

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting and Workshop on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Auditorium located at the Brooks County Ag/Extension Building, located at 400 East Courtland Avenue, Quitman, GA. Commissioners present were: Mr. James Maxwell, Chairman; Mr. Patrick Folsom, Vice Chairman; Ms. Myra Exum; and Mr. Willie Cody. Mr. Rhett Rowe was not present. Others present were: Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; Ms. Kim Daniels, Human Resources, Mr. James Burchett, County Attorney; and various residents.

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman called the meeting to order. Mr. Cody led all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

2. **Special Called Meeting** – On the motion by Mr. Folsom, seconded by Ms. Exum, the Board unanimously approved to amend the agenda to remove Development Authority IGA for Millage from the Executive Session to Item D under Special Called Meeting; and add TSPLOST Workshop to the Special Called Meeting as Item E.

A. Request for Additional Monthly Payment (Jim Owens) – Mr. Owens, Road Consultant, submitted a request for the Board to consider an additional monthly payment of \$1,500 to compensate for duties as Building Inspector. Chairman stated that Mr. Owens has stepped in after the resignation of Building Inspector, Mr. Billy Ingram, and taken on the extra duties until it is decided what to do with the department. Mr. Owens is requesting payment of \$1,500 for September, October, and November plus gas and extra mileage. Questions were asked as to will the funds come from salary line item, and is Mr. Owens continuing to do his job as Consultant for Road Department? Mr. Folsom stated it is a savings by not having to pay for insurance benefits. Mr. Cody inquired if performing Inspector duties taking away from his ability to do job as Consultant? Ms. Exum commented on reducing the fee, and paying by permit.

County Attorney informed the Board that the contract with Mr. Owens, Level Construction Consultant, Inc., would have to be amended to include acting as Building Inspector. The contract with Level Construction Consultant, Inc. would be amended with an addendum for additional compensation. Mr. Folsom made the motion to approve the contract addendum for Level Construction Consultant, Inc., Jim Owens, for \$1,500 per month, no extra fees for gas and mileage, to be retroactive until the Building Inspector position is filled, Mr. Cody seconded. Chairman called for the vote. Mr. Cody, and Mr. Folsom voted yes. Ms. Exum voted no. Chairman voted yes, the vote was 3 to 1.

B. Quotes for Cold Patch – Road Department - Two quotes were provided for purchase of Cold Patch. A third quote was requested, but not received.

Duval Asphalt	\$6,160
Trans Safe	\$6,700

Mr. Folsom made the motion to waive the three bid process, per the County's Purchasing Policy, and accept the quote from Duval Asphalt for EZ Street Cold Asphalt in the amount of \$6,160, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

C. Washington Street Gym – Chairman requested discussion on Washington Street Gym. He stated the Gym is just sitting there. He would like for the Gym to be preserved; do something with it rather than tearing it down because it has historical value to the community. Chairman stated he knows there are funds in the current budget for the Gym. Mr. Scott Johnson, Excellence Exceeded, confirmed that his firm had reviewed/assessed the Gym and found it not to be structurally sound; and there are issues that need addressing. The County would need to

hire a Structural Engineer to assess the Gym; and it has been added to the SPLOST #7 Referendum. Chairman stated it needs to be put on the agenda for further discussion and also need to know the budget amount allocated for the Gym.

D. Execute Development Authority IGA Agreement for Millage – County Attorney provided the IGA Agreement for Millage for the Board to ratify. Mr. Folsom made a motion to accept the IGA Agreement for Millage for the Development Authority, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

E. TSPLOST Project List – Scott Johnson, Excellence Exceeded – Mr. Johnson had requested the Board prepare a list of projects they would like to use the TSPLOST funds for. Thus far, there are six constrained projects, consisting of Band 1 and Band 2. Band 2 is the largest and the completion time frame is 2022-2025. Band 1 completion time frame is 2018-2022; and has not started yet. Mr. Johnson advised the Board they need to prompt DOT to start the process.

Chairman stated he had met with the Mayor and DOT and there will be a shortfall in the funding; therefore; they discussed making changes. County Attorney and Mr. Johnson advised the Board that once the constrained projects have been submitted to DOT, did not think that the projects can be re-allocated; but would check into it. The Board also discussed striping projects; and working with the City of Quitman to split cost for streets in the City. The Board will authorize the Chairman to get with the Mayor to discuss the funding for the projects within the City.

Mr. Cody made the motion authorizing the Chairman to proceed with negotiations with the City regarding funding for Hill Street, Mr. Folsom seconded. Vote was unanimous.

After further discussion regarding TSPLOST projects, Ms. Exum made the motion to proceed with Jmar Subdivision project, and prepare the RFP, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

3. Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Folsom, the Board closed the special called meeting to go into executive session at 6:33 pm.

Litigation – County Attorney updated the Board on pending litigation.

The Board went out of executive session at 6:50 pm and back into the special called meeting on the motion by Mr. Cody; seconded by Ms. Exum.

On the motion by Ms. Exum, seconded by Mr. Folsom, the Board adjourned the special called meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Ms. James Maxwell, Chairman
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk