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BUTTS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

125th Session Covering Calendar Year 2023

2023-2024 Biennium

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for August 28, 2023

Commissions:

Ken Rivers, District 1

Robert Henderson, District 2

Joe Brown, District 3

Keith Douglas, District 4

Russ Crumbley, District 5

Staff:

Brad Johnson County Manager

J. Michael Brewer, Deputy County Manager

Rhonda Blissit, Chief Financial Officer

WORKSHOP (5:30 PM)

SPLOST 8 IGA and Referendum Discussion

This item is for discussion only. It will be voted on separately at the main meeting.

Renewal of County Manager Employment Package (Consent)

Mrs. Glidewell presented the renewal of the County Manager's contract for two years and the renewals forms for the 401A which need to be ratified by the Board. This was added to the consent agenda for approval under item 158.

Moratorium on Group Care Homes and Related (Consent)

Mr. Welch presented a proposed moratorium on care homes so that the Administration can be studied and clarified for the Unified Development Ordinance. This will help us have a better understanding of the types of zoning they should be placed in, what they need to ensure compatibility in neighborhoods and more. This would place a pause on the permitting of any new care homes without creating any hardships on existing homes.

GDOT Approval of Library Concept (Consent)

Mr. Johnson presented proposals from GDOT about the type of fence that will be placed around the library in their upcoming project to place a roundabout at this location. Mr. Brown wishes that the County send another letter to the Governor, the Lt. Governor and our representatives to give prioritization to 16 at England Chapel and also at High Falls and 36. Chairman Douglas suggested instead that we contact them by phone first. Commissioner Crumbley wishes that we gate the west entrance to the Library. This was made a part of the consent agenda.

Discuss Authorization to Appeal Sales Ratio Study

This is to authorize the County to appeal the 2022 Sales Ratio Study from the Georgia Department of Revenue. The Board will put this on the Consent Agenda.

PRELIMINARIES (6:00 PM)

Call to Order and Welcome

Chairman Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All members were in attendance, along with County Manager Brad Johnson, Deputy County Manager Michael Brewer, Planning Director Brad Vaughan, Human Resources Director Ellen Glidewell and Legal Counsel Andy Welch.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

NEW BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS

Consent Agenda (Items B, C, D, & E)

Mr. Douglas called for a motion to approve the docket. Mr. Rivers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Brown with unanimous consent.

Mr. Rivers moved to approve the consent agenda without Item D, seconded by Mr. Brown with unanimous consent.

Mr. Rivers then moved to approve Item D with the condition that a gate be placed there for when the library was closed. Mr. Crumbley opposed.

Re-Adopt Intergovernmental Agreement for SPLOST

Mr. Brewer requested that the Board re-adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement for SPLOST and authorize the Chairman to sign the updated agreement, version 8. Mr. Rivers motioned to approve the SPLOST 8 IGA, version 8, seconded by Mr. Crumbley and approved with Mr. Brown, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Henderson joining in the affirmative.

Approve Call for SPLOST Referendum

Mr. Rivers moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown with unanimous consent.

(Hearing) Case 07-01-2023 RZ - 796 Barnetts Bridge Rd

Mr. Vaughan presented the zoning case for rezoning of 796 Barnetts Bridge Road. The Public Hearing was opened. Two persons spoke in favor of and no one spoke against. The public hearing was closed and Chairman Douglas called for a vote.

Mr. Rivers moved to approve the rezoning, seconded by Mr. Crumbley with unanimous consent.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Executive Sesion

Mr. Rivers made a motion to go into Executive Session for litigation purposes. Mr. Crumbley seconded and the board went into session. Later, Mr. Crumbley moved to reconvene, seconded by Mr. Henderson with unanimous consent,

Mr. Welch stated that he apprised the Board on a matter of ongoing litigation and a settlement agreement.

Mr. Crumbley moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown. Dismissed.

Attorney Report & Adjournment