

MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
BARTOW COUNTY COMMISSIONER
July 8, 2009

Commissioner Clarence Brown opened the meeting with the approval and adoption of the following resolutions:

- Resolution re-appointing Patricia McDonald to the Bartow County Planning Commission
- Resolution re-appointing Richard Fox to the Bartow County Planning Commission
- Resolution re-appointing Bill Cantrell to the Northwest Georgia Region I Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Board
- Resolution authorizing the Commissioner to enter into a contract with Energy Ace, Inc. for Fundamental Commissioning for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification for the Bartow County Civic Center Facility. County Administrator Steve Bradley commented that this may be one of the first government/county owned LEED facilities in the state. The County needs a consultant to certify that the facility is a LEED facility. The County is very much interested in the environment and in being a leader in the Commissioner's Environmental Program for which he has been recognized throughout the state and the nation.
- Resolution authorizing the Commissioner to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cobb County regarding an industrial pre-treatment program, which will help expansion in the Glade Road area.
- Resolution authorizing the Commissioner to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cobb County regarding its wastewater treatment facility.
- Resolution entering into an agreement with the Governor's Office for Children and Families to receive grant funding for the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention and Treatment Program. The County will receive \$34,402.00 for the program.
- Resolution entering into an agreement with Georgia DOT for right of way acquisition for improvements to Five Forks Road.
- Resolution authorizing the Commissioner to enter into an agreement with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. for the development of a Landfill Gas to Energy Project. Bartow County Solid Waste Director Rip Conner stated that this is the first step in exploiting the methane gas generated by the landfill and converting it to alternative energy sources.

Rezoning application A-1830-09; a request by the Bartow County Zoning Department to amend the Zoning Ordinance relating to firing ranges, which was tabled at June 3rd public meeting, was brought back to the table for the Commissioner's decision. County Attorney Peter Olson stated that an alternate draft of the zoning amendment has been presented to the Commissioner for his review and consideration. The draft was also distributed to interested parties in the audience for review and discussion. The alternate draft primarily affects only the hours of operation for the existing establishments, but places stricter regulations on new firing ranges. Mr. Dennis Smith, of 1083 Taylorsville-Macedonia Road, Taylorsville, stated that he was not able to attend the meeting on June 3rd and wanted to state that Mr. Harris' operation is very safe, there are no drugs or drinking on the premises and no after dark shooting, that it is a safe place for families. Mr. Scott Vandevir stated that the new proposal limits the operation to Monday through Saturday from 10:00 – 6:00, adding that most of the ranges in the Atlanta area are from Sunrise to Sunset. Joe Harris [owner of Creekside Firing Range, Taylorsville] added that his regular hours of operation are from 9:00 – 7:00 and for five hours two Sundays a month to allow members to bring their families. Commissioner Brown stated that he would compromise on the hours of operation by changing it to 10:00 – 7:00 Monday through Saturday, but no Sunday shooting. Mr. Harris requested that Commissioner Brown allow him to hold the event he already has scheduled for Saturday, July 11th as planned with his original hours of operation. Commissioner Brown granted Mr. Harris' request, stating that the changes will be effective on Sunday, July 12th. Commissioner Brown denied Mr. Vandevir's request for pre-scheduled low-light training.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Gill
County Clerk
Bartow County, Georgia