

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting for a Grievance Hearing and Executive Session on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 5:30 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 Chairman; Ms. Myra Exum; Mr. Willie Cody; and Mr. Rhett Rowe. Others present were: Ms. Patricia Williams; Interim Administrator/County Clerk.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – Chairman called meeting to order.

1. Rescind Motions to Appropriate Funds to General Fund that were Allocated to SPLOST 6

During the January meeting, the Board approved purchase of a 2019 John Deere Motor Grader without Sloper (\$208,329.12); with trade-in the remaining balance is \$180,329.12; with five annual payments of \$20,789.72; and a John Deere Motor Grader with Sloper (\$241,594.96); with trade-in remaining balance is \$183,594.96; and annual payment of \$19,433.60 with first year in arrears. At that time, there were not enough funds in SPLOST 6 for both Motor Graders. This motion needs to be rescinded/amended to appropriate funds to come from General Fund; and not SPLOST 6; due to SPLOST 6 allocation balance of \$160,000. No funds have come from SPLOST 6 at this time; due to payments for first year for both Motor Graders are in arrears; due to trade-ins; and are scheduled to start March 2020.

Mr. Cody made the motion to rescind the purchase of two motor graders allocating funds from SPLOST 6, Mr. Folsom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cody made the motion to purchase a John Deere motor grader without sloper for \$208,329.12; with trade-in remaining balance is \$180,329.12; with five (5) annual payments of \$20,789.72; and a John Deere motor grader with sloper for \$241,594.96; with trade-in remaining balance is \$183,594.96; with five (5) annual payments of \$19,433.60; funds will come from General Fund starting March 2020; Mr. Folsom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

During March meeting, Board approved lease/purchase of 2019 Mack Truck in amount of \$136,635, with a three-year term; and monthly payments of \$2,244.56; and funds were to come from SPLOST 6; which there was not enough funds to purchase the truck. This motion needs to be rescinded/amended to appropriate funds to come from General Fund; due to SPLOST 6 funds not being enough for purchase. The General Fund will need to reimburse SPLOST 6 for funds that were used for this purchase.

Mr. Cody made the motion to rescind the motion allocating funds for purchase of 2019 Mack Truck in amount of \$136,635 from SPLOST 6, Mr. Folsom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cody made the motion to purchase 2019 Mack Truck in amount of \$136,635, monthly payments of 2,244.56; from General Fund Road Department Budget; seconded

by Mr. Folsom. Mr. Cody, Mr. Folsom, Mr. Rowe, voted in favor; Ms. Exum opposed. Vote was 3 to 1.

The Board also approved the roof repair for the Health Department to come from SPLOST 6 in amount of \$8,212.77. County Auditor has advised to rescind/amend this motion to get funds from General Fund; due to this being classified as a repair; since the roof was not replaced. The funds will need to be allocated to come from General Fund; not SPLOST 6. This invoice has not been paid yet.

Mr. Cody made the motion rescinding the motion allocating funds for roof repair at Health Department in amount of \$8,212.77 to come from SPLOST 6, Mr. Folsom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Folsom made the motion to allocate funds from General Fund for the Health Department roof repair in amount of \$8,212.77; Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

2. Grievance Hearing – Amanda Jordan, Tag/Tax Clerk, Tax Commissioner Office, filed a complaint/grievance against Tax Commissioner, Ms. Becky Rothrock, because she feels she is being harassed by Ms. Rothrock. Ms. Jordan stated she has been diagnosed with medical issues that causes her to miss work. She had an appointment to see her doctor on June 3, 2019; and the doctor excused her from work from June 3rd and return on June 10th. Ms. Jordan stated she received unpleasant and verbally attacking text messages from Ms. Rothrock. She further stated the harassment has been ongoing for some time; that this was not the first incident. Documentation was provided, doctor excuses, copies of text messages; written reprimand, etc.

Tax Commissioner, Ms. Becky Rothrock, addressed the Board and stated she terminated Ms. Jordan; has been more than willing to bend over backwards to work with her; if not she would not have kept her for so long.

Mr. Cody made the motion to go into executive session at 6:04 p.m., Mr. Folsom seconded.

The Board returned to special called meeting at 6:17 p.m. on the motion by Ms. Exum; seconded by Mr. Cody.

2. Executive Session – Personnel

Ms. Exum made the motion to give information to County Attorney for review; Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

4. Adjournment

Mr. Cody made the motion to adjourn special called at 6:19 p.m.; Ms. Exum seconded.

Ms. James Maxwell, Chairman
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk/Interim Administration