

MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
BARTOW COUNTY COMMISSIONER
November 18, 2009

Commissioner Clarence Brown called the meeting to order and introduced the following resolutions for adoption:

- A resolution appointing Jeff Duncan as a member of the Region One Emergency Medical Services Council
- County Attorney Boyd Pettit introduced a resolution supporting the passage of House Bills 748 and 750 of local legislation of the Georgia General Assembly related to the enactment of a 6% Hotel-Motel Excise Tax. Mr. Pettit stated that, at the request of Bartow County and the City of Cartersville, two pieces of legislation was introduced during the 2009 general assembly to increase Hotel-Motel Excise Tax from 5% to 6% in order to help fund the operation of the new civic center. The bill was held over from the last session for more information and review by the legislators. The County and City are asking that the bill be re-introduced and supported during the 2010 Legislative session.
- County Attorney Boyd Pettit introduced a resolution authorizing the Commissioner to adopt a series of documents regarding the construction of a new road at Plant Bowen to address safety and security issues for the plant and Bartow County. Covered Bridge Road runs through the middle of the plant property, which has been an issue of concern for several years. Georgia Power has proposed to construct a new road around the outside perimeter of the property that will connect to the existing road on both sides of the plant property. Georgia Power will cover all cost of construction of the new road [a \$20 million project]. The County will transfer ownership of a section of Old Stilesboro Road that is situated near the plant over to Georgia Power. After the construction of the new section of Covered Bridge Road is completed, Georgia power will convey ownership to Bartow County and the County will transfer ownership of the old section that now runs through the middle of the plant over to Georgia Power.
- A resolution declaring certain County owned property as surplus and authorizing the sale of said property through Gov Deals Internet Auction Service.
- Randy Gray, Bartow County Road Superintendent, introduced a resolution to award the bid and authorize the Commissioner to enter into a contract with Sunbelt Structures, Inc. for replacement of the bridge culvert on Euharlee Road at Harrison Road; contract amount - \$62,690.00. Mr. Gray stated that the bridge replacement will allow the County to improve the shoulders of the roadway. Commissioner Brown added that, in order to improve safety at the existing intersection, Mr. Gray has proposed that Harrison Road be re-routed through the new development currently under construction on Euharlee Road. The Harrison Road re-alignment is a \$1.2 million project that will be paid for by the developer.
- A resolution re-appointing Kim Livsey to serve on the Bartow County Board of Health.

- Ms. Julie Haigler with the Bartow County Grant Writing Department introduced a resolution to authorize the county to file an application with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to receive funding to develop the Lower Etowah River Trail. Ms. Haigler stated that currently, the only access to the Etowah River is underneath bridges. The County has partnered with RDC to build 4 public launches along the river. Ms. Haigler added that they are still working on the details of the project, but submitting the application is the first step in the process.
- Charles Fluellen, Bartow County Transit Director, introduced a resolution to authorize the Commissioner to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to receive Stimulus Funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for Public Transportation Assistance. The funds will be used to replace 2 vans in the Transit Fleet and to purchase computers and routing software for the department. The total funding amount is \$ 201,800.00.
- A resolution renewing an agreement with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging for the purpose of providing a nutrition program to the elderly citizens of Bartow County. Two Transit vehicles have been designated for the nutrition program.
- Lamont Kiser, Bartow County Engineer, introduced a resolution authorizing the Commissioner to enter into an escrow agreement with Collins Pointe Holding, LLC regarding payment of escrow funds in lieu of bonds to secure performance of erosion and sedimentation control obligations on a project located on SR 41 at the intersection of Tennessee Street-US 411-SR 20.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Gill
County Clerk
Bartow County