

Twiggs County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
March 20, 2018
6:00 pm

Present: Chairman Kenneth E. Fowler, Commissioners Brent DuBois, Steve Birdsong, William Bond, and Lonnie Ford

Also, present: County Administrator, Kelvin C. Lewis

County Attorney: Kerry Howell

Call to Order: Chairman Fowler called the meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Fowler led the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Commissioner Ford led in Prayer

Public Comments:

None

Approval of the Agenda:

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the Agenda as stated. Motion was second by Commissioner Bond. Motion passed by 5 yes votes.

New Business:

2018 TAN

Administrator Lewis presented to the Board the paperwork for the TAN with the Bank of Dudley in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. Vice President Cruse with the Bank of Dudley was on hand to represent the bank. Administrator Lewis asked approval from the Board to proceed with implementing this loan for 2018. This loan will be a line of credit only. Commissioner Bond made a motion to accept the loan as stated. Motion was second by Commissioner Ford. Motion passed by 5 yes votes. Administrator Lewis will work with Attorney Howell and set up a time with the bank to sign the paperwork.

Employee Recognition

Commissioner Bond asked the Board to recognize Mr. Ezra Wyche's dedication to the safety and security of all the courthouse employees. Commissioner Bond presented Mr. Wyche with a certificate of appreciation from the Board.

Planning and Zoning

Conditional Use – First Solar Request for Additional Acreage located at Adams Park Road (T028-004 & T028-009). First Solar presented a request for an additional 600 acres for the solar project. Commissioner Ford made a motion to grant the request for an additional 600 acres. Motion second by Chairman Fowler. Motion passed by 5 yes votes.

Abandonment of County Roads in Twiggs County

Charles and Rose Lane Leavell presented the Board with a request to close a portion of Adams Park Road. After discussion with the Board, Mr. Leavell was advised of the steps he would need to follow. The first step in this process is to publish a notice in the paper for 2 consecutive weeks outlining his request. Written notice to all landowners giving them notice of your intent. It will require a Public Hearing and review of the Board at such Public Hearing. We are required to notify Georgia DOT. Attorney Howell advised the Board that the ultimate responsibility is to look after the best interest

of the citizens of the county. Mr. Leavell states he understands this process and is willing to go through whatever steps are required.

Commissioner DuBois made a motion to approve abandonment proceeding for a portion of Adams Park Road from the intersection of River Road and Adams Park Road to the property line between Charles and Rose Lane Leavell.

Commissioner Birdsong second the motion. Motion carried by 5 yes votes.

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Charlene Brimidge came before the Board in reference to a letter she received concerning complaints regarding occurrences at her business. Administrator Lewis advised the Board there have been several grievances from neighbors filed. There was a decision made by the Board around 2008 or 2009 to rescind the business license. No evidence has been found to show that the business license should have been renewed after the revocation. Sheriff Mitchum advised there had been instances of charging a cover charge, alcohol, drugs and an instance of a shooting. Sheriff Mitchum did state since he has had contact with the owners in February 2018, there have not been any additional incidents. Sheriff Mitchum did advise the owners they could be held civilly and criminally liable for any problems there. Mrs. Brimidge advised her contract did state there was to be no alcohol on the premises and the event must be over by 11:30 pm. She stated she would send Administrator Lewis a copy for the record.

Commissioner Bond made a motion to postpone this issue for lack of information and until the contract can be reviewed at the first meeting in April. Chairman Fowler second the motion. Motion carried by 5 yes votes.

LMIG Road List

Administrator Lewis presented the 2018 LMIG Refacing List to the Board for review. He explained this list was a 2 to 5-year plan. This list is a working list and susceptible to BOC changes.

Commissioner Bond made a motion to table this discussion until the April 17th meeting. Commissioner Birdsong second the motion. Motion carried by 5 yes votes.

Fee Schedule

Administrator Lewis presented an updated list of the Permit Fee Schedule used by the county. The proposed list represents changes that are needed to bring Twiggs County more in line with neighboring counties. The schedule represents an average of surrounding counties with the same population and demographics.

Commissioner DuBois made a motion to accept the Fee Schedule as presented. Motion second by Commissioner Ford. Motion failed by a vote of 2 yes, (DuBois, Ford), 3 no, (Fowler, Bond, Birdsong).

Planning and Zoning

David Green came before the Board to request Conditional Use for a R.V. Park on 20024 Hwy 80 East (T130-033). The name of the park will be Evergreen East R.V. Park. Per Monte Bloodworth, the park has met the requirements for water and sewer. Mr. Green submitted a business plan and outline to the Board.

Commissioner DuBois made a motion to grant the Conditional Use Permit for the Evergreen East R.V. Park. Motion was second by Commissioner Bond. Motion carried by 5 yes votes.

Mrs. Linda McCay came before the Board to request Rezoning for 100 McCay Lane Dry Branch, Ga. (T037C-017) from Neighborhood Service Commercial (C-1) Zoning District to Single Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District.

Commissioner Birdsong made a motion to Rezone 100 McCay Lane Dry Branch, Ga to Single Family Residential (R-1) Zoning. Motion second by Chairman Fowler. Motion carried by 5 yes votes.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the March 6, 2018 meeting were presented for approval.

Commissioner Ford made a motion to accept the minutes for March 6, 2018, motion second by Commissioner Dubois. Motion carried by unanimous 5 -yes votes

Old Business:

Kaolin Heights Improvement

Chairman Fowler stated to the audience that the work at the Kaolin Heights Water System were complete. He and Administrator Lewis inspected the facility and all of the work is complete.

Gas Pumps

The gas pumps and access to reports is going well. Expenses are being allocated to the appropriate departments.

DFACS Building

We are still waiting on the final testing of the DFACS building. We expect to have those in by the next meeting.

Ambulance License Application

Our license has been approved by the State of Georgia and has been received.

Executive Session

Commissioner DuBois made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal, personnel, and real estate. Motion second by Commissioner Bond. Motion carried by 5 yes votes (Ford, Bond, Fowler, Birdsong, DuBois).

Commissioner Ford made a motion to return to Regular Session, motion second by Commissioner DuBois. Motion passed by unanimous vote (Ford, Bond, Fowler, Birdsong, DuBois).

Commissioner Ford made a motion that the County Administrator salary be raised to \$60,000.00 per year. Commissioner DuBois second the motion effective the next pay period. Motion carried by vote of 3- yes (Ford, Bond, DuBois), 2- No (Fowler, Birdsong).

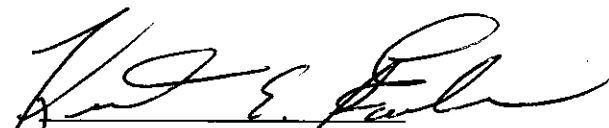
Commissioner Bond made a motion to review the salaries of all personnel at a later date. Commissioner DuBois also stated there needs to be semi-annual evaluations for employees. Administrator Lewis stated he is submitting a grant to the ACCG for a summer intern to help create job descriptions for the Road Department and all other county related personnel.

Commissioner Bond asked Administrator Lewis to conduct a survey from the employees who carry County insurance. Interested in how well the insurance is paying claims compared to last year.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Commissioner Ford to adjourn with second by Chairman Fowler. Motion carried with unanimous vote (Ford, Bond, Fowler, Birdsong, DuBois).

Minutes approved April 3, 2018


Kenneth E. Fowler, Chairman


Kelvin C. Lewis, Administrator

