

LONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING

June 5, 2018

5:30 P.M.

1. Chairman Richardson opened the hearing at 5:30 P.M.
2. Planning and Zoning Administrator Jessica Holton requested a Variance submitted by Aaron Hutcheson for the use of septic tanks in subdivision instead of sewage treatment plan which is required for a subdivision with 50 or more lots.
3. Chairman Richardson closed the hearing at 5:45 P.M.

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1. Chairman Richardson opened the hearing at 5:45 P.M.
2. Jason Smiley requested to rezone 2.54 acres from Agricultural Forestry (AF) zoning district to Single Family Residential (R-1) zoning district.
3. Chairman Richardson closed the hearing at 6:00 P.M.

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REGULAR MEETING

June 5, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman David Richardson with the following members present: Michael Riddle, Robert Parker, Michael Phillips and Clifton Deloach.
2. Meeting led in prayer by Mr. Riddle.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Richardson.
4. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to accept the minutes for May 2018. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Phillips voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
5. Motion made by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mr. Parker and carried to have the County Attorney look into a referendum for the Opioid Epidemic. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Phillips voted yea.
6. Motion made by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mr. Parker and carried to park ambulance with the Excelsior at EMS station in Ludowici. Mr. Phillips voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
7. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to reappoint Mr. Ray Howard to serve on the CRC Council as a Non-Public Representative for Long County. Mr. Howard will serve a one year term that will begin on July 1, 2018 and end July 1, 2019. The City of Ludowici coincides with this reappointment. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Phillips voted yea.
8. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Deloach to reappoint Brent Klinedinst, Sr. to the Long County Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Klinedinst will serve a three year term that will begin on July 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2021. Mr. Phillips voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
9. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Phillips and carried to appoint John Bradley as Animal Control Director and Dog Control Officer. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted nay and Mr. Richardson opposed. The motion passed 3-2.
10. Motion made by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mr. Parker and carried to put a hold on Concerted Services takeover until September 1, 2018. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Phillips voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.

11. Motion made by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to adopt the GEB Corp 401(a) contract. Mr. Phillips voted yea. Mr. Parker voted nay and Mr. Deloach voted nay. The motion passed 3-2.
12. Motion made by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to accept the Health Insurance plan. Mr. Deloach voted yea. Mr. Phillips voted nay and Mr. Parker voted nay. The motion passed 3-2.
13. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to have the County Attorney draft a Cemetery Ordinance. Mr. Phillips voted yea, Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Riddle opposed. The motion passed 4-1
14. Motion made by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mr. Phillips and carried to approve the Preliminary Plat for Hutcheson Subdivision. Mr. Parker voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Richardson opposed. The motion passed 4-1.
15. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Phillips and carried to approve Variance Request V-018-001. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Richardson opposed. The motion passed 4-1.
16. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to approve Jason Smiley's request to rezone 2.54 acres from Agricultural Forestry (AF) zoning district to Single Family Residential (R-1). Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Phillips voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
17. Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to adopt Townsend Bombing Range Public Works Proposal. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Phillips voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
18. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Parker and carried that we add a item that was previously not on the agenda for the betterment of the county; To appoint Heath Crane to the DFACS board. Mr. Heath will serve a five year term that will begin on July 1, 2018. Mr. Phillips voted yea. Mr. Richardson opposed and Mr. Riddle opposed. The motion passed 3-2.
19. Motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Parker and carried to enter Executive Session. Mr. Riddle voted yea, Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
20. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Phillips and carried to exit Executive Session. Mr. Richardson voted yea, Mr. Parker voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.

21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to pay bills. Mr. Phillips voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
22. Motion made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to adjourn. Mr. Deloach voted yea, Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Parker voted yea.

DISCUSSION

1. SHERIFF CRAIG NOBLES/OPIOID EPIDEMIC: Sheriff Nobles discussed the need to address the problem with Opioids. Several Counties have agreed to file cases in Federal Court to sue the distributors, pill manufactures and some case Doctors for negligence, and would like to follow suit. Sheriff Nobles asked to have the Commissioners consider getting on board with a referendum. Mr. Parker stated we would have the County Attorney work on this and bring before the board on July's meeting.
2. EMMA STRICKLAND/TIDWELL ROAD: Mrs. Strickland discussed her concern to the board regarding Tidwell Ford Road and Tori Circle as to what is Private and what is Public. County Administrator Mr. Etheridge stated that the road was public up to the trash cans and beyond that was private. Mr. Etheridge then informed Mrs. Strickland that the correct road signs have been ordered.
3. DOUG DILLER: Mr. Diller informed the board that Ambulance was in the Communications shop and once it is complete they will stock it and return it to the EMS station located in Ludowici. Mr. Diller also stated EMS had 98 calls for the month of May. Thirty nine of those were located at the North end of the county, with 3 runs to Savannah. They had 27 requests for mutual aid with 14 refusals.
4. BILL ROSS/ROSS ASSOCIATES: Mr. Ross proposed a assessment for potential funding sources, including impact fees and alternate funding approaches. Mr. Ross stated impact fees are like SPLOST, it only can be used for Capital Improvements. Also, Mr. Ross stated it would take about six months and required a State review.
5. CALCIUM ON ROADWAYS: Mr. Riddle stated he had figures and would get back with the board.
6. TRUANCY ORDINANCE: Probate Judge Bobby Smith discussed this ordinance with the public. This will be considered the 1st reading.
7. TOWNSEND BOMBING RANGE: County Administrator Mr. Etheridge stated himself; Road Superintendent Norman Morris and Commissioner Parker met with Mr. Gaskin regarding a proposal to conduct road work maintaining 85 miles of dirt road at the bombing range.
8. BERNICE JOHNSON: Ms. Johnson gave the financial report for May 2018.