

Board of Commissioners' Meeting  
Carroll County, Georgia  
March 18, 2008

MINUTES

Regular  
Commission  
Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at 6:44 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the David Perry County Administration Building, 423 College Street, Carrollton, Georgia.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Chappell.

Invocation

The invocation was offered by Commissioner Randy Simpkins.

Pledge of  
Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner John Wilson.

Roll Call

Roll was called by the County Clerk.

There were present:

Chairman Bill Chappell  
Vice-Chairman Trent North  
Commissioner Vicki Anderson  
Commissioner Bill Head  
Commissioner John Wilson  
Commissioner Randy Simpkins  
Commissioner Herman Ayers

There were absent:

None

Minutes

**The minutes of the March 4, 2008 meeting were unanimously adopted, as previously circulated, on a motion by Commissioner Ayers and seconded by Commissioner Wilson.**

Financial  
Session

County Comptroller Don Johnson presented the financial recap of County funds as of February 29, 2008 reporting a total cash reserve of \$8,445,065 with revenues to date totaling \$35,366,382 (70.5%), and expenditures to date totaling \$30,345,933 (60.5%), and a fund balance of \$2,673,099.

DEA/GBI  
Headquarters

**On a motion by Commissioner Head and seconded by Commissioner Ayers, the Commission voted 7-0 to endorse the proposed joint narcotics task force program to be headquartered in Carrollton. At a future meeting the board will consider making appropriations for the purchase of a headquarters site.**

Special Tax  
District  
Ordinance  
Amendment

**On a motion by Commissioner Head and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Commission voted 7-0 to adopt A Resolution Amending The Special Tax Districts Ordinance (Article VI, Sec. 90-101(2) And Sec. 90-102(c) Of The Carroll County Code Of Ordinances) To Permit The Board Of Commissioners Of Carroll County By Majority Vote On Their Own Initiative To Create A Special Tax District In Any Area Or Areas where The Board Of Commissioners Make An Independent Determination That A Special Tax District To Fund A Service Or Facility Authorized In Article VI, Sec., 90-101(1) Is Necessary And In The Best Interest Of The County To Protect The Health, Safety, And General Welfare Of All Persons And Properties Within The Area To Be Designated A Special Tax District, To Establish A Procedure For The Creation Of Special Tax Districts Under The Circumstances Outlined Above, To Provide For Notice Provisions Governing This Procedure, To Provide For An Effective Date, And For Other Purposes.**

Agricultural  
Preservation  
Advisory  
Committee

**On a motion by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Commission voted 7-0 to create the Carroll County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Committee to recommend policies and programs to implement objectives in the Carroll County Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the promotion of agriculture and preservation of agricultural lands. The Committee will be specifically charged with recommending to the Board of Commissioners policies to implement a transfer of development rights program before the end of 2008. The Committee will work with the Community Development Staff to incorporate sending and receiving zones into the description of Character Areas in the current update to the Carroll County Comprehensive Plan. The Carroll County Planning Staff shall provide technical support, and the Carroll County Office of the University of Georgia Extension Services shall provide administrative support. The term of office for the Committee is one (1) year and may be renewed by the Board of Commissioners. Members are: At-Large – Kevin Jackson, Brian Hager, Bill Hodge and Chuck Joiner; Staff – Lee Gorman and Tommy Greer; Developer/Home Builder – Jerry Driver; Agricultural Community – Scott Eason, Jonathon Burns and Doug Smith; Carroll County Water Authority – Jerry Shadinger; Real Estate – Sally Carden; Farm Bureau – Eric McGrew and Paul Cooper; City of Carrollton – Charles Griffin; City of Temple – Richard Bracknell; The Cities of Bowdon, Villa Rica, Mt. Zion, Roopville and Whitesburg representatives are yet to be determined, with any additional members to be added as needed.**

Lowell  
and Tyus  
Convenience  
Centers

**On a motion by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Head, the Commission voted 7-0 to approve the conversion of the Lowell and Tyus dumpster sites to Convenience Centers and to authorize the Chairman to execute all documents (including the purchase of property) necessary to complete the improvements to these sites.**

Public  
Comments

Public comments were made by: Bill Kecskes, Dillard Buchanan and Commissioner Head. Comments were tendered on the following subjects: unfair advantage, Drug Task Force funds, and the County's Sign Ordinance.

Zoning  
Session

Before beginning the Zoning Session, Chairman Chappell stated the policies and procedures governing the conduct of zoning hearings. The applicant(s) or proponent(s) of the zoning application shall be allowed ten (10) minutes to present data, evidence, and opinion. Those opposed to the zoning application shall be allowed ten (10) minutes to present data, evidence, and opinion. Both sides shall be allowed five (5) minutes for rebuttal.

Conditional  
Use Permit -  
Smith  
Avenue,  
Bowdon

**On a motion by Commissioner Ayers and seconded by Commissioner Head, the Commission voted 7-0 to approve the request of Argelia Sanchez for a Conditional Use Permit (application # C-08-03-01) to increase the number of children in her home-based day care center (originally approved six children on May 15, 2007) to eighteen, on a 2.0+/- acre tract, on property owned by Luis and Argelia Sanchez, located at 435 Smith Avenue, Bowdon, GA, and lying in Land Lot 049 of the 10<sup>th</sup> Land District (also known as Carroll County Tax Map #044, Parcel #0083 as shown on Conditional Use Permit Application #C-08-03-01) as shown in the application.**

Conditional  
Use Permit -  
N. Jonesville  
Road,  
Bowdon

**On a motion by Commissioner Ayers and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins, the Commission voted 7-0 to approve the request of Tom Franklin for a Conditional Use Permit (application # C-08-02-01) to operate a day care facility for approximately 30 children, on a 7.88+/- acre tract, on property owned by Victor Martinez, located at 164 N. Jonesville Road, Bowdon, GA, and lying in Land Lot 117 of the 9<sup>th</sup> Land District (also known as Carroll County Tax Map #029, Parcel #0041 as shown on Conditional Use Permit Application #C-08-02-01) as shown in the application.**

Conditional  
Use Permit -  
LaBelle  
Road,  
Villa Rica

**On a motion by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the Commission voted 7-0 to approve the request of Shelia Bell for a Conditional Use Permit (application # C-08-02-02) to operate a dog grooming facility, on a 2.9+/- acre tract, on property owned by Shelia Bell, located at 239 LaBelle Road, Villa Rica, GA, and lying in Land Lot 230 of the 6<sup>th</sup> Land District (also known as Carroll County Tax Map #145, Parcel #0072 as shown on Conditional Use Permit Application #C-08-02-02) as shown in the application.**

Adjournment

**There being no further business to come before the Commission, the same was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Ayers and seconded by Commissioner Wilson.**

ATTEST:

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Susan A. Mabry, County Clerk

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Bill Chappell, Chairman

*These minutes were approved by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners on April 15, 2008.*