

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
July 28, 2015

The 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Moses Gross, Chairman, Dist. 2	Kenneth E. Hickey, Vice-Chairman, Dist. 3
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5	Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7	J. Elaine Mays, Dist. 8

Staff present was Bruce Warren, County Attorney, Toyna Brooks, Board Secretary and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. No media was present.

Chairman Gross called the meeting to order.

Commissioner NeSmith gave in invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Gross recognized Debbie Griner of Boy Scout Troup 306. Ms. Griner addressed the board and described the three Eagle Scout's special projects which completed the requirements for Eagle Scout designation. Receiving proclamations from the board for attaining the highest honor bestowed on a Scout, the Eagle Scout Award were Max McClelland Baker, James Ledford Griner, and Carson Allen Mediate.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 Board meeting and the July 23, 2015 Special Called meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify a diesel fuel purchase from Petroleum Products; \$1.7325 per gallon for 7,500 gallons. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized John McClure, 68 Duren Drive. Mr. Duren expressed concerns about a commercial driveway being installed on Duren Drive for a Dollar General. He stated that the Georgia DOT not approved for a driveway to be installed on US Hwy 319 to access the store. Mr. Duren stated that the entrance would pose a safety hazard at the already hazardous intersection. Commissioner Hickey stated that there is a process that the owners go through in order to obtain a building permit. All engineering plays, including the store layout and drives will be reviewed by the Technical Review Committee.

The board, after discussing the matter between themselves, advised Mr. McClure that the plan needs to be turned over to Bill Eddings, Building Inspection Department, and to let the application go the county's process to receive a building permit.

Dana Sharp also voiced her concerns. Ms. Sharp stated this is a residential street and it should not have a commercial business' driveway on Duren Dr. Her concerns were headlight, traffic and general safety.

Bill Blackburn and Steve Hufstetler were recognized by Chairman Gross. Mr. Hufstetler stated that the Georgia DOT has limited access onto US Hwy 319 and that they are looking at all possibilities. They asked to be allowed to proceed with the county's process to look at all possibilities.

Chairman Gross recognized Steve Sheets who owns land on Duren Drive and is concerned about the watershed.

The board decided to turn the matter over to the staff in the Building Inspections Department and follow the county's process for permitting.

Open to Citizens

Chairman Gross recognized Ms. Kay Cromartie, 323 Norias Road, Metcalfe and her son Cody Reese. Mr. Cromartie stated that she requests that all owners and residents on the Norias Road be notified of any county or board meeting to discuss or rule on the closing of Winters Past Way, formally known as Old Stringer Road in order to voice opposition. She stated that this road benefits many people and does not need to be closed.

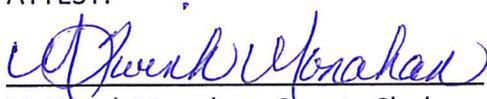
Ms. Cromartie read a letter that she had written to the board and mailed today.

Bruce Warren reported the Colvin case was heard last week but the judge has not made his ruling yet.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.


Moses L. Gross, Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk