

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, October 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: Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; County Attorney, Mr. Vann Parrott; and various residents.

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

**1. Old Building at Road Department** – Mr. JJ Allen, Road Superintendent, appeared before the Board at the October meeting and stated the old building at the fuel pumps needs to be torn down; it is in the way. Board had concerns about the building being a historical building. Mr. Allen was advised to get with Mike Jacobs at the Regional Commission for historical information. Administration contacted Michael Jacobs, Senior Planner, SGRC, he advised that unless there is Federal or State money or permitting involved, or if it is in City of Quitman; we should be able to remove it. The building is not located in the City of Quitman. The Board unanimously authorized the Road Department to demolish the old building, on a motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Cody.

**2. Employee Travel Expense Per Diem** – Currently the per diem for employee travel expense is \$10.00 for breakfast, \$10.00 for lunch; and \$15.00 for dinner. Board discussed changing the per diem due to higher cost at restaurants in some areas when travelling for training. Mr. Mike Smith, 911 Director, checked with surrounding counties, State and Federal Agencies for their per diem and mileage rate. After discussion, Mr. Wingate made the motion to increase the per diem to \$15.00 for breakfast; \$15.00 for lunch; and \$25.00 for dinner; and change the mileage from .505 per mile to .545 per mile, Mr. Maxwell seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**3. Hiring Qualifications – County Administrator** – Board reviewed and discussed the proposed Position Announcement for County Administrator for changes, deadline and posting dates. Board discussed the range of which they want the Position Announcement to be advertised; such as, Quitman Free Press, ACCG, NACO; and other sites and means of advertising that are available. The deadline for applications was set for December 28, 2018. The Clerk will have final draft for Board approval at the upcoming November 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

**B. Executive Session – None**

**C. Adjournment**

Mr. Cody made the motion; Mr. Wingate seconded; to adjourn the special called meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Ms. Myra Exum, Chair

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Interim Administration