

LONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

July 11, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Riddle with the following members present: Mr. Thompson, Mr. Walker, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Deloach.
2. Invocation led by Pastor Robert Long, Grace Missionary Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Thompson.
4. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to accept the June minutes with the amendment on Discussion number 4; Mr. Richardson was not in the interview process. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
5. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to move the Financial Report on the agenda from number 8 to number 6. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
6. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Deloach to give full time employees a .50 raise starting July 1, 2017. After a full discussion Mr. Riddle voted yay, Mr. Richardson voted nay, Mr. Walker voted nay and Mr. Deloach voted nay. The motion failed 3-2.
7. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to accept Parkers Lawn Care's bid for \$34,400.00 annually to mow fields and common area at the Recreation Park. Mr. Deloach voted yea. Mr. Riddle voted nay and Mr. Richardson abstained. The motion passed 3-1-1.
8. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried to accept Murray Crossing Subdivision Final Plat, Phase 4. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
9. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to accept Belfair Subdivision Final Plat. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
10. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to approve the roads in Briarcrest Subdivision. The County will be responsible for Roads and Drainage, which do not include grass cutting. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Deloach opposed. The motion passed 4-1.

11. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to ratify the health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield effective July 1, 2017. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
12. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and certain municipalities of Long County concerning a County One Percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Thompson voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
13. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to enter Executive Session for Personnel matters. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Walker voted yea.
14. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to exit executive session. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
15. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to add an item that was previously not on the agenda for the betterment of the County; 6. b. Third Party Engineer. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
16. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to set a fee for a Third Party Engineer and cooperate it in the Subdivision Fee Schedule. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
17. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Walker and carried to pay bills. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
18. Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to adjourn. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Thompson voted yea.

DISCUSSION

1. TRACY SMITH/YOUTH CENTER: Discussed opening a youth center in Long County to offer a safe haven and after school programs for children, activities would include racket ball, other games and counseling for the troubled youth. Mr. Deloach stated that Jeffery Mitchell had recently asked about a Boys and Girls Club and he was advised to contact United Way for support. Mr. Riddle stated we will support any endeavor you can go forward with concerning our youth.
2. RANDY JOHNSON/LARRY FLOYD: Request having access to a private family cemetery. The land owners will work with the family and supports the family to visit the cemetery. They have been in contact with Sheriff Nobles, his recommendation was to call a given number and they would let them in. Mr. Johnson stated Georgia Law states twice a year,

thirty day notice. "We have dealt with this for three years". Mr. Riddle said he would like a copy of that law given to our Attorney.

3. STACEY BELL/CARL BELL: Purchased their home unaware of the Solar Panels that would be twenty feet from their home. Mrs. Bell stated they intended to retire here and was concerned about the value and other things. "No one wants to answer our questions". Mr. Richardson stated that the Real Estate Agent should have made them aware of the Panels. At the last work session tax abatement was discussed and a letter was drafted from the Commissioners and Development Authority regarding the abatement. Mr. Richardson stated "We cannot approve anything in the Work Session". Mr. Walker agreed with Mr. Richardson about no letter should have been sent, it has to go before the Board. Mr. Walker wants to know what the financial benefit is for Long County. The board informed Mrs. Bell that nothing official has been done at this time.
4. ALTON BERRY: Asked the board if the Planning and Zoning Board had approved for Solar Panels. Mr. Riddle stated nothing has been approved. Mr. Berry also discussed about the crack in his foundation. Mr. Etheridge will be in contact with Mr. Berry on this issue. Mr. Walker asked if Eric Petoff could work under John Bradley's License. The County Attorney and Administrator will check into this and get in touch with Mr. Berry.
5. AL GROOVER: Discussed Municipal Site Plan Membership. The Commissioners advised Mr. Groover they would discuss the membership and get back with him.
6. WILLE FRANK THOMPSON: Stated he wanted to clear up rumor of his resigning, he was not resigning. Mr. Thompson also stated he would like to table the cemetery issues.
7. TY BOUGTER/BURNT PINES SUBDIVISION: Discussed how bad the roads were, drainage and lighting issues. Mr. Walker stated that Burnt Pines has not been accepted. Mr. Deloach stated he knew where the holes were and he went in and repaired it, he also stated we needed to change the thickness of the base on the roads in these subdivisions. Mr. Deloach stated we need a third party engineer to check roads in subdivisions before we accept them. When subdivisions got approved and they maintain it for a year, we have some obligations, stated Mr. Walker. The County Administrator and the County Attorney will check into what can be done if it is not being maintained by the developer. Mr. Bougter said that this was a public safety issue.
8. SANDY GORSE/RAYONIER: Since 2010 he has been supporting access to the cemetery. He stated we will not restrict anyone who has family in said cemetery. No open gate policy is in place but we have to have a liability release and they have to notify Rayonier when they would like to go to the Cemetery. Rayonier is the only cooperation who can give access not the lessees.
9. FINANCIAL REPORT: Ms. Johnson discussed the budget was 98% completed and stated \$8,000,000.00 was spent in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and \$9,000,000.00 was received. Mr.

Walker asked Ms. Johnson would it be better to give the raise before the budget was approved or after, she stated after in my opinion. Mr. Richardson stated that he has a problem backing into a budget.

10. BIDS FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE AT RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Bids on file in Commissioners Office.
11. BILL NUTTING/MURRAYS CROSSING SUBDIVISION: After discussion regarding issues in the subdivision the Commissioners approved the Final Plat in Phase 4.
12. SCOTT STAFFORD/BELFAIR SUBDIVISION: After discussion regarding issues in the subdivision the Commissioners approved the Final Plat.
13. ROADS IN BRIARCREST SUBDIVISION: After Mr. Riddles discussion that there were no issues the Commissioners accepted the subdivision.