

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session

January 3, 2017

Present: Dwight E. Purvis, Chairman
Debra Robinson, Vice-Chairman
Jeff Lane, Commissioner
Audie Rowe, Commissioner
Lindsey Parrish, Commissioner

Staff Present: Faye Hughes, County Administrator
Vicki S. Parrish, Deputy Clerk

Chairman Purvis called the meeting to order.

Invocation was led by Vicki Parrish.

Commission Board led the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES: Commissioner Robinson moved to adopt the December 5, 2016, Work Session & Regular Session meeting minutes, second Commissioner Jeff Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

Chase Daughtrey, Probate Judge: Judge Daughtrey presented agreements for public defender services with Hayden L. Willis and Lea Hazel for board's approval. Judge Daughtrey also presented local legislation pertaining to his court's jurisdiction requesting board's approval.

Commissioner Lane moved to enter into a public hearing with the right to return to regular session, second Commissioner Robinson. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

PUBLIC HEARING: Rezoning Request #2016—Edward Bell, Jr.- Chris Davis, opened the public hearing for Mr. Edward Bell's rezoning request by stating that rules and regulation for public hearings and conflicts of interest were available for the public upon request. Mr. Davis explained the rezoning request is to locate a diesel mechanic shop on 5 acres of a 23 acre tract of farm land. Property is located on Hwy 76 and Tillman Road, request is to rezone track from AU to GB.

Mr. Davis brought to the board's attention the signed petitions sent in by the citizens of the area.

The board was instructed the Conflict of Interest guidelines, no conflict of interest were disclosed.

Favor of the request:

Mr. Fred Bell, Jr. spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Bell stated he wished to do everything correctly. He further stated that Chris Davis presented everything upfront regarding his rezoning request.

Opposition of the request:

William Felts, 93 Lewis Felts Lane, Adel, GA 31620
Michael Felts, 579 Wilkes Road, Adel, GA 31620
Jason Boykin, 1055 Antioch Road, Adel, GA 31620
Nick Griffin, 697 Antioch Road, Adel, GA 31620
Emory Felts, 327 Pond Lane, Adel, GA 31620
Shonita McCall, 166 Stephen Williams Lane, Adel, GA 31620
Bob Hall, 788 Antioch Road, Adel, GA 31620

Commissioner Robinson moved to close the public hearing and return to regular session, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: Commissioner Lane moved to enter into an executive session to discuss a legal issue with the right to return to regular session, second Commissioner Robinson. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

Commissioner Lane moved to return to regular session, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried unanimously.

EDWARD BELL JR. / REZONING #2016-09: Commissioner Lane moved to deny the request, second Commissioner Rowe. Chairman Purvis polled members for their decision regarding Mr. Edward Bell's rezoning request: Commissioner Robinson, Lane, Rowe and Purvis voted to deny the request. Commissioner Parrish abstained from the vote. Rezoning request denied.

2017 CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Lane moved to appoint Dwight Purvis, Chairman, Debra Robinson, Vice-Chairman for 2017, second Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried unanimously.

2017 COUNTY CLERK: Commissioner Rowe made the motion to reappoint Vicki Parrish as County Clerk, 2017, second Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

2017 COUNTY ATTORNEY: Commissioner Jeff Lane moved to reappoint Daniel J. Connell, III, as County Attorney, 2017, second Commissioner Rowe. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS - HARGETT REAPPOINTMENT: Commissioner Lane moved to reappoint Richard Hargett to the Board of Tax Assessors, new term of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019, second Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH – GREEN REAPPOINTMENT: Commissioner Robinson moved to reappoint Billy Greene to the Cook County Board of Health, Mr. Greene's new 6 year term will end December 31, 2022, second Commissioner Lane. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

TONYA MCCONNELL – TAX COMMISSIONER/ AUTHORITY TO COLLECT: Commissioner Parrish made the motion to authorize, by agreement, for newly elected Tax Commissioner, Tonya McConnell the approval to collect taxes, fees, etc. by check, debit card, credit card, second Commissioner Robinson. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

PLANFIRST COMMUNITY PROGRAM / DCA-MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: Commissioner Purvis made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the DCA-PlanFirst Program, second Commissioner Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lane moved to appoint Faye Hughes as the designated person to carry out the procedures in the PlanFirst MOA, second Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

JANUARY 19TH MEETING-CANCELLATION: Commissioner Lane moved to cancel the board's meeting set for January 19th, unless otherwise required, second Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – SWEEPER: Commissioner Purvis moved to ratify the board's decision to purchase the sweeper from United Rental for \$11,800. Commissioner Randy Lane, Jeff Lane, Purvis and Robinson voted to approve the purchase price. Commissioner Dinnerman did not vote.

Commissioner Purvis moved to ratify the decision, second Commissioner Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

2017 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE APPLICATION – CIRCLESTONE SUPPER CLUB: Commissioner Lane moved to approve the 2017 Alcoholic Beverage application for “on premise consumption” Malt Beverage, Wine and Distilled Spirits from Circlestone Supper Club and authorize the County Clerk to issue the license, second Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried unanimously.

PROBATE COURT – PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTS: Commissioner Purvis moved to authorize the Chairman’s endorsement on the Public Defender contracts with Hayden Willis and Lea Hazel, \$250 per case, for services provided in Probate Court, second Commissioner Robinson. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

USDA GRANT FUNDS/ VEHICLES - EQUIPMENT: Commissioner Parrish made the motion to move forward with the payment of 2 patrol cars for the sheriff, van for county agent, truck for 911 and tractor/side arm mower for road department, second Commissioner Lane. Motion carried, 5 yes votes.

USDA Grant funding has been stalled. However, property has been received by dealers, thereby requiring payment.

CECIL VFD: Commissioner Lane moved to approve the invoices for the Cecil VFD shirts, second Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

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This the 6th day of February, 2017.

/s/ Dwight E. Purvis, Chairman

/s/ Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk