

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for its Monthly Work Session and Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at the Brooks County Office Building. Commissioners present were: Mr. James Maxwell, Chairman; Mr. Patrick Folsom, Vice Chair; Mr. Rhett Rowe; and Mr. Willie Cody. Ms. Myra Exum was not present. Others present were: Ms. Patricia Williams, Interim County Administrator/County Clerk; Mr. Vann Parrott, County Attorney; and various residents.

PUBLIC HEARING - None

WORK SESSION – Chairman called Work Session to order.

A. Jessica McKinney – Concerns with Trash Service and Road Condition – Ms. McKinney addressed the Board her concerns with the trash pickup service from current provider; trash is not picked up regularly. She stated she is paying taxes for services not being rendered. She also had emergency response concerns, environmental concerns; and mail service not being consistent. Ms. McKinney emphasized to the Board of the need to put resources in the Road Department budget.

B. Lawrence Tobe – Pine Branch Lane – Was not present.

C. Gary Couch – Speed Bumps and Pot Holes – Was not present

D. Donald Turner – Concerns regarding Ramlin Road – Stated water is on top of the road and there is erosion due to rain. Chair advised would look at see what problem is; but need to wait until water absorbs.

E. Zane Coats – Road Surface and Re-paving – Requested Quail Drive be placed on the surface and re-paving list.

Reports from Committees/Departments

A. JJ Allen – Road Department – Enlightened the Board on information he received from Public Works Conference he attended. Mr. Allen informed of how he enjoyed networking with other Road Department Supervisors and sharing information.

- Spoke about new asphalt being used; and how good it seems to be working for other counties. And he is going to use it and see how it works.
- Tallakos Road is overflowing under water. The road is closed definitely until water dries up.
- Mr. Allen stated he is backing up and starting over with procedures for roads; will get some knowledge from County Engineer; and do things different.

B. Ben DeVane – County Surveyor/Engineer – Updated the Board on projects:

- During meeting in January, Mr. DeVane looked at the problem with water running at Recycle Center in Morven; there is a problem getting in and out. Morven City Clerk presented the proposal to the Mayor. Mr. DeVane met with the Mayor to

explain the situation and see what they will allow the County to do. Chairman of the Board for Morven does not want ditches around the perimeter; will allow a 6 inch pipe to be installed. Board does not think this will solve problem; but the project is on Morven's property. Board asked Mr. DeVane to see if Morven will give permission to install a larger pipe.

- The bid for the 2018 LMIG is out; thus far; four bids have been received. He estimates the cost to be \$1,527,522; based on past bids and cost per mile.
 - Went out and looked at the water flowing on Tallakos Road; has reviewed DNR Guidelines to see if they need to be involved.
 - Looked at Hamlin Road's inventory and rate in three areas, approximately 3,680 feet; .07 of a mile needs work ; will cost \$98,000.
 - CR 188 – width needs to be determined to put ditches back; has 30 feet ROW; will stake it and let Road Department and Mr. Cody know.
 - Looked at CR 118 Haddock Road; needs to get deeds signed so it will be Brooks County property. Provided options for correction: 1) repair erosion, fill in; 2) fill new ditch along Mr. Folsom's property and cut another ditch; grass it to ROW; and not to be bladed anymore; 3) fill ditch, regrade sheet flow to other side; hopefully these options will solve probably

C. Jordan Smith – Fire Department – Was not present.

Chairman closed Work Session to go into the Regular Meeting at 5:52 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Chairman called meeting to order.

A. Prayer & Pledge – Pastor Bobby Christian, Calvary Christian Church, led all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

A. February 4, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting – Mr. Folsom made a motion to approve the agenda and amend to add to New Business, Vehicle Purchase for Sheriff's Department, and Change Board Appointments; Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Folsom, the Board unanimously approved the following minutes:

B. Monthly Work Session & Regular Meeting

January 7, 2019

C. Special Called Meeting

January 14, 2019

4. Appearances

A. Lee Weaver – Administration received a request from Chief Ranger, Lee Weaver, Georgia Forestry Commission, to appear and provide the 2018 Annual Report. Ranger

Chafin provided the following report: Reported they have moved into the new building at the north end of Brooks County; now serving Brooks and Cook County. There is a total of 316,000 acres 181,055 of that is forest land; which is under the protection of the Georgia Forestry Commission. Under the supervision of the Chief Ranger, the Brooks County Forestry Unit's resources are as follows: 5 full time Forest Rangers who maintain and operate 5 dozer/tractor-plow units, and 5 - 4x4 quick response engines. There were 12 fires put out, no smoke related accidents/injury/deaths; 5,463 permits issued, and no road closures for 2018. There were no new cogongrass locations identified and treated free of charge during fiscal year 2018 in Brooks County. Georgia continues to find funding for GFC to eliminate cogongrass. Ranger Chafin thanked the Board for continuing support to the Forestry Commission.

B. Sherrie McCranie – Request for Use of Facility – Ag Building Auditorium – Ms. McCranie submitted a request to use the Auditorium at the Ag Building on February 23, 2019 for a baby shower from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Mr. Cody made a motion to approve the request to use the Ag Building Auditorium on February 23rd from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m for a baby shower; seconded by Mr. Rowe. Vote was unanimous.

C. Tiffany Holmes – Development Authority – Request for Reimbursement – Administration received a request from Ms. Holmes for Development Authority funds held by the County to be reimbursed to Development Authority for expenditures in 2018 in the amount of \$57,118.50. On motion by Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Rowe, the request for reimbursement for \$57,118.50 regarding the Development Authority's 2018 expenditures was approved, vote was unanimous.

D. Glenn Kringle – Iron Order Motorcycle Club – Request for Temporary Beer and Wine Sales Permit – Administration received a request from Mr. Kringle, Iron Order Motorcycle Club, for a temporary permit to sale beer and wine by the cup for a two-day fundraising event to be held February 22nd; and February 23, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at his residence located at 2077 Troupeville Road. The fee for the permit is \$50.00 for a one day event. A background check is always ran for this application to get a permit. Mr. Folsom motioned to approve the request for permit for the two-day fundraising event at Mr. Kringle's residence to sell beer and wine by the cup on February 22nd and February 23, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m; the fee will be \$100, \$50 for each permit; Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

E. Colquitt EMC Tree Removal Agreement – Mr. Robert Vann, Landfill Operator, presented an Agreement from Colquitt EMC for tree removal at the Landfill. The Board unanimously approved the tree removal by Colquitt EMC on a motion by Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Folsom.

F. Vehicle Purchase – Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Mike Dewey presented a quote for a 2011 Ford F-150 Truck in amount of \$13,900 from the dealership in Tampa, FL. Previously, he presented a quote for a Tahoe; but it has been sold. Sheriff Dewey stated

he will transfer his current vehicle, 2011 Ford F-150, to the Road Patrol; and he will drive the truck. The Board approved the purchase of the 2011 Ford Truck in amount of \$13,900 from Tampa, FL, and funds will come from SPLOST #6, Mr. Folsom made the motion, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

5. New Business

A. Southern Health Partners – Rate Increase – Sheriff Mike Dewey presented a letter to Administration from Southern Health Partners regarding a 3% increase, which is \$3,811.51 (\$308.37) per month for medical services at the Brooks County Jail; to begin March 1, 2019. The amount budgeted for this fiscal year is \$125,000. The budget for next year will increase by approximately \$12,000. Beginning March 1st there will be an additional \$308.37 added to the monthly cost; which is not budgeted. The Board needs to approve to appropriate funds for the remainder of this year (March 1st thru June 30th) in the amount of \$1,233.48. The increase from Southern Health Partners of \$308.37 per month, beginning March 1st was approved for the funds in the amount of \$1,233.48 to come from the Contingency Fund for the remaining of this year, Mr. Rowe made the motion; and Mr. Folsom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

B. Agreement for Municipal Elections – City of Quitman – Mr. Charles Dave, Elections Superintendent, submitted to Administration an Agreement for Municipal Elections for City of Quitman. The Agreement continues the voting practice of contracting with the County to conduct all general and special municipal elections for the City. Mr. Cody made the motion to approve the Agreement for Municipal Elections for City of Quitman; Mr. Folsom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

C. Agreement for Municipal Elections – City of Morven – Mr. Charles Dave, Elections Superintendent, submitted to Administration an Agreement for Municipal Elections for City of Morven. The Agreement continues the voting practice of contracting with the County to conduct all general and special municipal elections for the City of Morven. Mr. Cody made the motion to approve the Agreement for Municipal Elections for City of Morven; Mr. Folsom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

D. Appointment to Library Board – Chairman informed Administration of the need to appoint a member to the Library Board, due to the resignation of Mr. Jon Johnson received January 23rd. Mr. Johnson submitted a letter thanking the Board and the Library Board for kindness shown to him. Chairman recommended Ms. Mary Henley to serve on the Board. Discussion began from Mr. Rowe as to other Board members making recommendations of appointing a Library Board member. Mr. Rowe made the motion to table the appointment to allow other recommendations from the Board, Mr. Folsom seconded. Chairman called for the vote. Mr. Rowe and Mr. Folsom voted yes. Mr. Cody opposed.

