Drag Nasty Creek Bridge. Second by Commissioner McCoy. All in favor, motion carried.

- d) Appointment of member to Southwest Georgia Regional Development Authority – (no volunteers received for position) No action taken, on the consent agenda
- e) Proposal of Objectives/Training Goal for Administrator. – Postponed.

Comments from the Public

There was none

Comments from the Department Heads

Deanna Bertrand inquired about the renovations at the courthouse, when are they going to start? Administrator Ward is to meet with Chairman Anderson so they can write the Request for Proposals.

Trey Crozier, Coroner, inquired about a lap top computer for him. Response from the Board "it is in the budget" (unapproved).

Comments from the Administrator

- a) Informed the Commissioners that the deadline for taking zoning applications was April 30, 2007. She will make copies of the applications for the Commissioners to review.
- b) Calhoun County responded to an accident in Clay County and transported the individual. They have now charged Clay County for the ambulance charge. The Board has requested the Administrator to see if they will forgive this bill.

Comments from the Board

Chairman Anderson:

- a) Deck on Sonny Davis trailer. The photos show the landing on the front of the trailer and the landing on the back of the trailer. The one on the back is quite bigger than a normal landing. This is why we need plans to show what is being done.
- b) Letter from the Attorney's representing Chattahoochee Land Development. Will send to the County Attorney, no action will be taken until we hear from him.
- c) Ditches mowed on Days Ave. Asked Bobby Dupree, Public Works, to make sure this is done.
- d) Budget – Looks like we will have approx. \$280,000 carry over.

Commissioner Waters:

- a) Regarding the fee changes for Zoning Appeals & Amendments, there is a question as to the appropriate way of changing the fees. According to "Home Rule" amending a resolution or ordinance it must be advertised and have two public meetings. The Administrator replied that is why we had the Blanket Ordinance written and attached to the fee schedule. The Administrator is to follow up with Attorney Bill Mills.
- b) Was approached by an employee on April 20, 2007 regarding a raise. Employee stated that he had been to his supervisor and the County Administrator without any satisfaction. Commissioner Waters left a copy of the letter the employee had sent to him, for employee's supervisor to review.

Invoices to be Approved

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

Consent Agenda

- a) Appointment to Clay County Economic Development Council- Request from EDC for appointment of Pam Clark (no volunteers received for position).
- b) Appointment to Southwest Georgia Regional Development Authority – Request from Dev. Authority to appoint Latonia DeLoach (no volunteers received for position).
- c) Approval of Technical Appraisal Services, Inc. – no RFP's received.
- d) Re-appointment of Carl Childs to Clay County Library Board (no volunteers received for position).

e) Re-appointment of Byron Bell to the Clay County Hospital Authority (no volunteers received for position).

Motion by Commissioner Waters to approve the consent agenda as is. Second by Commissioner McCoy. All in favor, motion carried.

Executive Session

There was none

Action taken in Executive Session

There was none

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner McCoy to adjourn at 7:50PM. All in favor.




5/15/07

Gerald Von Anderson III, Chairman

Date

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I AM ACTING AS CLERK AND THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE May 1, 2007 MEETING OF THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.



Teresa Smith, County Clerk

5/15/07

Date