

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, March 03, 2009

6:00 P. M.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive input from the citizens of Pierce County regarding the application of Lisa M. Minchew for a business license for the sell of beer, wine and liquor located at 1529 Highway 121 South doing business under the name of K & P Package Store.

Board Members Present:

James Dennison, Chairman

K. Neal Bennett, District 1

Randy Dixon, District 3

Aldeen Davis, District 4

News Media Present:

None

Citizens present.

Lisa Minchew

Marty Clifton

Chairman James Dennison called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Having no citizens present that wanted to speak at the hearing, Chairman Dennison closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 P.M.

James Dennison, Chairman

K. Neal Bennett, District 1

Randy Dixon, District 3

Aldeen Davis, District 4

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TUESDAY,
MARCH 03, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Board Members Present:

James Dennison, Chairman

K. Neal Bennett, District 1

Randy Dixon, District 3

Aldeen Davis, District 4

News Media Present:

The Blackshear Times

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dennison called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

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

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2009 MEETING: Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the February 2009 minutes. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS, INVOICES & REQUISITIONS

1. NFC/MPC/LIBRARY-Review and approve February 2009 invoices-Invoices for the NFC/MPC totaled \$11,000.92 and the Library totaled \$38,547.15 for a total payment of \$49,548.07. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the February 2009 invoices for the NFC/MPC/Library for a total amount of \$49,548.07. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2. RANDY BASS-RECREATION DIRECTOR-February profit & loss report. Randy Bass presented the February profit & loss report to the board. The total income for February 2009 was \$50,560.91 and the total expenses were \$20,726.08 with a net income of \$29,834.83. Mr. Bass stated that the 9-10 year old girls basketball team had won the district tournament and will advance to the state tournament.

BIDS

3. COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL VALVES-Pierce County Tax Assessor Bill Rozier- Mr. Rozier stated that his office had accepted bids until February 23, 2009 for commercial & industrial valves. Mr. Rozier stated that he had received three (3) bids:

1. Technical Appraisal Services of Georgia, Inc-\$68,690
2. Kenneth Voss and Associates-\$42,500
3. Tyler Technologies-\$32,000

Mr. Rozier stated that after reviewing all bid proposals the Board of Assessors recommends Tyler Technologies be awarded the contract to reappraise the commercial and industrial property in Pierce County. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to accept the Board of Assessors' recommendation to award the bid to Tyler Technologies for \$32,000. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

4. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING/BATTING FACILITY-County Clerk Mollie Howard announced that the bids are to be rebid with a RFP on architectural services.

PLANNING & ZONING

5. REZONING REQUEST-SONNY BOWEN-Request 47.70 acres on Tornado Road be rezoned from SF to MF for the purpose of creating a subdivision. A public hearing was held February 23, 2009 with no public opposition. Planning Commission recommends approval. Marty Clifton, Community Development Director, stated that this property had been rezoned one year ago from Ag/Forest to SF.

Mr. Sonny Bowen stated that the houses would conform to HUD guidelines. The homes are to be built off site and transported to the property and placed on a concrete slab. The houses will have tie downs and skirted. The subdivision will have paved streets, lawn services and the property owners will have a home association with monthly fees. All homes will be single families and will be on one-half acre lots.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the rezoning request from Sonny Bowen that 47.70 acres on Tornado Road be rezoned from SF to MF for the purpose of creating a subdivision. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

6. REZONING REQUEST-PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION-Request 32 acres on the corner of Midway Church Road and Youmans Road be rezoned from AF to PI (Public/Institutional) for the purpose of creating an elementary school. A public hearing was held February 23, 2009 with no public opposition. Planning Commission recommends approval. Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the request from the Pierce County Board of Education to rezone 32 acres on the corner of Midway Church Road and Youmans Road from AF to PI (Public/Institutional) for the purpose of creating an elementary school. Commissioner Aldeen Davis seconded the motion with a discussion on the secondary site that has been presented to the Pierce County Board of Education. Commissioner Davis stated that he would like to know if the Board of Education was going to consider an alternative site for the school. Commissioner Davis said that he was in favor of a new school, but not at the Youmans Road location.

School Superintendent Joy Williams stated that the school board will not meet until Thursday, March 05 to discuss that matter and that the board had bids on the table now and she needed a decision on the rezoning request.

Chairman Dennison called for a vote on the rezoning request. Commissioners Neal Bennett, Randy Dixon and Chairman Jim Dennison voted aye. Commissioner Aldeen Davis voted nay. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS & RESOLUTIONS

7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-Authorize the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to obtain funding for street and drainage improvements within a low and moderate income area in Pierce County. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to authorize the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to obtain funding for street and drainage improvements within a low and moderate income area in Pierce County. Commissioner Randy Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

8. EMC ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC.-Accept a proposal from EMC Engineering Services for preparation of right of way acquisition documents for Youmans Road from Dean Still Road to Midway Church Road. This project is associated with Midway Elementary School. The cost estimate of the surveying services is \$9,750. Commissioner Neal Bennett made a motion to table this discussion until the Pierce County Board of Education's next meeting. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

9. WARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS-Intergovernmental agreement between Pierce County and Ware County for the Pierce County Farm Agent to service Ware County residents until an agent is placed in Ware County. Compensation will be \$500.00 per month plus mileage. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Pierce County and Ware County for the Pierce County Farm Agent to service Ware County residents until an agent is placed in Ware County. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-REAL ESTATE

Chairman Dennison called for a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:00 P.M. Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss real estate. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Dennison called the regular meeting back into session on a motion from Commissioner Aldeen Davis with a second from Commissioner Randy Dixon. Chairman Dennison announced that no action had been taken.

Having no further business, the March 2009 regular meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M. by a motion from Commissioner Randy Dixon and a second from Commissioner Aldeen Davis.

James Dennison, Chairman

K. Neal Bennett, District 1

Randy Dixon, District 3

Aldeen Davis, District 4

CALLED MEETING, PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, MARCH 12, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M.

Board Members Present:

James Dennison, Chairman

K. Neal Bennett, District 1

Randy Dixon, District 3

Aldeen Davis, District 4

News Media Present:

None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Chairman Dennison called the called meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Dennison gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. EMC ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC-Accept a proposal from EMC for preparation of right of way acquisition documents for Youmans Road from Dean Still Road to Midway Church Road. This project is associated with Midway Elementary School. The cost estimate of the surveying services is \$9,750. Commissioner Neal Bennett made a motion to bring the request off the table. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the proposal from EMC for preparation of right of way acquisition documents for Youmans Road from Dean Still Road to Midway Church Road. This project is associated with Midway Elementary School. The cost estimate of the surveying services is \$9,750. Commissioner Neal Bennett seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

Having no further business, Commissioner Aldeen Davis made a motion to adjourn the called meeting at 6:34P.M. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Chairman Dennison voted aye. Motion carried.

James Dennison, Chairman

K. Neal Bennett, District 1

Randy Dixon, District 3

Aldeen Davis, District 4