

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session 5:00 p.m.

June 6, 2016

Present: Randy Lane, Chairman
Dwight Purvis, Vice-Chairman
Michael Dinnerman, Commissioner
Jeff Lane, Commissioner

Staff Present: Faye Hughes, County Administrator
Nanette Dickerson, Deputy Clerk
Chris Davis, Building/Zoning Administrator

Chairman Randy Lane called the meeting to order.

Invocation was led by Chris Davis.

MINUTES: Commissioner Purvis moved to table the adoption of the minutes, second Commissioner Jeff Lane, motion carried unanimously.

Commission Board led the pledge to the flag.

ELM STREET STRIPING: Commissioner Purvis moved to reimburse the City of Sparks, \$7,040 for the striping of Elm Street, second Commissioner Dinnerman. Motion carried 4 yes votes.

COOK SERVICE CENTER: Commissioner Dinnerman moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Behavioral Health for the occupancy of the Cook Service Center Building (located on Industrial Park Drive) and authorize the Chairman's endorsement on the same, second Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried, unanimously.

OLD COFFEE ROAD BRIDGE: Commissioner Jeff Lane made the motion to accept the quote from Southern Concrete in the amount of \$215,000 and the additional LMIG grant (\$75,000 or 70% of project cost has been approved by GDOT) for repairs to the Old Coffee Road Bridge, second Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried with 4 yes votes.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING SIGNAGE: Commissioner Randy Lane moved to approve the quote from South Georgia Graphics, \$3,010.00, second Commissioner Jeff Lane. Motion carried unanimously. The signage will be for 15" upper case 12" lower case individual lettering in Bold Cast Aluminum

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS - LAW LIBRARY REQUEST: Commissioner Dinnerman moved to approve the law library continuing the renovation project in the courthouse, installing new lighting in the hall of the courthouse; and, allow the clerk of court desk installation (following the proper bid process), second Commissioner Purvis, 4 yes votes. The law library will fund the requested renovation in clerk of court's office up to \$1200.

NICK GRIFFIN – BID PROCESS: Commissioner Dinnerman moved to table the decision, regarding the Griffin Pond Easement, second Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried unanimously.

DFCS BOARD APPOINTMENT – FRED BYRD: Commissioner Purvis moved to reappoint Fred Byrd to the DFCS Board, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2021, second Commissioner Jeff Lane. Motion carried 4 yes votes.

PROBATE COURT – ADDITIONAL STAFF REQUEST: Commissioner Dinnerman moved to add \$6000 (plus benefits) to the FY2016 Probate Judge budget for an additional full time clerk, second Commissioner Purvis, 4 yes votes.

COURTHOUSE – AIR CONDITIONER REPLACEMENT: Commissioner Jeff Lane moved to replace the 2 ton air conditioning unit upstairs in the courthouse, Griffin Heating & Air \$3,482 (plus the cost of a crane), second Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried unanimously. The Law Library Board will be asked to contribute to the expense.

EMS BUILDING – LOCKERS: Commissioner Dinnerman moved to approve entering into a contract with a cabinet maker to build lockers in the EMS building, quote of \$400.00, second Commissioner Jeff Lane, 4 yes votes.

ZONING ADMENDMMENT – RACE TRACK HOURS OF OPERATION: Commissioner Jeff Lane stated that the recent decision to amend the race track hours was to be discussed in our retreat before a decision was made. The board never held the retreat. It was voted on without all the information. I told my citizens not to come to the public hearing due to the fact we had not had a retreat, I didn't feel we would take action during that meeting; but, we did, so we are here tonight to revisit this issue.

Commissioner Purvis- I based my decision on the fact that no one was here that spoke for it or against it. If there was information other than what I had, I didn't know it. I based my decision on the fact that no one present to speak for it or against it.

Commissioner Dinnerman – Stated he based his decision on the information Chris provided regarding the planning commission's recommendation and that Chris had not gotten any calls; and, that no one was here for the public hearing. We went through the channels, we did everything we were to do legally and no one responded. So, I have to assume everything was satisfactory. I think if you replay the recording, you will find that I said exactly the same thing at the last meeting.

Chairman Randy Lane – Chris what can we do?

Chris Davis – Anything that changes the ordinance will require a public hearing. You cannot move it back without a public hearing. Just like we did to make the change, it has to be publicized in the paper, the planning commission will have to hear it and then back before the board. You can't change or amend the ordinance without a public hearing.

Commissioner Jeff Lane- Again, I state that we never discussed this issue like we told Mr. Ozzie and them that we would., Therefore, my citizens didn't have a voice; and, they are citizens from that area and I think they should have a voice in this issue. We worked a long time to get where we are today and it had finally got to the point that I wasn't getting a lot of phone calls. If we go to 12:00 midnight, it's right back where we were. I just want my citizens to be heard.

Chairman Randy Lane opened the public session of the meeting regarding the racetrack amendment -

Opposition of the New Amendment: Citizens that spoke in opposition of the recent zoning amendment that granted an hour extension on Friday and Saturday nights for race times for the South Georgia Motor Sports Park:

S. L. Anderson
61 Brushy Creek Rd.
Lenox, Ga 31637

Will Warren
413 B. Futch Road
Cecil, Ga 31627

Joe Johnson
3363 Old Coffee Road
Hahira, Ga 31632

David Wall
3330 Old Coffee Road

Sue Wall
3416 Old Coffee Road

Cecil, Ga

Cecil, Ga

Favor or the New Amendment: Citizens that spoke in favor of the recent zoning amendment that granted an hour extension on Friday and Saturday nights for race times for the South Georgia Motor Sports Park:

Phil Hubbard
2011 Woody Circle
Valdosta, Ga

Leslie Thompson
2413 Weave Drive
Ray City, Ga

Linda Weeks
85 Meadows Lane
Sparks, Ga

Ozzy Maya, Owner
South Georgia Motorsports Park
Cecil, Ga

The board took no action and will seek legal counsel before a decision is made.

Adjournment: Chairman Randy Lane moved to adjourn the meeting, second Commissioner Purvis. Motion carried unanimously.

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This the 5th day of July, 2016.

/s/ Randy Lane, Chairman

/s/ Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk