

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Agenda Workshop
August 27, 2009

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 4:30 pm at the Oriental Town Hall.

Present were: Mayor Sage and Commissioners Bohmert, Cox, Inger, Kellam and Styron
Manager Cahoon
Recording Secretary Wagoner
Long Range Planning member Roe
Tourism Board member McIlhenny
2 members of the public

Mayor Sage opened the workshop.

3 ATTORNEY REPORT – Mr. Scott Davis will attend the regular meeting. Commissioner Cox reported that on August 10, Mr. Lacy Henry filed a petition for a rehearing. Under the rules of procedure, the Court of Appeals now has 30 days to respond so by the 10th of October the Town should hear the court's decision. If the petition is denied, Mr. Henry will have 15 more days to decide whether to take the matter to the Supreme Court.

#4 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH SRS,INC

MOTION: Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the SRS, Inc. contract. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 5-0.

#4 APPROVAL OF TREE REMOVAL QUOTE - After some discussion the Board instructed Mr. Cahoon to get a price quote from Affordable Tree Care as well.

#7 SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION -

MOTION: Commissioner Styron made a motion to approve the Sickle Cell Proclamation. Second by Commissioner Cox. Vote 5-0.

#10 TOURISM REPORT – Mrs. McIlhenny handed out an updated tourism budget that she asked the Board to review as well as a memo that asks for clarification on the Tourism Board's role. Since Oriental started receiving occupancy tax money, new legislation has been passed and she asked the Board to consider updating the Tourism Ordinance to incorporate those changes.

#12 TREE BOARD – The Tree Board asked that Ms. Kelly Cohen be appointed to its board. The commissioners asked that Ms. Cohen submit a letter of intention for her seat on the Tree Board.

#13 M&M'S REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT - Commissioner Inger reported that there were questions surrounding the readings of an old water meter used at M&M's Restaurant. Calibration of the meter was done and determined that the meter has actually been reading less water usage so the reimbursement Mr. Sargent, the owner of M&M's, requested will not be forthcoming.

#17 EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – Mr. Cahoon presented an evaluation form for all the town’s employees except for himself. Commissioner Kellam pointed out that an evaluation will also be done on the manager, by the Board.

#18 – PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ANIMAL ORDINANCE – Commissioner Kellam presented her proposed ordinance changes and asked that the Board review it carefully before the next meeting. She then reviewed the changes stating that the current ordinance is not enforceable and the definition of habitual behavior meaning ‘nuisance behavior four or more times within a one month period’ is absurd.

There being no further business;

MOTION: Commissioner Kellam made the motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Cox.
Vote 5-0.

William Sage, Mayor

Randy Cahoon, Town Manager