

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2019 at 5:15 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; and Ms. Myra Exum. Mr. Rhett Rowe and Mr. Willie Cody were not present. Others present were: Ms. Jessica McKinney, Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk; Mr. Jason Kemp, County Attorney; and various residents.

A. Call to Order – Chairman called the meeting to order.

B. Development Authority - Land Procurement – Administrator contacted Tiffany Holmes, Director, Development Authority, regarding the County's interest in the 10 acres across from Aviagen to build a new County Administration Building. The County is ready to move forward and looking at options. They looked at the possibility of re-doing the existing buildings, but the cost would outweigh the cost of what it would take to build a new building. The County would like to do single funding for the new Administration Building, Courthouse Renovations; and Ag Building.

Development Authority has voted to amend the protective covenants for Brooks County Industrial Park to allow for the location of the County Administrative Building subject to consent given by Aviagen. The covenants for the 10+ acres requested will allow for non-industrial use, but all other protective covenants will remain. In addition, the amendment will include wording to restrict the property from use in any way involving livestock. When the Attorney completes working on the specific language, the amendment will be presented to Aviagen for consideration.

In exchange for the 10+ acres, the Development Authority is requesting acreage in Section II of the Industrial Park, currently owned by the County, at a rate of 4 to 1. This exchange would result in approximately 40.64 acres being exchanged for approximately 10.16 acres.

The Board questioned why Aviagen has to give consent when the Development Authority owns 51%? The response was so the building can remain compatible with industrial styled building; and to keep in-line with Aviagen's building.

Ms. Exum commented the County can proceed with the Ag Building and Courthouse renovations; and within 30 days have a public forum so the public can provide comments. Administrator expressed her concerns of proceeding without the Administrative Building will cause the projects to become stagnate; and would like to proceed without a stop and start process. Administrator inquired to Development Authority Chairman if they had received the information regarding Federal and State grant allowing the County to purchase the land? Mr. Harrell stated they have not received the information yet.

After further discussion, Ms. Exum made a motion to table the Administrative Building and proceed with the Courthouse renovations and the Ag Building, review within 30

days, hold a public forum for public comments on the Administration Building and move forward with getting the 40 acres and 10+ acres surveyed; Mr. Folsom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

C. Appoint Board Member – Coastal Plain – Ms. Exum made the motion to appoint Zurich DeShazor to the Coastal Plain Board, Mr. Folsom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

D. Road Department – Surplus/Scrap – Jim Owens, Road Department Consultant, requested Board consideration to sell surplus/scrap. He stated effort has been made to make operable; therefore requesting permission to junk recycled parts and sell as surplus; there are 37 pieces of equipment. After discussion, Mr. Folsom made the motion to follow the process for sell of surplus property, and run ad in the newspaper; Ms. Exum seconded. Vote was unanimous.

10. Adjournment - Ms. Exum made the motion to adjourn special called meeting at 6:03 p.m.; Mr. Folsom seconded.

Mr. James Maxwell, Chairman
Ms. Jessica McKinney, Administrator
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk