

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007, PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AT 6:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present: James Dennison, Chairman
K. Neal Bennett, Board Member
Mike Streat, Board Member
Randy Dixon, Board Member
Aldeen Davis, Board Member

News Media Present: The Blackshear Times

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jim Dennison called the July 2007 regular board meeting to order at 6:32P.M.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Mike Streat gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to approve the June 2007 minutes. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Wayne Sasser: Possibility of noise ordinance-Mr. Sasser came before the board asking that the commissioner consider implementing a “common sense” noise ordinance. Mr. Sasser explained that he is being harassed constantly by four-wheeler and dirt bikes. Mr. Sasser stated that he has “tried to be nice to them, but it doesn’t help.” Mr. Sasser also stated that he has called the Sheriff’s Office, but they told him that they can not do anything because there is no local ordinance they can enforce. Mr. Sasser that he has obtained some material from the state attorney general’s office governing noise in the state. He is not interested in cracking down on farm machinery or hunting dogs he stated, just on people who willfully do things to disturb the peace with four wheeler, dirt bike, loud music and loud mufflers.

Commissioner Mike Streat compliment on the fact that the board had considered a noise ordinance in March 2005, but backed off when farmer and hunter complained.

Commissioner Neal Bennett stated that that ordinance was too complicated last time, but maybe the board should look into it again. Commissioner Bennett said that if the issue was with underage drivers on the four wheelers and the dirt bikes, then the sheriff should enforce the juvenile traffic laws for underage driving.

Mr. Sasser said that the fines was only \$25.00 and wasn’t much of a deterrent.

Chairman Dennison suggested that County Attorney Franklin Rozier draft a noise ordinance and present it to the board at a later date.

SESSION HILL COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP- Rev. Morris Pate and Mr. Steve Fuller came before the board requesting five (5) dumpsters to be placed in the Session Hill neighborhood for the duration of a “clean-up week” with a “clean-up day” on Saturday, July 28, 2007.

Chairman Dennison stated that the county could provide at least one dumpster due to the cost and the fact that if the dumpster is left for a period of time all types of garbage is dumped into them, including old tires and batteries.

Commissioner Neal Bennett stated that he agreed with Chairman Dennison, but stated that maybe dumpsters could be place in various locations within the county.

Commissioner Bennett said that anyone could use the dumpsters to dump household garbage and help clean up their neighborhood. Commissioner Bennett suggested placing dumpsters in Patterson, Bearville and other locations.

Commissioners agreed to endorse the effort and have the clean-up weeks in three stages beginning with the Session Hill event on July 28, 2007.

Mr. Steve Fuller also addressed the board concerning speed limit signs and right of way mowing in Session Hill. Mr. Fuller stated that he was told that the mowing contract did not include Session Hill.

Commissioner Neal Bennett stated that the contract was on a per mile basis and should include all county maintained roads.

Chairman Dennison asked that Mr. Fuller supply him with a list of all the roads in Session Hill that needed mowing and he will check them out.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

CITY OF BLACKSHEAR: Request from 2003 SPLOST \$856.46 for an invoice from Statewide Engineering, Inc. for services for the construction of GDOT TE Streetscape Project, Phase II. Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to approve the \$856.46 request from the 2003 SPLOST account to pay an invoice from Statewide Engineering, Inc. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

INVOICES:

June 2007 Invoices: Invoices for June 2007 for the courthouse renovation project totaled \$25,730.72. These included handicap signs and the final payment on the cabinets. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the June 2007 courthouse renovation invoices in the amount of \$25,730.72. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

BIDS:

County Clerk Mollie Howard announced that the board will seek bids for employee medical, dental and life insurance. The bid will be accepted until September 04, 2007.

SOUTHLAND WASTE SYSTEMS: Chairman Jim Dennison placed the new rate increase from Southland Waste Systems before the board along with a three (3) year renewal contract. The pick-up service fees will increase from \$12.65 to \$13.44 per month beginning October 01, 2007. All of the \$.79 increase is attributed to fuel costs. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the new rate increase and the three (3) year contract with Southland Waste Services for garbage pick-up services. Commissioner Mike Streat seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mike Streat addressed the issue of why sewer and water lines were not run to the Pierce County Industrial Park. Commissioner Streat stated that the slip up came from the Southeast GA RDC. He said that the RDC never applied for a grant to help with the funding.

Having no further business, Chairman Dennison called for a vote to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 7:25 A.M.

Commissioner Mike Streat made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

James Dennison, Chairman

K. Neal Bennett, Board Member

Mike Streat, Board Member

Randy Dixon, Board Member

Aldeen Davis, Board Member