E. Re-appoint Elections Board Member – Karen Murray – Administration was contacted by Elections Superintendent, Mr. Charles Dave, of the term expiration of Ms. Karen Murray on the Elections Board. Ms. Murray is interested in being re-appointed to serve another term. Mr. Rowe made the motion to re-appoint Ms. Murray to serve on the Elections Board for another four-year term, expiring December 31, 2022, Mr. Folsom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

F. 2019 Contract Renewal – Public Defender Services – Ms. Patti Sutton, Chief Circuit Administrator, Southern Public Defender Office, contacted Administration regarding the renewal of the 2019 Contract for Public Defender Services. There are no changes/additions to the continuing contract; the contract does not impact the budget. Mr. Cody motioned to approve Chairman to sign the 2019 Contract for Public Defender Services, seconded by Mr. Folsom. Vote was unanimous.

G. Change to 2019 Board Appointments – Chairman amended the agenda to make changes to their 2019 appointments; but tabled the changes until all Board members are present.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Quote for Trailer – Road Department - Road Supervisor, Mr. JJ Allen, submitted a quote for a Trailer in the amount of \$47,900 from Wallace Truck & Equipment Sales; this request has been pending for a while due to funding. This item has not been included in the current budget. The Board will need to amend the current budget if choose to fund from surplus. However, the Road Department has \$160,000 left in SPLOST #6 allocations. On the motion by Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Folsom, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of the Trailer from Wallace Truck & Equipment Sales in amount of \$47,900; and funds will come from SPLOST #6. Vote was unanimous.

B. Proposals – Mack Truck RFP - During the January meeting, Board authorized advertising a Request for Proposal for a Mack Truck. The ad ran in the Quitman Free Press on January 16th, January 23rd, and January 30, 2019. The RFP was also put on line with Govquote.com. Three bids were received from Govquote; and one loan proposal from Ameris Bank.

1. Govquote

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| 1. Allentown Mack Sales & Service, Inc. (Pennsylvania) | \$129,597.10 |
| 2. Gainesville Truck Center (Gainesville, GA) | \$122,418.00 |
| 3. Gulf Coast Truck & Equipment Co., Inc. (Dothan, AL) | \$110,998.00 |

2. Ameris Bank – +/- \$135,000

Rate/Fees: 3.75% \$650 processing fee

Maturity: 12 months Repayment Terms: 12 principal and interest payments with no pre-payment penalty

After discussion and review of the proposals, the Board tabled this item with a motion by Mr. Folsom, and a seconded by Mr. Cody. Vote was unanimous.

C. Approve Appointment Change to Southern Georgia Regional Commissioner Board from Ms. Exum to Chairman of the Board - During the January meeting, Board made their 2019 Board Appointments. At that time, Ms. Exum agreed to remain on the SGRC Board. Mr. Maxwell contacted Ms. Exum and stated he would like to serve on the SGRC Board due to being appointed Chairman of the Commission for 2019; Ms. Exum agreed. Mr. Folsom made the motion to approve the change on the SGRC Board from Ms. Exum to Chairman Maxwell, Mr. Cody seconded, vote was unanimous.

7. County Administrator Notes/Comments

A. Letter to Advanced Disposal – Solid Waste Collections – During the January meeting Board discussed the possibility of not renewing the contract with Advanced Disposal. Notification will have to be given to Advanced prior to June 1st to stay within the contract renewal period. The Commissioners and Office Staff are being flooded with calls from citizens regarding the poor service being received. Board authorized Administration to contact other services.

Administration has spoken with Thomasville Solid Waste; and they are pleased to be considered; and look forward to the opportunity to provide service to Brooks County; if that is what the Board decide to do. Mr. Nate Tyler inquired whether or not the County would be entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement or will the Solid Waste Collections go out for bid? After discussion, the Board asked County Attorney to look at the current contract and report back to the Board.

8. Commissioners Notes/Comments

A. Rhett Rowe - District 1 – Commented it is a pleasure being here; and thanked everyone for coming out.

B. Patrick Folsom, District 2 – Thanked all in attendance.

C. Willie Cody, District 3 – No comment.

D. Myra Exum, District 4 – Not present.

E. James Maxwell, District 5 – No comment.

9. Executive Session – None

10. Adjournment - Mr. Cody made the motion to adjourn regular meeting at 6:58 p.m.; Mr. Rowe seconded.

Mr. James Maxwell, Chairman

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Interim Administrator/County Clerk