

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR JOINT MEETING
WITH PULASKI TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 2, 2015

At a special joint meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and Pulaski Town Council held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pulaski Town Municipal Building on First Street in the Town of Pulaski, the following Board of Supervisors members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Charles Bopp, Vice-Chairman; Andy McCready; and Dean Pratt. Supervisor Ranny O'Dell was absent.

County staff present included; Karen Thompson, Assistant County Administrator for Management Services; Anthony Akers, Assistant County Administrator for Human Services; Tim Kirtner, County Attorney; and Gena Hanks, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

Pulaski Town Council members present included: Jeff Worrell, Mayor; David Clark; Gregory East; H. M. Kidd; Lane Penn; Jamie Radcliffe; and Heather Steele. Also present from Town staff were: Shawn Utt, Town Manager; Trish Cruise, Clerk to Council; and David Warburton, Town Attorney.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mr. Sheffey called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Public Hearing – Loving Field Exchange

Mr. Utt described the history of the Loving Field property ownership as well as provided a summary of the proposed property exchange. Mr. Shawn advised 3.8 acres is the remainder of a 9.328 acre parcel jointly purchased by the Town and County from Robert Whitman in 1949. Mr. Utt advised that the 1.6 acre exchange parcel is located adjacent to the existing Loving Field parking lot, is 100% owned by the Town of Pulaski and would be transferred in its entirety to the County in exchange for the transfer of the County's partial interest in the 3.8 acre parcel.

Mr. McCready clarified the proposed property exchange is not the area of land where the existing ball and soccer fields are currently located, as well as noted the County currently has half interest in lot "C".

Mr. Sheffey opened the public hearing and advised the purpose of the public hearing was to consider exchange of a partial interest by the County in a remaining 3.8 acre parcel for full interest in 1.6 acres.

Mr. Joel Burchett, Sr. referenced a letter previously written by him to the Town Council expressing concern over the method in which the property was being auctioned and the "lack of transparency" by the Town Council. Mr. Burchett advised that since writing the letter he had been provided information

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which provided a better understanding of the matter, and therefore, he was in support of the property exchange.

Mr. Tom Bentley referenced a letter he had sent to the local newspaper for publication which had been addressed to the Pulaski Town Council and the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors expressing concern over the proposed property exchange. Mr. Bentley suggested the Town consider donating 3.8 acres of the land to the County for the purpose of adding a picnic area to the Loving Field Sports Complex. Mr. Bentley advised of having a better understanding of the purpose of the public hearing and supported the property exchange.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. McCready, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board approved a Deed of Exchange between the Town of Pulaski and Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and authorized the Chairman to execute the deed tendered to the Clerk and the Board prior to the meeting.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Pratt

Voting no: None

Not present: Mr. O'Dell.

Abstaining: Mr. Bopp

3. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Bopp, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board adjourned its special meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be a special meeting to be held on Monday, June 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at which a public hearing will be held on the FY 16 budget, with said meeting being held in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW in the Town of Pulaski.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt

Voting no: None

Not present: Mr. O'Dell.



Peter M. Huber, County Administrator



Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman