

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at the Brooks County Office Building. Commissioners present were: Ms. Myra Exum, Chairperson; Mr. Joe Wingate, Vice Chairman; Mr. Willie Cody; Mr. S. L. Jones; and Mr. James Maxwell. Others present were: Mr. Justin DeVane, Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; Mr. Vann Parrott.

A. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – Chair Exum called meeting to order.

Mr. Maxwell made a motion to amend agenda to move item #3 Request to Create IT Position; to #1, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

1. Request to Create IT Position - Administrator requested to create an IT Position within the Administration Office; to offset fees being spent with SGRC; and save County money. The person selected will provide IT services for all County Departments. Administrator stated there is enough work to keep this person busy; and we will not have to wait for SGRC. The funds saved from not using SGRC will pay salary of an IT person. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to proceed with creating the IT position and advertise in Quitman Free Press, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The Board went out of special called meeting to go into executive session for Grievance Hearing requested by Mr. Zurich DeShazior, Elections Board Member; on the motion by Mr. Wingate; and seconded by Mr. Cody at 5:35 p.m.

The Board returned to special called meeting at 6:16 p.m. on motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Cody.

Executive Session – Personnel

2. Grievance Hearing – Zurich DeShazior – After discussion, the Board did not take any action.

3. Appeal Request – Ken Collins – County Attorney asked Mr. Collins if he was appearing for a grievance or to appeal the Board's decision of termination. Mr. Collins stated he wanted to appeal the decision of the Board. Therefore; the appeal was held in open session and not executive session. The Board allowed Mr. Collins to present his appeal.

Mr. Collins stated it's his desire to seek reappointment as the County's Elections Supervisor. He stated the allegations were without merit since the allegations suggested he violated a State law. He believed he was unjustly judged and terminated; and would like to be reappointed without a skip in employment status. He further stated he wanted to come back to work and given another chance. Mr. Collins was advised that the Board has 10 days in which to make a decision. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Mr. Cody made the motion; Mr. Wingate seconded; to adjourn the special called meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Ms. Myra Exum, Chair

Mr. Justin DeVane, Administrator

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk